

Central Queens United Church

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(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 Christ Candle:

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: To the highest mountains....

All: God calls us.

Leader: To the deepest waters....

All: God calls us.

Leader: To this family.....

All: God calls us.

Leader: Why?

All: To remind us of who we are: Sisters and brothers of Jesus the Christ....parts of the family and household of God.

Leader: Let us worship God.

***Introit: # 4 "All Who Are Thirsty"**

Prayer of Approach: (Unison)

Transforming God, we give thanks for your loving presence in our lives, for the opportunity to answer your call to us, and for the transformation you bring about in us when we truly answer that call. Help us to know that change, that growth, and that improvement in us as clearly as the disciples saw the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain top.

Make us yours in this hour of worship, O God, and throughout our lives, we pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying Our Father.....

Hymn: # VU 220 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 2 VU 725

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

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah,

Praise ye the Lord.

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Praise ye the Lord,

Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah,

Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah,

Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah,

Praise ye the Lord!

Go, go, go, with God

Have peace with your heart

Praise and pray every day

Have peace within your heart

Presentation of Our Gifts To God: VU 368 "Holy Spirit, Truth Devine" (Choir sings as gifts are received)

***Offertory Prayer:**

May your blessing, O God, bring these gifts to life: new hopes of healing: fresh ways of coping: a way to live gracefully. May these gifts be used as Jesus Christ would use them.

***Hymn: # MV 161 "I Have Called You by Your Name"**

Prayer of Confession & Renewal: (unison)

Ever wondrous God, you call us to the way of transformation. We come as we are with anxieties, uncertainties and doubt. We also bring our desire for transformation. Embrace us with healing love and restore us to wholeness we pray. Forgive us when we doubt your power and presence in our lives. Be with us as we offer our prayer of confession.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Hear the good news! God promises not to remember former things.

People: Praise to God that we are new people, forgiven in overwhelming grace!

Leader: Christ blots out our transgressions in forgiveness, forgetting our sins so we may live resurrected lives.

People: Thanks and praise be to God, our hope and our salvation.

The New Creed: (Sung)

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon: "The Mountain Top"

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Anthem: VU 582 "There's a Spirit in the Air"

Pastoral Prayers:

***Hymn:** # VU 104 "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

Commissioning & Benediction:

Go now in hope of a newborn life. Go now in the service of the Prince of peace. Go now with joy, the sign of God's presence. Go now with a love that is gently strong. Amen.

Choral Benediction: "God Grant Us Grace"

God grant us grace,
And peace to share
Faith, joy, and mercy good.
Sent from this place,
Renewed to share;
With all God's neighbourhood.

Today's Bulletins Are Placed
In Loving Memory Of
Denis Lajeunesse
Presented by
Lois & Family



Today's Bulletins Are Placed
In Loving Memory Of
My Brother
Kenneth L. Carson
February 28, 1953 – May 15, 2015
Presented by
Joan Stilwell



-LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH -

• The congregation of Central Queens United Church would like to thank Carol Pippy 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..

• 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..

• 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 2017:** 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.

• We invite you to take some quiet time to prepare for worship by reading these lessons. Next week Lectionary Readings are: March 1 – *Ash Wednesday* -- Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17 (Voices United 776-777); 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

- 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.

- 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. Each month there are promotions available. February promotions are Swiss Chalet/Montana cards with a 5 % rebate up from 3 % and Esso cards with a 3 % rebate up from 2 %.

- February 28th -- Camp Abby is taking applications for this summer's employment for all positions. Counselor-in-Training & also available is a promotional position. In 2017, the following positions will be available: Camp Director (1); Camp Assistant Director (1); Coordinators for camp activities (1 of each): Outdoor Life, Arts & Crafts, Christian Development, and Sports and Recreation; Senior Camp Counselors (3); Life Guard (2); Cook (1); Cook's Assistant (1); Float (1); and Rental's Facilitator(1).

The Camp Director must be a minimum age of 21, all other positions must be a minimum of 16 years of age as of July 1, 2017. Deadline for applications for all positions is Tuesday, February 28, 2017. Only those candidates that we will interviewing will be contacted by March 11, 2017. Interviews will be held either the end of March or beginning of April. Date and place to be announced later.

- March 1st – Wednesday – 8:30 p.m. – Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- March 3rd – Friday – 7 p.m. -- World's Day of Prayer to be held at Glasgow Road Presbyterian Church to be on the Philippians.

- March 5th -- Sunday – 10 a.m. – Sunday – Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- March 7th -- Tuesday – 7:30 p.m. – Joint UCW to be held at Central Queens United Church. Program: Joan George Bernard; Worship: Central Group.

- March 11th -- Saturday – 9:30 a.m. -- The next meeting of The Minister's Book Club will be at Andrew's Lodge in West Royalty. Please select a title of your own choice from CBC Canada Reads shortlist for 2017 and share your selection at this meeting. Contact Liz Spangler, 964 2295 for more information. All are welcome.

- March 12th -- Sunday – 3:10 – 4:10 p.m. – Central Queens United Church invites you to attend its 12 months of activities to celebrate its 10 year Anniversary. This month's activity is a Hockey Game (parent's vs. kids) to be held at the North Star Arena in Rustico.

- March 16th -- Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – Rosewood Service to be led by the Session.

- March 16th - Thursday - 7:45 p.m. Official Board Meeting. We will be voting on Remit 1: Three Council Model. Please visit gc42.ca/remits for information on the remit.

- March 23rd Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – Presbytery Meeting at Central Queens United Church.

-COMMUNITY EVENTS-

- February 27th – Monday – 7:30 p.m. -- Winsloe United Church Ceilidh, weather permitting. We would like to welcome "The Country Gentleman", Lester MacPherson, as host and joining him will be Susan Campbell along with the house band. Admission is \$10 at the door with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

- February 28th – Tuesday -- 8:00 p.m. – The Hunter River Lions Club is hosting guest speaker, Melanie Taylor, who is a representative from "Children's Wish Foundation." This foundation is involved with children with life threatening illnesses. All are welcome. For more information, contact Wilfred @ 902-964-2409

- March 4th – Saturday – 4 – 6:30 p.m. -- Winsloe United Church's Ham and Potato Scallop Supper will be held at Winsloe United Church. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, no charge for pre-schoolers. For tickets, contact the church office at 902-368-1233 or Faye at 902-368-1175 (after 6:00 p.m.)

- **March 11th** -- Saturday -- **The Central Queen's Funeral**
Co-op Annual Meeting will be held at the funeral home, 2538
Glasgow Road. Open House from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Meeting to
begin at 2:00 p.m. Refreshments to follow. Everyone
welcome. [902-964-2886](tel:902-964-2886)

- **April 1st** – Saturday – 7:30 p.m. -- **Variety Concert & Silent**
Auction at South Shore United Church, 85 Rte. 10, Tryon. Doors
open at 6:30pm for viewing & bidding. Desserts and tea/coffee to
follow. Tickets can be purchased from Ruth Walsh 658-2147,
Arlene Sorensen 658-2009, or the church office 658-2863. \$12
Adults, \$6 children 12 & under

- **June 16th** – Friday -- 6 p.m. – midnight -- **Cancer Changes**
Everything. So Can You. Join your family, friends and neighbors
at Confederation Landing Park on Friday, June 16 from 6pm to
midnight for the 2017 Queens County Relay For Life. Whether
you are cheering on survivors, walking the track, passing the
baton to your teammate or joining in exciting trackside activities,
Relay For Life is more than just a cancer walk - it's a
journey. Every dollar raised by Relay for Life participants makes
a difference. Money raised funds Canada's most promising cancer
research to save more lives, ensures no one has to face cancer
alone and helps stop cancer before it starts. For more information
go to www.cancer.ca and click "get involved" or call Gail at [902-566-4007](tel:902-566-4007).