

Central Queens United Church

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Central Queen's Mission Statement: Central Queen's 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 guided by God's love to live and serve as Disciples of Christ.

(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: Holy God of sunshine and warm summer breezes,

People: flow through this room today.

Leader: Holy God of fountains and streams,

People: share our tears of pain and sorrow.

Leader: Holy God of seeds and flowers and new growth,

People: show us again your vision of healing and wholeness.

Leader: Holy God of rustling leaves and singing birds,

People: hear our songs of praise to you.

All: We sing, come, Lord Jesus, come.

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

***Prayer of Approach:**

Holy God of Creation, God of Love, God of Joy, we gather here today as friends, as neighbors, as strangers, as community. Inspire us to be a loving, joyful community of faith, praising you and serving all. Amen.

Hymn: # 326 "O For a Thousand Tongues"

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 82, #799

Time With Youth:

(at conclusion children recess for Sunday School)

Presentation of Our Gifts To God: SMUG "Kum Ba Yah"

(Choir Sings as Gifts are Received)

***Offertory Prayer:**

Generous God, you have given us riches beyond measure. We can only return a fraction of what we owe you; but we ask, Lord, that you will bless our offerings and help us to use them wisely in your service and for your glory. Amen.

Hymn: # 372 "Though I May Speak"

Prayer of Confession & Renewal

Holy God, sometimes we are not plumb, we are "out-of-line", we are crooked. Sometimes our hearts are hard, and we do not love our neighbors. Or, we pick and choose who we think our neighbors are. We conveniently forget Jesus taught us to love everyone, even those who don't look like us, or don't talk like us, or don't worship like us. We find so many ways to separate people, even though we are all your children. Sometimes we don't use our strength and minds to do your work, O God. We want things just for ourselves. Forgive us, Lord. Straighten our crookedness. Soften our hard hearts, prune away our wastefulness, cleanse us of our selfish ways. Loving God, may your Spirit blow through our whole being, sweeping away the darkness and debris. May we be refreshed and renewed, through your Son and our Saviour. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: In Christ Jesus we are a radically renewed community.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Old things are done away with, all things become new.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: We are agents of grace and reconciliation.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: With every step or stumble, Christ will be with us.

People: Thanks be to God!

The New Creed: (Sung)

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

Special Music: SMUG "It Is No Secret"

Old Testament Reading: Amos 7:7-17

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37

Sermon:

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Special Music: SMUG “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Pastoral Prayers:

Hymn: # 686 “God of Grace & God of Glory”

Postlude: SMUG “Amen/This Little Light of Mine”

-THE LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH-

- 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.
- **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
- **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. 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.
- 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..
- Once again we are fortunate to have received a grant for a **Summer Student**. We have hired Alexandra Wood who went to Youth Fourm at Maritime Conference.

On behalf of I@C #weaffirm2016 I want to thank PEI presbytery for all of their donations of yarn and embroidery thread. We had a fantastic weekend and our art projects would not have been a success without your generosity! Thank you! Jen Carver

- Would you like to help send a child to Camp? Each year we have children that would like to go to Camp but can't afford it. At Camp Abby we want to help make that happen. You can too by making a donation to a special fund that does just that. Help make a difference in someone's life! If interested please contact our treasurer, Linda Durdle @ 836-4090. Donations are tax deductible.

- At long last we have a **Family from Syria** is coming to live with us! They will arrive on Tuesday July 19 at 11:55 p.m. at the Charlottetown Airport. If you are interested in helping out and welcoming them to PEI please let Rev. Barb know. More updates to come.

- Next week (July 17, 2016) Lectionary Readings are: Amos 8: 1-12, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10: 38-42. We invite you to take some quiet time to prepare for worship by reading these lessons.

Central Queens United Church Financial Report for March, April and May of 2016:

M & S: Donations \$2,097.00 to date \$3,411.00. Objective for 2016 is \$10,000.00

Building Fund: Donations	\$5,287.00
Mortgage	4,695.21
Profit	591.79

Good Samaritan Fund:

Easter Egg Project	\$586.19
(plus donations)	
Gift Cards purchased	400.00
Profit	\$186.19
Balance to date	\$1,558.90

Operating Account:

Donations, rent, etc	\$20,108.93
Fund Raisers	8,506.07
Total	\$28,615.00
Expenses	29,011.92
Deficit	396.92

Comparing donations for same period in 2015:

Giving's in 2015 \$32,038.71

Giving's in 2016 \$28,780.25

As you can see, giving's were down roughly \$3,250.00 from 2015. Being as 2015 was a year of many deaths in our congregation, we must be aware that it also affects our top line of income. Hoping people will consider this in their givings. Also, we would like to thank the donation of compost and mulch to our flower beds which adds to the beauty of our church.

- July 9th – 16th -- Rev. Barb Wagner will be on holidays
Financial Committee

- July 17th Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Sunday Morning Choir

Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- July 21st – Thursday – 7 p.m. – Rosewood Service to be led by the Session.

- July 23rd – Saturday – 7:30 p.m. – Central Queens United Church is hosting a Ceilidh/Cake Auction. Special guests will include Party Mix, Touch of Country featuring Mary Smith, Theo Weigers, Lou Doiron and Wayne Diamond. Also performing will be Central Queens Musical Friends and Susan Pitre. Do not miss the delicious homemade cakes for auction too. Admission is \$10 at the door. Light refreshments will be served.

- August 8th – 12th – Monday – Friday – 2016 Vacation Bible School. Everyone Welcome.

- August 13th -- Saturday – 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. – Central Queens United Church Yard Sale to be held at our church. Drop off dates for donations are Sunday, August 7th after church, Monday, August 8th from 5:30 – 7 p.m., and August 11th from 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. All proceeds from the yard sale will go to our wonderful church fund. Thank you for your Generosity. Please no furniture or books. “One Women’s Junk is Another Woman’s Treasure”

-COMMUNITY EVENTS -

- The Church Mouse Thrift Shop at St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, 391 TCH, Crapaud, is open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. – noon. Lots of new to you treasures. For information call: 902-658-2333 or 902-658-3162

- July 10th – Sunday – 7 p.m. -- Hunter River Lions Club’s Ceilidh. For more information contact Wilfred 902-964-2409

- July 11th – Monday – 7:30 p.m. -- Winsloe United Church’s Ceilidh will be “A Tribute to Lady Singers of our Century” (Anne Murray, Rita MacNeil, Loretta Lynn and Patsy Cline) presented by Colleen MacPhee, Jolee Patkai and Keila Glydon. Hosts are Judy McGregor and Joan Reeves. Admission:\$10 at door

- July 13th – Wednesday – 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. -- Winsloe United Church’s Strawberry and Ice Cream Social. Sandwiches and sweets will be served. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 12 and under and no charge for pre-schoolers. For tickets, contact Fay 902-368-1175 after 6:00 p.m.

- August 1st – Monday – 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. -- South Shore United Church (#85, Route #10 in Tryon) will be having a Bake Sale. Stop by to pick up bread, rolls, biscuits, cakes, squares, cookies, pies, jams/pickles and fresh vegetables. For further information, call Arlene at 658-2009.

- August 8-12th – Monday – Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The GO Project, to be held at Trinity Summerside: Come join us for an action-packed week, as children grades 2-7 explore together what peace and justice look like. Children will explore faith & service through unique service projects, such as park clean ups, exploring food issues through food collection, growing and sharing, environmental action projects and so much more. This program is presented as a day camp experience with trained camp staff, including fun camp experiences such as games, crafts, small groups, campfire, delicious food and a generally fun time. The cost is \$100 per child which includes lunches and snacks. You can register by calling the church office. We are also looking for senior youth or adults who might be willing to assist with the camp. Please call Trinity United Church Summerside 902-436-3155