

Central Queens United Church
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December 3, 2017 – Advent 1

(Stand as able *)

Prelude:

Welcome & Announcements:

Birthday's & Special Occasions: (Tune to Happy Birthday)

We celebrate you, in all that you do
We love you, God bless you.
Let us celebrate you.

Gathering Music:

Lighting of the Advent Candle:

Reader 1: Today is the first Sunday in the season of Advent. Advent means “coming.” In this season we prepare for the coming of Christ. One of the ways we can celebrate Advent is by making an Advent wreath and lighting its candles to remind us of the gifts Christ brings to the world.

Reader 2: This morning we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of hope. (*light the first candle.*)

Our hope is firmly grounded in God, who holds our lives
and who is always at work for our good
and for the good of the world.

Hope burns brightly in the December darkness.

Hope will be our guide as we journey again to Bethlehem.

Reader 1: Let us pray. God of hope, as we begin our Advent journey may the light of this candle remind us of the hope you offer us in the dark times of life and help us to remember that we are never alone. Amen

Reader 2: Let us sing the first verse of Hope Is A Star - # 7 in Voices United.

***Call To Worship:**

One: We come into God's presence in hopeful anticipation as we await the coming of the Son of God.

ALL: We come at the beginning of another Advent season to offer praise to our God.

Leader: We come to listen to Advent's words of hope, peace, joy and love

ALL: We come to offer our praise and thanks to God for all our blessings.

One: Let our praise begin.

Introit: # 374 vs. 1 “Come Find a Quiet Centre”

Prayer of Approach:

One: God of hope be with us as we begin this year's Advent journey to the stable and beyond.

ALL: Be with us in our meeting and in our travelling together.

One: Be with us in our worship and our praying together,

**ALL: Be with us in our Advent journey to the stable and beyond,
O God of hope. Amen.**

Hymn: # VU 578 "As a Fire is Meant for Burning"

Responsive Psalm: Responsive Psalm 84 VU # 800

Special Music: Ella Stead

Time With Youth: (at conclusion children recess for Sunday School)

Go, Go, Go, with God

Have peace within your heart

Praise and pray every day

Have peace within your heart.

Presentation of Our Gifts To God: "Flowers will Bloom"

(Choir sings as gifts are received)

***Offertory Prayer:**

***Hymn: # VU 2 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"**

Prayers of Confession & Renewal:

God, you have called us to confession so we might find healing and hope in your forgiving love. So we bring our lives to you seeking your strength to help us make new beginnings so we might become useful instruments in your kingdom. Take away our selfishness and teach us to love as you loved. Take away our sense of pride and show us the meaning of humility. Take away our blindness and show us the world through your eyes. Take away our greed and teach us how to give as you gave. Show us your ways. Teach us your paths so we might walk with you more closely each day of our lives. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Special Music: "O, What a Wonderful Gift"

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8

Sermon: A Message From the Wilderness

Anthem: "Look Toward Christmas"

Pastoral Prayers & The Lord's Prayer:

***Hymn: # VU 345 "Come, Children, Join to Sing"**

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Commissioning & Benediction:

Choral Benediction: # 156 (MV) "Dance With the Spirit"

Postlude:

-LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH -

- **Karla's Office Schedule: Monday – Thursday 7:30 – 10:00 a.m. & Friday 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.... Occasionally schedule may change due to appointment or commitments.**

- Central Queens would like to thank Rev. Jack Spencer 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.

- 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.

- **Schedule of Ministers for Sunday Services:**

Dec. 10th – Rev. Spencer

Dec. 17th – Rev. Clark – Communion

Dec. 24th – Rev. Clark – morning service 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 24th – Elders – 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Dec 31st – Kirk Neville

- 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...

- **FUND SCRIP** – Janet will be set up before church each Sunday selling gift cards with a variety of cards on hand. Anyone who would like to learn more about the program she will be happy to answer your questions. Tim Horton's has also been added to the program. Anyone who wish to pay by e-transfer – we are now set up to accept e-transfer.

- We are looking for **Volunteers** to sign up for our **After Church Luncheon and Tea**. Anyone who can help out please sign up on the sheet outside the sanctuary. Thank You.

- **Financial Update to October 31, 2017** – M & S to date

\$5,373.30 our objective is \$10,000.

Building account to date is \$ -254.08 and used \$3,548.20 out of reserve to finish the new siding.

Operating account is about - \$10,000. We do have some fundraisers to help out but you can see we are behind a bit. As the end of the year is approaching and if you can help out that would be great. Thank you.

- **December 3rd** – Sunday --- Central Queens United Church Sunday School will be presenting a **Live Nativity Event** in the church parking lot. A beautiful and spiritual event for the whole family. 3 showings: 6:00, 6:20 and 6:40 p.m. Light refreshments provided in the church. Admission: a free will offering.

- **December 5th** -- Tuesday – 6:30 p.m. –Mark your calendar for our **Annual UCW Christmas Pot Luck Supper**. All women welcome

- **December 6th** – Wednesday – 8:30 p.m. -- **Choir Practice** to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- **Dec. 7th** -- Pick-up for the pies are on Thurs., Dec. 7th at church.

- **December 9th** - Saturday - 5:00 p.m. - **10th Anniversary Dinner and Kitchen Party**. Wrap up our 10th anniversary celebrations with a dinner and kitchen party. Enjoy good food and good music! Everyone is welcome.

- **December 10th** - Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - **Men's Choir practice**. No auditions - all men are welcome! Once again, it is time for the men to provide the music for the church service this Sunday.

- **December 10th** -- After Church – Rev. Barb will be having an **Open House** in the church hall. Everyone Welcome.

- **December 10th** – Sunday -- 7:30 p.m. -- **Phase II and Friends "Christmas in the Country" Concert**. Join this popular and very talented group of performers as they sing traditional and not so familiar seasonal Christmas songs. Featured performers include Blaine Murphy, Johnny McGarry, Ed Young, Gerry Hickey, Pat King, Jeannie Campbell and Keila Glydon. Admission is \$10 at the door with light refreshments served.

- **December 17th** – Sunday – 7 p.m. -- Join us for an Evening of Musical Christmas Spirit with our **4th Annual "Old Fashioned Christmas Gospel Concert"** featuring music by Gary Chipman, Carol Chipman-Francis, Rodney & Brenda Savidant, Blair Coughlin, Allen "Postie" Connolly and Bob Gagnon. Concert will be held at Central Queens United Church, Hunter River. Admission is \$12 at the door. Info: 314-1865

- **December 21st** -- Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – **Rosewood Service** to be led by the United Church Men.

- December 24th – Sunday – 10:30 a.m. – Christmas Eve Morning Service to be held at Central Queens United Church.
- December 24th – Sunday – 4 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service to be held at Central Queens United Church.
- January 13th – Saturday – 9:30 a.m. -- The next meeting of the Minister's Book Club. The book is Hagseed by Margaret Atwood, a modern retelling of Shakespeare's The Tempest. No previous knowledge of Shakespeare required, however, to enjoy this wonderful story. All are welcome. Contact Liz Spangler 964 2295 for more information.

-COMMUNITY EVENTS -

- Christmas Wreath Fundraiser -- We are offering Christmas wreaths for local charity fundraisers this year at Silver Bell Christmas Tree Farm in Springvale PEI. Our wreaths are made on a 12" base using fresh balsam fir from our farm. They are also decorated with pinecones, berries and a red or burgundy bow of your choice. Each wreath is \$14 and the suggested retail price is \$25. If you are interested or would like more information, please email us or give us a call, we would be happy to help you.
 - Every Thursday's Night – 6:30p.m. – 7:45 --Presbyterian Youth Group to be held at Central Queens Elementary School Gym. Grade 3 and up are all welcome. Come and join the fun.
 - December 8th – Friday – 7:30 p.m. -- The Annual Sorensen Family Christmas Concert, "There's Music in the Air", at South Shore United Church, #85 Route 10 in Tryon. The program includes a wide range of music, singing, and stories for the Christmas Season. In keeping with Canada 150 celebrations several Christmas selections will be included which were written around the time of Confederation. Lunch and a time for socializing will follow the evening's entertainment. Admission is a freewill offering with all donations going in support of the Church. For more information please call [902-658-2009](tel:902-658-2009).
 - December 9th – Saturday – 2 p.m. -- Rosewood Residents Annual Christmas Party -- Entertainment and buffet -- Everyone welcome.
 - The 7th Annual Drive Thru Living Nativity will take place at the farm of Chyrs and Doreen Jenkins at 6452 Route 19 in Canoe Cove Friday ,December 8 to Sunday, December 10 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm each evening. There will be Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, shepherds, kings, angels and live animals along with a choir singing Christmas songs. There will be large displays of Christmas lights and decorations.

Freewill donations will be collected for the Children's Wish Foundation and Santa's Angels.

- December 10th -- Sunday – 7 p.m. – Central Trinity Choir & Friends; Breadalbane present "Its Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas". Storm Date: December 17th. Free will offering to ANDERSON HOUSE. Everyone Welcome.
- December 11th – Monday – 7:30 p.m. -- "Christmas at Home", presented by the Lady Singers of Our Century, at Winsloe United Church. Featuring the Christmas songs of Loretta Lynn, Patsy Cline, Anne Murray and Rita MacNeil. Admission \$12 at the door; doors open at 6:30 p.m.
- December 12th – Tuesday -- 7:00pm -- Service of Compassion and Hope hosted by 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; others seek a few moments of peace in a time of competing demands. This service is an opportunity to receive a sense of God's renewing presence in the midst of all that we experience. Everyone is welcome. To light a candle to remember a loved one please call by December 8th [902-658-2863](tel:902-658-2863).
- December 12th -- Tuesday -- 7 p.m. -- Cpl. Andy Cook will be speaking on, Trends of Drugs on P.E.I., at Hunter River Lions Hall. For further info contact Wilfred, 902-964-2409