

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:**

One: In the presence of God, whose Word called the stars into being,

All: we stand in awe.

One: In the presence of Christ, whose arms held little children and whose eyes sparkled with laughter,

All: we stand in trust.

One: In the presence of the Holy Spirit, who stirs within us and causes our hearts to thirst for love

All: we stand in longing.

One: Before you, God, in search of love and truth and wholeness,

All: we come in worship.

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

Prayer of Approach:

Wondrous God: you touch our lives with healing and with justice; new life is your gift. We praise you for the good news which is ours through Jesus Christ. May this time of worship nourish us with your promise of meaning and purpose. May we be empowered to carry your goodness into the coming week? We pray in Jesus' name, our Source and our Saviour. Amen

***Hymn: # VU 79 "Arise, Your Light is Come"**

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 29 VU Page 756

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 within your heart

Presentation of Our Gifts To God: VU 229 "God of the Sparrow"

(Choir sings as gifts are received)

***Offertory Prayer:**

God, you have blessed us with life and with gifts more than we can number. Receive now these offerings of money. Transform them into gifts of ministry and love that they may help build your reign here on earth. Amen

***Hymn: # VU 100 "When Jesus Comes to be Baptized"**

Prayer of Confession & Renewal:

One: Creator of each and every snowflake:

All: forgive us when we fail to honour the uniqueness of each individual and the differences that enrich our lives.

One: Creator of the winds of winter:

All: forgive us when we fail to trust your care even amidst the tempests of our lives.

One: Creator of dripping icicles:

All: forgive us when we forget the good news of water on our foreheads, the baptismal promise that we have been washed in your forgiving love.

One: Creator of this winter time:

All: awake in us the sleeping seeds of possibility, that we may be your people: loved, accepted, forgiven, made new. Amen

Assurance of Pardon:

One: In God's love we are forgiven, in God's mercy we are set free, in God's grace are offered new beginnings

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The New Creed: (Sung)

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

First Scripture Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon "The Significance of Jesus' Baptism"

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Anthem: MV # 30 "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"

Pastoral Prayers & Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** # VU 341 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Commissioning & Benediction

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
Herbert Schnurr,
July 3 1905- January 4 1995,
Presented by his daughter
Mo Prouse.

-LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH -

- The congregation of Central Queens United Church 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.

- Karla's (Church Secretary) Work Schedule: Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30a.m.. Please note change of schedule.

- 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. -3-

- **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: January 15 - Isaiah 49: 1 – 7; Psalm 40 (Voices United 764); 1 Corinthians 1: 1 – 9; John 1: 29 - 42

- 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.

- 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.

- **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.

- **January 10th** -- Tuesday – 7:30 p.m. – **Queens UCW** to be held at Velda Bertram. Worship: Kim Rodd; Program: Lois Lajeunesse; Word: New; Lunch: Joan Gail & Kim Rodd

- **January 11th** – Wednesday – 8:30 p.m. – **Choir Practice** to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- **January 11th** -- Wednesday – **Annual Reports are Due** by January 11th. If you could have them into Karla the secretary by than it would be greatly appreciated. Thank You Karla.

- **January 15th** -- Sunday – 10 a.m. – **Sunday – Choir Practice** to be held at Central Queens United Church. -4-

- ~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-

- January 9th – Monday – 7:30 p.m. -- Winsloe United Church Ceilidh. Doors opening at 6:30. Host Larry Campbell along with the houseband will be joined by Jolee Patkai, Keila Glydon, and Marcella Richard for a evening of country music and a trip down memory lane. This is a fundraiser for the church which is located at 121 Winsloe Road. A light lunch will be served and tickets are \$10 at the door.

- 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

- January 15th – Sunday – 7 p.m. -- Ceilidh is planned for Kelly's Community Centre. For a list of guest entertainers see the Guardian's, "Don't Miss This", Friday, January 13th

- 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).