

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

Gathering for Worship

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

October 19, 2025 – 10:30 am

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Central Queens' Mission Statement

Central Queens United Church is a loving and living community called to support the life stages of all people, celebrating joy, and sharing in pain. Through faith and fellowship, we are united by God's love to live and serve as Disciples of Christ.

Prelude

Welcome

Welcome in the name of the Christ.

Welcome to this place of worship, situated on the unceded traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people.

Welcome to this place of retreat and refuge, worship, and wonder.

It is good to be here.

It is indeed good to be together.

Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation (*Placed during the Introit*)

***Introit** Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU #374 vs 1

***Call to Worship**

Come — you who are restless, who lie awake with questions that have no name.

We come with open hearts, bringing our doubts and our dreams.

Come — you who carry unfinished stories and the ache of wanting something more.

We come to the river of grace, where even our struggles are held in love.

Call to Worship (Continued)

So come — not to prove, but simply to be present to the One who has been quietly pursuing us all along.

We come to listen, to rest, and to remember: we are held, and in the holding — we are blessed.

***Hymn** Bless Now, O God, the Journey VU #633

Prayer Of Approach

Holy Presence, you meet us in the night hours when the noise fades and the heart begins to speak.

You are not far off, but close — closer than our own breath — patiently waiting for the moment when we are ready to listen.

As Jacob met you beside the river, we meet you here — in the mystery of our questions, in the beauty of being unfinished.

Teach us, in this time of worship, to stop running from what is true and to find, even in the wrestling, your blessing waiting for us. Amen.

With Jesus, we share in the ancient prayer... *(on screen)*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 119:97-104 VU #840

***Hymn** I've Got Peace like a River VU #577 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn I've Got Peace like a River VU #577 vs 3

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

*Presentation of Offering

***Offertory** What Can I Do? MV #191

*Offertory Prayer

River of Life, take what we offer and carry it where it is needed most. Let these gifts ripple outward — healing what is wounded, refreshing what is dry, and stirring faith in quiet places. May our giving become part of your current of compassion, flowing through this community and far beyond it. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

Genesis 32:22-31

Luke 18:1-8

Anthem “Down By the Riverside” *Choir*

Prayer

Sermon *The Restless River*

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn** My Soul Cries Out MV #120

*Changing the Light

*Benediction

*Blessing

***Choral Benediction**

Go Now in Peace

VU #964

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers

All of us

Clergy**Rev Greg Davis****Office Hours**

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A Warm Welcome to All – We are delighted you have joined us. May God's word today strengthen your faith, inspire curiosity and learning, and motivate your service of others. If you are looking for a church home, we would like to invite you to consider us your spiritual family. All are welcome in this place.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Harvey Bertram. Remembered by Velda, Gregory, Allan, Kimberley & families.

Today's Bulletins are also placed in loving memory of Muriel Lajeunesse. Lovingly remembered by Lois.

Thank You to Ellen Davis for her beautiful gift of music this morning.
Congregation of Central Queens United Church

Life and Work of Our Church

Greg will be away from this Monday, October 20th – Friday, October 24th. For any emergencies, please contact Bernie Dykerman at 902-626-6869.

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, October 26^h, are:

Joel 2:23-32 *Abundant rain, full threshing floors.*

Psalm 65 (VU #782) *God crowns the year with goodness.*

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 *I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race.*

Luke 18:9-14 *The Pharisee and the tax collector go to pray.*

These are made available to you should you wish to read them during the upcoming week.

Scent-Free – “No scents make good sense”

Please refrain from wearing scented products such as perfume, cologne, and fragrant personal care products as they can trigger serious health issues for those with fragrance allergies. Thank you for your cooperation so that everyone can attend our church.

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, October 26th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

Sunday School Teachers are Needed – We are in need of teachers to help with our Sunday School ministry. If this is something that you could help with, please contact the church office. Help us to continue this very important ministry.

Trunk & Treat will be held on next Sunday, October 26th. Dress up your vehicle and yourself. Bring along some treats to share. We will open our trunks after the worship service.

E-transfers – Central Queens United Church is set up to accept e-transfers. If you prefer to give your offerings through e-transfer, please send via email to veldabertram@gmail.com.

Roast Beef Supper – Our annual take-out Roast Beef Supper will be held on Saturday, November 1st. Popular for the generous servings of hot roast beef with all the tasty trimmings and a delicious dessert. Ticket Prices: Adult: \$20; Children (6-12 yrs): \$7; Children under 6 yrs: free. There are three (3) take-out times: 3:30 pm, 4:30 pm, and 5:30 pm. Tickets can be ordered from Debbie by calling 902-964-2882. Tickets should be ordered in advance. **Note:** At time of meal pick-up, a volunteer will collect tickets and deliver meals back to your vehicle. Don't miss this delicious fall feast fundraiser!

Central Queens United Church First Annual Trivia Challenge will be held on Saturday, November 15th, at 7 pm. Gather your team of 4 and your best "team name". It's going to be an evening full of fun questions, laughs, light snacks and maybe even some prizes. Who will take home the Trivia Champion Title?

Weekly Bulletins can be sponsored by you in celebration or remembrance of a loved one. There is a signup sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

Bulletin Deadline—Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday evening**. Bulletin items can be emailed to office@cquc.ca

Food Bank – Please remember to support the Food Bank with non-perishable food items. You can drop them off in the wooden box at the church entrance any Sunday or during church office hours.

Office Church Directory – In an effort to keep contact information as up to date as possible, please give Trudy any changes to your contact information. If you would like to be added to our directory or need to update your info, please contact Trudy at office@cquc.ca or you can call her during office hours at 902-964-2221.

Puzzles/Book Exchange – Be sure to check out the wide variety of books and puzzles available in the main hall. Help yourself to a puzzle and/or book or bring some of your own to share!! If you happen to find any missing pieces of puzzles at home, there is a container above the puzzle shelves for these 'lost pieces'.

Pop Can Pull Tabs – Remember your pull tabs!! George Mason is collection pop can pull tab which are then given to the Daughters of the Nile women's organization. The funds go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for children in the hospital. Your pop can tab collections can be dropped off here at the church. Thank you.

The next meeting of the **PEI Cluster Gathering** will be next Tuesday, October 28th, from 4 – 8 pm at Spring Park Church in Charlottetown. Special guests are Rev. Shepherd Munikwa, Regional Minister for Justice, Mission and Outreach, and Jordan MacDonald from the O'Leary pastoral charge, a participant in the UCC's recent Pilgrimage of Learning Initiative. The planning group hopes to use this time together to highlight social justice initiatives and opportunities for participation, along with time for worship and fellowship. You are encouraged to attend. Please consider inviting and sharing the link below with a social justice champion from your congregation. There will be a light meal provided, with vegan and gluten-free soup, rolls, fruit and cookies as well as tea and coffee. A suggested donation of \$5 is requested to cover food costs. Use the link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13UH7zTw6rJfbBy9SiSOYi0mKNzLneZW90hxmZMZdpgM/edit> to register for the meeting. To ensure that the food order is correct, please register by **tomorrow, October 20th**. If you would like to volunteer to assist during this event, please contact Kathy Bigsby (kathryn_bigsby@hotmail.com) or Barbara Cairns (barbarajcairns@gmail.com).

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh this afternoon, October 19th, at 2 pm. Host Dino Dunsford welcomes special guests Tip-Er-Back and Darlene Bradley. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

The WoHeLo/QEH Auxiliary Fall Clothing Sale this Thursday, October 23rd, 12 noon – 8 pm; Friday, October 24th, 10 am - 6 pm; and Saturday, October 25th, 10 am – 2 pm at 144 Dorchester Street, Charlottetown. They offer high quality, gently used clothing and accessories for the whole family. All proceeds go to fund equipment for high-risk newborn babies in the province. Come early for best bargains!

The Trinity Roast Beef Dinner this Saturday, October 25th – with pick up from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Tickets are now available in the Church Office (902-892-4114) and will be available at the Richmond Street Door at Trinity on Sunday mornings after worship. Price is \$20 each. Menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, turnips, carrots, peas, gravy, carrot cake for dessert.

Spook Organa! - a night of spooky organ music and more - fun for all ages - family friendly in SUMMERSIDE! . When? Next Sunday, October 26th, at 7 pm. (1 hr program). Where? Trinity United Church, Summerside - 90 Spring St., Summerside. What is it? The members of the PEI Centre of the Royal Canadian College of Organists will be decked in their scariest attire as they continue their Halloween tradition of performing at Spook Organa! The concert of macabre organ classics is punctuated with haunting readings and audience participation! Join the fun - come in costume and receive a loot bag! Admission is by free-will offering. Kids of all ages are invited to come in their Halloween attire and, if possible, bring a donation to the food bank. All monetary donations go to their work in promoting the sounds of the pipe organ!! Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Environmental Health Fall Volunteer Food Safety Courses – Fall Volunteer Food Safety courses are now open for registration. This course is applicable to volunteers or staff with non-profit organizations. Courses are available at Trinity United Church in Summerside next Tuesday, October 28th, at 6 pm; Our Lady of Assumption Church in Stratford on Tuesday, November 4th, at 6 pm; and St. Paul's Church Hall in Charlottetown on Wednesday, November 19th, at 9:30 am. Interested individuals can register by calling 902-368-4970 or by emailing envhealth@ihis.org.

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Community News (Continued)

Come celebrate with us! Saint Andrews United Church joyfully gathers to mark a new ministry relationship with Nathan Zwicker. A covenanting service will be held next Wednesday, October 29th, at 7 pm, 7679 TCH, Vernon Bridge, PE. They would like to extend a heartfelt invitation to join them for this special occasion. Your presence would mean the world as they celebrate faith, hope, and fellowship.

Bedeque United Church invites you to the Palestine Land Exercise workshop on Saturday, November 1st, from 1 - 3 pm. Registration was required at bedequepc@outlook.com. Would you like to deepen your understanding of the Palestine-Israel conflict? The Palestine Land Exercise (PLE) is an interactive presentation that walks participants through key historical events in the region since the late 19th century. Guided by a four-member volunteer team, this 50-minute immersive experience is followed by an Indigenous-style talking circle, offering space for reflection and discussion on steps toward peace. This workshop is open to all interested in participating!

