

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: We join together in prayer and praise to celebrate the love of God who welcomes us.

People: We come to this sanctuary where it is safe to be ourselves.

Leader: We await the touch of God's spirit, refreshing, renewing, healing.

People: May the grace of Christ embrace us as we worship God in spirit and in truth.

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

***Prayer of Approach:**

Loving God of Creation, O Spirit of Celebration, O Christ of Salvation. We call to you this day, seeking your presence in our midst, opening our hearts to the ways you will move us. Lift us on the wings of your love, we pray, and inspire us to follow you in service to one another and to all the world. Amen.

Hymn: # 822, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 30, #757

Time With Youth:

(at conclusion children recess for Sunday School)

Presentation of Our Gifts To God:

(Choir Sings as Gifts are Received)

***Offertory Prayer:**

Receive these gifts, we pray, that all that we have, all that we are and all that you call us to become may be turned to your purposes for the sake of the world you love. This we ask in the name of Jesus our brother, who taught us when we pray to pray together... Our Father...

Hymn: #338, "Ask Me What Great Thing I Know"

Prayer of Confession & Renewal:

Sometimes trying doesn't seem to be enough. We try to be faithful disciples, but our efforts lack real conviction, we try to forgive others, only to find that our hearts have been hardened. We try to embrace your vision of justice and peace, only to find our sight clouded with our own concerns. We try and try and all our trying makes so little difference. Come to us again, O God, with the healing touch of your forgiveness. Teach us that faithfulness is not success but effort. Assure us that you know our good intentions, and will use our "tryings" for your purposes. Quiet our anxieties and hold us in your hand we pray in Christ's precious name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: The love of God is without limit; the forgiveness of God is without end. Let go of that which troubles you and accept the unlimited love of God. Let go of the sins that burden you and know the unending forgiveness of God.

People: Thanks be to God for the love and forgiveness that are ours through Jesus Christ.

The New Creed: (Sung)

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

Special Music: Harry Lowther

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 5: 1 - 14

Gospel Reading: Luke 10: 1 - 11; 16 - 20

Sermon:

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Special Music: Harry Lowther

Pastoral Prayers:

Hymn: # 232, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

***Commissioning & Benediction:**

Leader: We have heard God speak to us,

People: We have been in communion with our Loving Saviour.

Leader: Now let us go into the world to carry God's Word.

People: And God's love to all we meet, in the name of Christ. Amen.

Choral Benediction: "God Grant Us Grace" (Tune to Amazing 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 neighborhood



Today's Bulletins Are Placed

In Loving Memory Of

Layton Ray Smallwood

Presented by

Rev. Barb Wagner

-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**. Presently we are looking to **Hire a Student** whose main responsibility would be planning, organizing, and leading Vacation Bible School. If you are interested or know someone who is interested in this position please call the church office at 902-964-2221.

• 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.

• Next week (July 10, 2016) Lectionary Readings are: Amos 7:7-17, Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10: 25-37. 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
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Total	\$28,615.00
Expenses	29,011.92
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Comparing donations for same period in 2015:

Givings in 2015	\$32,038.71
Givings in 2016	\$28,780.25

As you can see, givings 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.

Financial Committee

- ~July 10th 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 on Saturday, July 23 at 7:30 p.m. 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 home made 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 6th – Wednesday – Camp Abby is having its 7th Annual Golf Tournament at Eagles Glenn Golf Course with a shotgun start at 1:00. If you are interested in helping out or supporting this event, please contact Garth at garthcousins@hotmail.com or 902-436-0458.
- 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
- Hunter River Lions Club’s Ceilidh on Sunday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Wilfred 902-964-2409
- Winsloe United Church’s Ceilidh on Monday, July 11 at 7:30 p.m. 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
- Winsloe United Church’s Strawberry and Ice Cream Social will be on Wednesday, July 13, 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. 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.