

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada

Gathering for Worship

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

September 7, 2025 – 10:30 am

Thirteenth 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

Dance with the Spirit

MV #156

\*Call to Worship

Come—just as you are—into the presence of the Living God.

**We come with questions and hopes, with weariness and wonder.**

Like clay in the potter's hands, we are being shaped—again and again.

**We open our lives to God's forming Spirit.**

Let us worship with attentive hearts and willing spirits.

**God is not finished with us yet!**

**\*Hymn**                      It's a Song of Praise to the Maker                      MV #30

**Prayer Of Approach**

**Creating God, you are the potter, and we are the clay—  
held in your steady hands, spun upon the wheel of love.  
Shape us anew this day: soften what is rigid in us, mend  
what is broken, and form us to reflect your grace. When we  
resist your shaping, give us courage to yield. When we fear  
change, remind us that you are with us still. Come, Holy  
One, and make something beautiful in us today.**

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

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 139                      VU #861

**\*Hymn**                      Jeus Loves Me                      VU #365 vs 1 & 2

**All God's Children**

**Hymn**                      Jesus Loves Me                      VU #365 vs 3

**Presentation of Our Gifts**

**Invitation to Generosity**

**\*Presentation of Offering**

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

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**God of abundance, receive these gifts—given from our  
hands and hearts. Shape them into compassion, justice  
and joy. As we offer these tokens, we also offer ourselves:  
our time, our hopes, and our willingness to be made new.  
In Christ's name and the Holy Spirit's power we pray.  
Amen.**

**Listening for the Word**

**Prayer for Understanding**

**Sacred Scripture**

Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Luke 14:25-33

**Anthem**

**Prayer**

**Sermon**

**Reflective Music**

**Responding to the Word**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**\*Hymn**                      Take My Life and Let It Be                      VU #506

**\*Changing the Light**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Choral Benediction**                      You Shall Go Out with Joy                      VU #884

**Postlude**

\* Please stand as you are able

**Ministers**

All of us

**Clergy**

**Rev Greg Davis**

Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
9 am – 12 pm

Office Phone

902-964-2291

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## **Church Office**

Office Hours      Wednesday & Thursday  
                            9 am – 12 pm  
Phone                902-964-2221  
Email                [office@cquc.ca](mailto:office@cquc.ca)

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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.

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

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### **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](mailto:minister@cquc.ca) for an appointment.

**Scripture Readings** - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, are:

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Exodus 32:7-14  
Psalm 14 (*VU #735*); Psalm 51:1-10 (*VU #776*)  
1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

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, September 14<sup>th</sup>. You can reach Janet Howes by email [jhowes1969@gmail.com](mailto:jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

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

**Official Board Meeting** will be held on Thursday, **September 25<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto:veldabertram@gmail.com).

**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.

**Central Queens UCW “Queens Unit”** are meeting this Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm at the home of Margaret Smith. Worship: Kim Rodd; Program: Margaret Smith; Lunch: Margaret Smith and Suzanne Silliphant. Roll Call to be answered by a stamped card and Word: Harvest.

**Bonfire** – We will be having a bonfire on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm here at the church. There will be marshmallows and a sing along with guitars. Bring your own chairs. All are welcome. This event is in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Church.

**Bulletin Deadline**–Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday evening**. Bulletin items can be emailed to [office@cquc.ca](mailto:office@cquc.ca)

**Central Queens Dinner Theatre** will be presenting “Grand Ole Opry’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary” on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 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!!

**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](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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### **Community News**

**Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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!"

**The Trinity Roast Beef Dinner** will take place on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – 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.

### **MOMENTS OF AWARENESS**

So much of life we all pass by  
With heedless ear, and careless eye.  
Bent with our cares we plod along,  
Blind to the beauty, deaf to the song.

But moments there are when we pause to rest  
And turn our eyes from the goal's far crest.  
We become aware of the wayside flowers,  
And sense God's hand on this world of ours.

We hear a refrain, see a rainbow's end,  
Or we look into the heart of a friend.

We feel at one with mankind,  
We share His griefs and glories, joy and care.

The sun flecks gold through the sheltering trees,  
And we should burdens with twice the ease.  
Peace and content and a world that sings  
The moment of true awareness brings.

*By: Helen Lowrie Marshall*

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