

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

Gathering for Worship

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

September 14, 2025 – 10:30 am

Fourteenth 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

Rise Up, Rise Up

MV #130

*Call to Worship

Come, beloved of God, just as you are—strong or weary, joyful or uncertain, fearful and hope filled.

God meets us in every season of our lives.

Come, you who walk in light and you who dwell in shadow.

Christ is our companion on every road.

Come, you who reach out with hope, and you who long simply to be held.

The Spirit gathers us into a community of care.

Come, beloved of God—let us worship the One whose holds us every day of our lives.

We come with open hearts, ready to be met and held by love.

***Hymn** Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU #374

Prayer Of Approach

We gather in this place, O God,
grateful for breath,
grateful for one another,
grateful for the quiet strength that carries us here.

We do not come seeking perfection,
but presence.

We do not come expecting answers,
but hoping to know your nearness.

Gather the scattered pieces of our hearts
and hold them in your grace.

Where fear has taken root,
plant instead a seed of trust.

Where sorrow lingers,
let gentleness rise.

Where joy flickers,
shelter it until it burns steady.

Companion of the weary,
Spirit within all that is broken and whole,
be among us now.

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

Responsive Reading Psalm 23 VU #749

***Hymn** In the Bulb There Is a Flower VU #703 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn In the Bulb There Is a Flower VU #703 vs 3

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory** In Grateful and Humble Trust VU #544

***Offertory Prayer**

Receive these gifts, O God,
like seeds scattered on uncertain soil.
Bless them with your Spirit,
that from them may grow
companionship for the lonely,
strength for the weary,
and love made visible among us.
Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 5:25-34

Anthem Stay with Us *Choir*

Prayer

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Hymn Healer of Our Every Ill VU #619

*Changing the Light

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction Called By Earth and Sky MU #135

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.

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

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Geroge Ernest Carver. Lovingly remembered by Waler & Pat Carver and families.

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, September 21st, are:

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 79:1-9 (*VU #793*); Psalm 113 (*VU #835*)

1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

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.

Central Queens United Church Anniversary – We celebrate and remember the official opening of our church on September 16, 2007.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The next order date is Sunday, September 28th.

Central Queens Dinner Theatre will be presenting “Grand Ole Opry's 100th Anniversary” on Thursday, September 18th, Friday, September 19th, and Saturday, September 20th, at 7 pm. Included is a three (3) course roast beef dinner. Cost: \$40/adult. Contact Lois at 902-621-0663 to get your tickets. Tickets are going fast!!

Rosewood Service will be held on Thursday, **September 25th**, at 6:30 pm. The Choir will be assisting Greg with the service.

Official Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, **September 25th**, at 7:15 pm at the church. All are welcome to attend.

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.

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'.

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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.

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 Abby News

The annual Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 20th, at Rustico Resort. For more information and to register send an email to golf.campabegweit.ca.

The annual Fundraising dinner will be held on September 27th at Camp Abegweit beginning at 6 pm. Take out dinners will be available for pick up from 4 - 4:30 pm. For more information and tickets, email Sharon at vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca

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

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!

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

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh this afternoon, September 14th, at 2 pm with special guests Blake Crockett and Vernon Smith. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

A Multi-Congregational Commemorative Worship Service Honouring the Life and Ministry of Rev. Peter Gordon (1806-1809).
(York Covehead Pastoral Charge, Mt. Stewart-Morell-St. Peter's Bay Pastoral Charge, Kings United Pastoral Charge)

On Sunday, September 28th, all are warmly invited to attend a commemorative worship service honouring The Rev. Peter Gordon, the first resident Presbyterian Minister on PEI (1806-1809). The worship service begins at 2 pm., followed by refreshments, cake, and ice-cream. Many thanks to our host church: the Peter Gordon Memorial United Church (fully accessible). All Are Welcome!"

Blooming House Ride for Refuge is a national, family-friendly cycling and walking fundraiser that allows local charities like Blooming House to raise funds and awareness in a meaningful, community-driven way. It brings together people of all ages and abilities to ride, walk, and give — all in support of vulnerable populations. In 2024, thanks to the energy of over 100 riders and walkers, an incredible \$41,000 was raised!

This year, for their 3rd annual Ride for Refuge on October 4th, they are ready to tackle the goal of \$40,000 again, which will help them meet the growing needs of the women they serve. Amid rising costs and increasing demand, they are focused on long-term sustainability and strategic growth. Funds raised through this year's event will directly support their shelter operations and ensure Blooming House remains a safe, stable place for women in need — both today and well into the future. By getting involved, you can make a meaningful impact. You are encouraged to participate as riders, volunteers, or supporters. If you have any questions or would like further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to Kennedy Laybolt at kennedy@bloominghouse.ca.