

Gathering for Worship

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

June 28, 2026 – 10:30 am

Fifth 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 of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

*Bible Presentation (*Placed during the Introit*)

*Introit In the Lord (Taizé) x 4

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,

In the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid,

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;

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*Call to Worship

O Sing to God a song of joy,

For we have been greeted by our God.

O Dance for God a waltz of welcome,

***Call to Worship (Continued)**

For we have been embraced by our God.

O Create for God a portrait of hope,

For we have been inspired by our God.

Come then, dance, waltz and sing into our time of worship.

***Hymn** Open My Eyes, That I May See VU #371

Prayer of Approach

You patiently wait for us on the threshold of your Kingdom, ready to welcome us as we step across the doorway of your new Realm. As we see your inviting lights, we feel the warmth of your love. May we open doors to your Realm. May we be your encouraging embrace and your melodic voice of welcome in a world filled with harsh tones.

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

Lord's Prayer - Luke 11:2b-4

First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament

"O Great Spirit, our Father from above, your name is sacred and holy.

Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below.

Provide for us day by day – the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon. The corn, the squash, and the wild rice. All the good things we need for each day.

Release us from the things we have done wrong in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us. And guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road."

Responsive Reading - Psalm 13 VU #734

***Hymn** Love is Something if You Give it Away *Music Video*

All God's Children

Children may retire to Sunday School

Call to Transformation and New Life

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Holy Prophet, Divine Warmth, creating a home for strangers and friends can often take extra effort. From the extra cleaning to food preparations, we spend extra time, talents and treasures to care for your children. Sometimes, we often do not feel as if we have the energy to go the extra distance – to ensure the drinks are cold and our homes are cozy. Give us an extra boost in our bodies, minds and souls to be the welcome team in your Kin-dom. May we embrace divine hospitality as we care for the ones struggling the most, the ones caring for your creation, and the ones speaking prophetically for you. Amen.

Assurance of God's Unending Love

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

*** Presentation of Offering** You Nourish Us VU #545

***Offertory Prayer**

Spirit of God, when we share from our souls, we open our hearts to your works in this world. When we tend to our neighbours who struggle, we care for the Christ in our midst. When we welcome the prophet who shares your love through their advocacy, we care for the Spirit moving throughout our world. When we share with a stranger, we experience Divine joy as our reward for giving. Bless all gifts as they build your Kingdom here on earth. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Genesis 22:1-14 *The sacrifice of Isaac.*
Matthew 10:40-42 *Welcoming and offering a cup of water.*

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Hymn When I Needed a Neighbour VU #600

*Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction When You Walk from Here VU #298

Postlude *Please stand as you are able

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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 Kirk Neville for leading us in worship and for his beautiful gift of music this morning. *Central Queens United Church*

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Leonard & Ethel Bowman and Huestis and Roy Smith. Lovingly remembered by Doug and June MacEachern.

Life and Work of Our Church

Emergencies – Please contact Lois Lajeunesse at 902-621-0669 or 902-388-1103 for any church related assistance.

Supply Minister – Kirk Neville will be leading us in worship next Sunday, July 5th.

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, July 5th, are:

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Rebekah welcomes Isaac as her husband.

Responsive Reading – Psalm 45:10-17 (VU #769) *a song for the anointed ruler.*

Romans 7:15-25a *I do not do the good I want to do.*

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 My yoke is easy; my burden is light.

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 July 5th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

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

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.

Financial Assistance for Camp Abby – Reminder that if you have not already done so to let Velda Bertram (902-964-2210) or Kim Rodd (902-626-5252) know as soon as possible if you require some financial assistance for your child(ren) going to Camp Abby this summer.

Graduates – We are in the process of gathering names of individuals who will be graduating this year. If you know of anyone graduating from High School, University, College or any other higher education school, please submit their names and which institution they are graduating from to the church office (office@cquc.ca or 902-964-2221) so that we can recognize their accomplishments.

Administrative Assistant – We are still looking for a Administrative Assistant for our church office. This is a 6-hour position. Hours are Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9 am – 12 noon. Interested candidates are asked to contact the church office at office@cquc.ca or at 902-964-2221.

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.

Sunday School Helpers are Needed to assist in our Sunday School ministry. Please contact the church office if you can help with this very important ministry.

Annual Yard Sale – Our annual Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, August 15th, from 8 am – 12 noon here at the church. Donations will be accepted until setup day (**Thursday**, August 13th) and can be dropped off during office hours. **Please note change of date.**

Upcoming Church Events – Mark your calendars for the following events:

September 17, 18 & 19 – Dinner Theater

November 7 – Fall Roast Beef Supper

November 8 – Frozen Pie orders go out

November 22 – Frozen Pie orders due date

December 10 – Frozen Pies pick up date.

Bulletin Deadline – Deadline for announcements for the bulletin is **Wednesday evening**. Please email your announcement(s) to office@cquc.ca.

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.

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.

Puzzle/Book Lending Library – Come and check out the broad array of fiction or non-fiction books in our library. Also be sure to check out the wide variety of puzzles available. All are in the main hall.

Camp Abby News – *Annual Open House* this afternoon, June 28th, from 2-4 pm, rain or shine. There will be door prizes, games, face painting, food and, of course, lots of fun. Come meet the staff and see what fun plans there are for the summer.

Many thanks to everyone who have already donated items from their wish list. Their biggest request right now is cereal, juice/Kool-Aid and tomato soup as they go through large quantities of these items.

Camp Abby News(Continued)

If you are a former staff member, you are invited to a reunion on July 18th – 19th. More details are located on their Facebook page and will be available at their Open House on Sunday.

Inserted in today's bulletin is their updated Wish List and details about their fundraising campaign for a new washroom/shower house.

Community Events

Spring Park United Church presents **Praise B** in a free concert this afternoon, June 28th, at 2 pm. Come and enjoy some of your favourite gospel and pop tunes. All are welcome! For more information, please contact the church office at 902-368-1822.

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Sunday, June 28th, at 2 pm. Host Dino Dunsford welcomes special guests Colleen MacPhee and Lester MacPherson. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

Organ Recital – You are invited to an organ recital at Trinity United Church in Summerside on Tuesday, July 7th, at 7 pm. Alexander Straus-Fausto will present a wonderful program and fill the sanctuary with the full sound of the pipe organ. Come and enjoy this opportunity to hear a great recital. Hope to see you there.

Fundraising Pancake Breakfast at Milton Hall on July 12th from 9 am – 12 noon in support of a local Pathfinders and Rangers (Girl Guides) group who are fundraising for a trip to Switzerland in July 2027.

Strawberry and Ice Cream Social at Winsloe United Church on Wednesday, July 15th, from 4 pm. to 6:30 pm. Also serving sandwiches. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children 12 and under, and no charge for pre-school aged children. For tickets, call 902-368-1580 or 902-393-8811. No ticket sales at the door.

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Mission and Service *Campfires and Confidence*

For 60 years, Arthur Kidston Memorial Camp has been a place where children and youth can unplug from screens, connect with nature, and discover new strengths in themselves. In 2026, the camp is celebrating six decades of outdoor adventure, friendship, and belonging on the shores of Long Lake in Nova Scotia.

At Camp Kidston, children and youth spend their days canoeing and kayaking, trying slack lines and bog-walking, exploring the outdoors, making crafts, and building confidence through games and leadership opportunities. Campers are encouraged to try new things, build friendships, and simply enjoy being kids.

Our gifts through Mission and Service help make these experiences possible by providing specialized recreational equipment and supplies that go beyond the basics. New life vests for paddling programs, updated sports equipment, and nature exploration kits help make camp safer, more engaging, and more accessible for every child.

These gifts are about more than equipment. They help children build confidence as they learn new skills and discover what they are capable of. They help ensure that every camper, regardless of background, can fully participate in the fun, learning, and adventure that camp offers. And they help create memories that young people carry with them long after summer ends.

Even during the challenges of the summer of 2025, including extreme heat and a region-wide fire ban, Camp Kidston was filled with joy and creativity. Campers enjoyed waterfront adventures, theme days, team-building activities, and imaginative campfire alternatives created by staff. Leadership programs for teens continued to grow, and families spoke about the sense of belonging their children experienced at camp.

As Camp Kidston celebrates its 60th anniversary, our gifts through Mission and Service are helping ensure that children and youth can continue to experience the wonder, friendship, and confidence-building that camp makes possible for years to come.