

Central Queens United Church

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December 11, 2016 – Advent 3

Ministry Of Music:

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP-

Welcome & Announcements:

Birthday's & Special Occasions:

Lighting Of The Advent Candle:

Leader: On this third Sunday in Advent we light the candles of Hope and Peace again. (First two candles are relit) we remember our longing for God to be with us and to give us peace.

People: Today, we light a third candle and name it Joy. (Third candle is lit).

Leader: As we light it we look forward, not to the temporary joy of Christmas lights and Christmas gifts, but rather, to the joy and laughter of the hungry ones finding food and shelter.

People: We think of the deep joy of those who find a job after many months of searching, of the tear-filled joy of the unjustly imprisoned when they are released and returned to the embrace of their families.

Leader: As the candle burns we listen for the deep lasting joy of those who know that they are loved and cherished by God, no matter what their status in human society.

All: We are listening for the joyful sounds of God's kingdom of justice. O God, send your Spirit on us and give courage to spread this sort of joy in the world. Help us through our words and deeds to be heralds of your joyful kingdom of justice. Amen.

"I Am Walking a Path of Joy"

I am walking a path of Joy

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lead me home,

lead me home.

Call To Worship:

Leader: The angel came to Mary and said

People: "Hail, O favorite One, the Lord is with you

The Lord is with you!"

Leader: Mary was greatly troubled at the saying and wondered what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to Mary

People: "do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

Leader: And the angel said to her

People: "the Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the most high will overshadow you and the Holy child born to you will be called fully, the Son of God. - (from Luke 1: 28-37)

*Introit: # 4 (MV) "All Who are Thirsty"

Prayer Of Approach:

Blessed is the Lord our Rock

Let us make a Joyful Noise to the Lord, all the Earth!

Let us Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come let us go into the presence

Of the Lord with singing.

Know that the Lord our God is God!

Hear our prayer, O Lord

Give ear to our supplications!

In Your faithfulness answer us,

For we are your people and sheep of your pasture.

Hymn: # 44 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 898 (VU) *The Song of Mary*

Time With Youth:

(at conclusion children recess for Sunday School)

Go, Go, Go with God

Have peace with your heart

Praise and pray every day

Have peace with your heart

Presentation of Our Gifts To God: # 50 “He is Born”

(Choir Sings as Gifts Are Received)

Offertory Prayer:

Prayer of Confession & Renewal:

Leader: Gracious God, as people called to be your presence in the world, we search our hearts, and ask your forgiveness: for opportunities not taken, for care not given,

People: Forgive us, we pray.

Leader: For sorrow not shared, for joy not celebrated,

People: Forgive us, we pray,

Leader: For love not offered, forgiveness not extended,

People: Forgive us we pray,

Leader: For those failings, we cannot speak aloud,

People: Forgive us, we pray.

Leader: Gracious God, we seek your healing grace, and ask forgiveness in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Merciful One, our hearts long for your forgiveness. Touch us with your healing, cleanse us of our guilt, renew our spirits, that we may serve you with joy all our days. Amen.

The New Creed: (Sung)

Special Music: “Little Drummer Boy”

LISTENING TO THE WORD-

First Reading: Isaiah 9: 2, 6 – 8 (In Unison)

For unto us a child is born.

To us a child is given.

And the government shall be on his shoulders.

And he will be called

Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Everlasting Father.

He will reign on David’s throne

Establishing and upholding it

With justice and righteousness

From that time on forever!

The Lord Almighty will accomplish this!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 18 - 24 and Luke 2:4-14.

Prayer Before Meditation: (In Unison)

Dear Heavenly Father, May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing and acceptable in your sight this morning. To your name be all the praise and the glory. Amen.

Meditation:

Choral Anthem: “The Holly and the Ivy”

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer:

Hymn: # 35 “Good Christian Men Rejoice”

Commissioning & Benediction: (In Unison)

To him who is able to keep us from stumbling and to present us before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy to the only God our Savior be the Glory, Majesty, Power and Authority, through Jesus Christ Our Lord, for all ages, now and forever more. Amen.

Choral Benediction: “Go Now In Peace”

**Go Now in Peace...Never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen, Amen, Amen.**



**Today’s Bulletins Are Placed
In Loving Memory Of
Mark Kinney
Presented by
Melinda, Jeff, Ella & Zachary**

-THE LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH-

- The congregation of Central Queens United Church would like to thank Winston Yeo for leading our worship service this morning.
- If you are visiting with us today we welcome you and encourage you to sign our guest book located in the foyer of the building.
- Karla's (Church Secretary) Work Schedule: Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30a.m.. Please note change of schedule.
- Please Note that there is a large wooden box in the foyer Where you may place your items for the FOOD BANK. The box will be there year round. We ask that you remember the poor in your prayers and donate to the food bank as you are able.
- You can Sponsor Sunday Bulletin Covers for 2016: United Church Sunday bulletin covers are a great addition to our worship services, providing excellent photos, liturgy, and reflections by United Church people. Congregation members are invited to sponsor a week of bulletins to honour a special day/event or to offer a memorial for a deceased loved one and to help cover the costs of bulletins for our church. The sign-up sheet is on the table outside the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00 per Sunday.
- Central Queens United Church Cookbook - Anyone who would like to buy one or more of our new cookbooks, please call Karla at 964-2221 or 393-9071. These cookbooks would make a great wedding gift, bridal shower gift, birthday gift or even a gift to save for your children when they venture out into the world on their own.
- Anyone who would like to donate yarn to the Prayer Shawl Group of Central Queens United Church it would be greatly appreciated. The Prayer Shawl Group makes shawls to give to folks in retirement homes, hospital and new mothers etc..
- Next week (December 18, 2016) Lectionary Readings are: Isaiah 7: 10 – 16; Romans 1: 1 – 7; Matthew 1: 18 - 25. We invite you to take some quiet time to prepare for worship by reading these lessons.
- The church is running out of storage space and is wondering if anyone has available space at home where we could store items. If you can help us out please call church office at 902-964-2221.

- Bible Reading Guides for 2017 – These are provided free by The Canadian Bible Society. You are encouraged to read your Bible daily and 2017 is a good year to begin.
- There are copies of a “Statement on U N Declaring on the Rights of Indigenous People as the Framework for Reconciliation” at the back of the church. If you are interested please feel free to take a copy.
- In event of Inclement Weather an announcement will be made by radio on Ocean 100 by 9 a.m. and it will also be posted on our web-site.
- Christmas Gift Cards - Christmas will soon be here! If you are looking to purchase gifts cards please speak to Janet Howes. Janet is now looking after Fund Scrip! Thank you Janet!
- Youth Group (grades 7 to 12) meets the last Friday of each month from 7 to 9 at the church or an off-site location.
- December 11th – Sunday – 10 a.m. – Choir Practice
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- December 14th -- Wednesday – 8:30 p.m. – Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church.
- ~Dec. 15th – Thursday – 7 p.m. – Rosewood Service to be led by the United Church Men.
- December 17th -- Saturday – 9:30 a.m. – Minister's Book Club. Location to be announced. The book is “The Fortunate Brother” by Donna Morrissey. For more information please call Liz Spangler at 902-964-2295 or email spangler@upej . New members welcome.
- December 18th – Sunday – 7:30 p.m. - Join us for an evening of Musical Christmas Spirit with our 3rd Annual "Old Fashioned Christmas Gospel Concert" featuring music by Gary Chipman, New Brunswick singers, Jessica McLaughlin & Joey Hebert, Rodney & Brenda Savidant, Ed & Linda Doiron, Blair Coughlin, Allen "Postie" Connolly and a performance by the Breadalbane Guitar students. Concert will be held at Central Queens United Church on

Sunday, December 18th at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$12 at the door. Info: 314-1865.

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- December 24th -- Saturday – 6 p.m. -- Christmas Eve Service to be held at Central Queens United Church.
- December 25th -- Sunday – 10:30 a.m. – Christmas Day Service to be held at Central Queens United Church.
- ~January 19th – Thursday – 7:45 p.m. -- Official Board Meeting to be held at Central Queens United Church.
- ~Jan. 26th -- Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – Presbytery Meeting at Central Queens United Church.
- January 29th – Sunday – After Church -- Annual Meeting will be held at Central Queens United Church. The plan is to do what we usually do - have a potluck meal after the service, and then have the meeting.

-COMMUNITY EVENTS-

- Christmas Fund Raiser for My Place Housing First With The Canadian Mental Health Assoc.. If you can help by donating to this cause please call Jessica MacPherson at 902-314-5377 or leave items in the box outside the sanctuary and we will make sure the items get to them. Items that are needed are gift cards, groceries, cleaning supplies, housewares, hygiene products, hats, mitts scarfs, etc...
- Tuesday's & Thursday's -- Eternal Fitness is expanding to Hunter River! Classes will be held at Hunter River Community Centre. We are currently offering Group Fitness Classes on Tuesday and Thursday from 12:45pm-1:30pm. Tuesday class is Cardio Core and Thursday is Tabata. Both classes will be catered to all fitness levels (beginner to advance). First class is free, \$10 drop-in, \$64 for one month, taxes included. For the remainder of the month of November we have a 50% off offer! Bring a friend and you will both receive 50% off your month membership. If you are looking for more information about our programs in Hunter River or South Rustico you can contact Denee Gallant via phone or e-mail: [902-218-1529](tel:902-218-1529), dgallant31@gmail.com
- The North Shore Players (not for profit community theatre

group) are presenting 'A Christmas Carol', involving members of the North Shore communities of Hunter River, Wheatley River, and North Rustico! The North Shore Players present : "A CHRISTMAS

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CAROL". Dates and times are as follows:

Sunday December 11 – 2:00; Friday December 16- 7:30; Saturday December 17 – 2:00 and 7:30 & Sunday December 18 – 2:00

- Once again this year there will be a Drive Thru Living Nativity in Canoe Cove. It will be held at the farm of Chyrs and Doreen Jenkins at 6452 Route 19 in Canoe Cove. It will run from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Sunday, Dec. 11. Joseph , Mary ,Baby Jesus(doll), shepherds, kings, angels , live animals , Christmas choir singing Christmas carols along with a large display of Christmas lights and decorations. Freewill donations will be accepted for The Children's Wish Foundation and for Santa's Angels. Please come and enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas.

- December 11th -- Sunday – 7 p.m. -- The Docherty Family Band & Friends present 'An Island Christmas Tradition' at Park Royal United Church Sanctuary – featuring Kendall Docherty & Family. Tickets available at the door - \$12 adults & \$20 per couple. Fudge & water sale at intermission.

- December 12th – Monday – 7:30 p.m. -- The Lady Singers of our Century Christmas Show in Winsloe United Church. We are preselling our tickets for this show. Tickets are available from Vaunda Dollar, at National Music (566-2894 or 894-9901) or from any of the ladies in the group: Joan Reeves, Judy McGregor, Keila Glydon, Jolee Patkai or Colleen MacPhee.

- December 13th -- Tuesday – 7 p.m. -- Service of Compassion and Hope on at South Shore United Church, #85 Route 10 in Tryon. For some people, this time of year is marked by a deep sense of sorrow and loss; or a stressful season leaving them drained and empty within. This service is an opportunity to receive a sense of God's renewing presence in the midst of all that we experience. To light a candle to remember a loved one, please contact Rev. Karen at [902-658-2863](tel:902-658-2863).

- December 15th – Thursday – 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.—You are cordially invited to join the PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada at our Annual Christmas Open House to be held at Confederation Court

Mall Food Court. There will be entertainment, international snacks, drinks provided by Charlotte Tea, and a visit from Santa! Everyone Welcome!

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- **December 18th – Sunday – 7 p.m. -- Christmas Ceilidh is planned for Kelly's Cross Community Centre. For list of entertainers and other information see Friday, December 15th issue of the Guardian in the "Don't Miss This " section**

- **December 18th – Sunday 7 p.m. -- Please join Kelley Mooney and her friends for a Christmas Concert at St. John's Anglican Church in Milton, PEI. Joining Kelley for a lovely evening of Christmas songs and good cheer are Jon Matthews, Peter Burke, Brian Knox, Hertz Godkin and special guest - Kendall Docherty! Christmas can be a tough time of year for some, so we invite you to bring along some non-perishable food items for the local food bank for those who may be struggling at this time of year. Admission: \$12 & a non-perishable food donation (children under 12 free). For more information contact: Kelley Mooney - [902-393-9112](tel:902-393-9112)**

kelleymooney@hotmail.com / www.kelleymooney.com

- **December 20th -- Tuesday – 7 p.m. -- Christmas Pageant in the Barn. Come experience the feel of a stable setting. Hear the gift of music and story in a simple service at the Francis Family Farm at #631 Branch Road in Lady Fane.**

- **February 21st -- Tuesday – 6 p.m. -- Camp Abby's Annual Meeting will be held at Trinity United Church in Summerside. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you think you might attend, please notify a board member or you can send an email to the board chair, Garth Cousins at garthcousins@hotmail.com or call him at [902-436-0458](tel:902-436-0458).**