

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
October 5, 2025 – 10:30 am**

Seventeenth 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.

Gathering for Worship

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 of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation (*Placed during the Introit*)

***Introit**

Come All You People

MV #2

Call to Worship

From the quiet corners of our kitchens to the crowded tables of packed cities, from sanctuary pews to homes across the globe — God calls us to gather.

***Call to Worship** (Continued)

We come as one Body — diverse in language, tradition, and story — but united by Christ.

We come with mustard seeds — some strong, some struggling, all still growing.

We come to *do* the faith we already have — to share the bread, to drink the cup, to trust God's grace.

This is the table of Jesus — and the world is invited. Let us worship the God who welcomes us all.

***Hymn**

We Gather Here

VU #469

Prayer of Approach

God of every land and language, we come to your table from many paths. Some of us arrive with joy. Some with grief. Some with doubts that weigh heavy.

But you meet us not in perfection — you meet us in the mustard seed. You meet us in the act of coming. You meet us in the bread and cup, and in the hearts of your people spread across this spinning globe.

As we worship today, make us mindful that we are part of something larger — not just this congregation, not just this tradition — but your Body, your table, your love — everywhere.

With Jesus, we share in the ancient prayer...

Responsive Reading – Psalm 137

VU #858

***Hymn**

Small Things Count

VU #361

Children may retire to Sunday School

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering** In Gratitude and Humble Trust VU #544

Offertory Prayer

God of every nation, bless what we bring. May our offerings
— small or large — become hope where there is hunger,
healing where there is pain, peace where there is division.

Use us — not because we are many, but because your
Spirit is powerful in even the smallest faithful acts. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

Luke 17:5-10

Anthem

Prayer

Sermon *Just “do” the Faith!*

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

This is the table — not of the church, not of a doctrine, not of a
nation — but of Jesus, who is the Christ.

It is made ready for those who trust a little, and those who
would like to trust more.

For those who’ve shown up every Sunday for years, and those
who barely made it here this morning.

The Invitation (Continued)

It is for all who hunger, and all who thirst — for belonging, for
peace, for grace you can taste and touch.

**We come — not because we understand, but because we
are invited. We come — not because we are strong, but
because we need strength. We come — with mustard-seed
faith, and open hearts.**

Hymn Bread of Life, Feed My Soul MV #194

Passing the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God, our Creator.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) *Sung*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Minister

Words of Institution

Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration

Breaking of the Bread

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, we thank you for this meal that joins heaven and earth, past and future, this table and every table where your love is shared.

May what we have received here nourish us for the journey — to do the faith, to live your justice, and to walk humbly with you, in the company of all your people around the world. Through Christ, Amen.

*Hymn One Bread, One Body VU #467

*Changing the Light

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction We Will Take What You Offer MV #196

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers All of us

Clergy **Rev Greg Davis**

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9 am – 12 pm

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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.

Communion – We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion today. *Please Note:* The bread being served today is gluten-free. All are welcome.

Thank You to Christine Belanger for her beautiful gift of music this morning. *Congregation of Central Queens United Church*

Life and Work of Our Church

Greg’s Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 am – 12 pm. If anyone is in the hospital or would like a visit from Greg, please call him at 902-964-2291. If you wish to meet with Greg outside the scheduled hours, please call 902-964-2291 or email minister@cquc.ca for an appointment.

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, October 12th, are:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 *Bring Tithes; a wandering Aramean was my ancestor.*

Psalms 100 (VU #824) *Make a joyful noise for God.*

Philippians 4:4-9 *The peace of God which passes all understanding.*

John 6:25-35 *Give us the bread of heaven for eternal life.*

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.

Sunday School Leader & Teachers are Needed – We are in need of someone to lead and others 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. Official opening for Sunday School is today, October 5th.

Congregational Lunch – Please join us for a congregational lunch today 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.

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, October 12th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

Rosewood Service will be held on Thursday, October 16th, at 6:30 pm. The UCW will assist Greg in leading the service.

Bookworms United – Join us on Friday, October 17th, at 10 am in the Church Parlour as we discuss “The German Girl” and “The Paris Library”. If you need a copy, please see Joan D. Bernard. All are welcome.

Car Rally – Save the date - October 18 for our annual CQUC car rally! Registration forms are available at the church office.

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.

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!

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.

Central Queens United Church First Annual Trivia Challenge 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?

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 **PEI Cluster Gathering** is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28th, from 4-8 pm at Spring Park United in Charlottetown. The theme will be Social Justice. Guest speaker will be Rev. Shepherd Munikwa, Minister for Justice, Mission and Outreach for the United Church of Canada East. If you have a social justice champion (or a potential champion) from your community of faith, please let them know about this event and invite them along! A light meal will be provided. Further details and registration information to follow.

Camp Abegweit News

Camp Abegweit is in immediate need of a treasurer. Anyone who is interested in what this position entails contact Sharon Howatt at vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca or 902-432-9193.

On behalf of the Camp Abby Board of Directors, a HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Golf Tournament and Fundraising Supper. Total amount has not been calculated yet but we believe it will be close enough to help cover what is owing for 2025. Any other donations are greatly accepted. Stay tuned for our next capital fundraiser for a new washroom and shower building.

Rural Routes Through the Holy – A Day Away – Join Rural Routes Through the Holy on Saturday, October 18th, from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm, for a soul-nourishing day of connection, reflection and inspiration in the beautiful and historic setting of St Anne’s church on the edge of Sackville, New Brunswick. Whether you’ve joined them before or are just curious to dip your toes in, this is a wonderful opportunity to be part of the Rural Routes community – no matter how you live out your spirituality. To register, please go to their website at <https://ruralroutesthroughtheholycanada.ca> and click on the Events tab. Choose “A Day Away” from the drop-down menu. Cost: \$30 which includes lunch and refreshments.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh this afternoon, October 5th, at 2 pm. Hosts Jacinta MacDonald and the Winsloe United House Band welcome special guests Ricky and Sandra Jones. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

West River United Church is delighted to present Tip er Back this evening, October 5th, at 7 pm. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the door. Tip Er Back will be joined by fiddler Steve Perry and their forever guest, Darlene Bradley. Light refreshments will be served at intermission.

The WoHeLo/QEH Auxiliary will host their Fall Clothing Sale, on 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 will take place on 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.

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 on 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 1pm - 3 pm. Please email to register by October 15th 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!

