

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada**

Gathering for Worship

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

September 21, 2025 – 10:30 am

Fifteenth 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, children of the light, people of hope, seekers of wisdom.

We come to worship the One who is generous beyond measure.

God calls us to live with courage and creativity, to use all we have for love and justice.

We bring our hearts, our gifts, our lives.

Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving.

For where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also.

***Hymn** Come In, Come In and Sit Down VU #395

Prayer Of Approach

Generous God,
you meet us in this hour with open hands and open heart.
You call us to live boldly,
to use our gifts wisely,
to shape our days with love.
As we gather in your presence,
free us from fear,
loosen our grip on what does not last,
and open us to your true riches:
community, compassion, and joy.
In Christ, and in the Spirit's power, we pray. Amen.

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

Responsive Reading Psalm 79:1-9 VU #793

***Hymn** Sing a Happy Hallelujah VU #224 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn Sing a Happy Hallelujah VU #224 vs 3 & 4

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

***Presentation of Offering**

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

***Offertory Prayer**

God of abundance,
take these gifts we offer today -
the money we give, the time we share, the love we extend -
and use them for your purpose.
Bless them, and bless us,
that we may be clever in compassion,
daring in generosity,
And faithful in building your realm of justice and peace.
Through Christ, our treasure and our joy.
Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Luke 16:1-13

Anthem Teach Me, God, to Wonder *Choir*

Prayer

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn** Lord, Speak to Me VU #589

*Changing the Light

*Blessing

***Choral Benediction** Called By Earth and Sky MU #135

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers	All of us
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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 Barbara Ann Reid.
Lovingly remembered by Waler & Pat Carver and families.

Life and Work of Our Church

NOTE: Greg will be away from Sept. 22 – 25. For any emergencies, please contact Bernie Dykerman at 902-626-6869.

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 28th, are:

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 (*VU #807-809*)

1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

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 – 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.

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.

Car Rally – Save the date - October 18 for our annual CQUC car rally!

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'.

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.

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

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.

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.

String Quartet Concert On Friday, September 26 at 7:30, there will be a world class award winning String Quartet playing a concert at UPEI. They are based out of New York. It is an amazing opportunity to have them here on the island. One of the players is Christina Bouey whose parents teach at UPEI.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$10 for students.

Community News

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.

Giving is the Key to Living

Every day is a reason for giving
And giving is the key to living.
So let us give ourselves away,
Not just today but every day,
And remember, a kind and thoughtful deed
Or a hand outstretched in a time of need
Is the rarest of gifts, for it is a part,
Not of the purse but of a loving heart.
And he who gives of himself will find
True joy of heart and peace of mind.