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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: Come and find that quiet center where God may enter in.

**All: We gather as God's people seeking the Spirit's presence and God's word for us today.**

One: We gather to begin a Lenten journey together and to offer our praise to God.

**All: May we be open to how God is here with us in this holy time.**

One: Let us worship God.

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

**Prayer Of Approach:**

**God of Sarah & Abraham, God of us all: you have called people throughout the ages to journey in faithfulness. Give to us a sense of anticipation as we enter this Lenten season that we may move with confidence & hope toward the new life of Easter. Receive the praises we bring in our worship today as part of our Lenten offering to you. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Companion & Guide. Amen.**

**Hymn: # VU 657 "He Leadeth Me"**

**Responsive Psalm: Psalm 121 VU 844**

**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: MV 64 "Because You Came"**

**(Choir sings as gifts are received)**

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

**God of all peoples and God of all places, we present these offerings that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries, that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of our world. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: # VU 286 "If You Will Trust in God"**

**Prayer of Confession & Renewal:**

**Most merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before you that we have sinned;**

- we have hungered after that which does not satisfy;
- we have compromised with evil;
- we have doubted your power to protect us.

**Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness and help us to use these Lenten days to draw closer to you and to one another. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

**The New Creed: (Sung)**

**-LISTENING TO THE WORD-**

**Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a**

**Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17**

**Sermon:**

**-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-**

**Anthem: "Jesus Wonderful Lord"**

**Pastoral Prayers & Lord's Prayer:**

**\*Hymn: # VU 663 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

**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  
Leith Andrews  
October 29, 1929 – March 1, 2014  
Presented by  
Ann & Family



Welcome  
Back  
Rev. Barb!

**-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.
- Karla's (Church Secretary) Work Schedule: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. and Thursday 1:00 – 4:00 p.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 19 – Lent 3 -- Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95 (Voices United 814-815); Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
- 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. March promotions Pet Smart 4% up from 2%, Stokes 8% up from 6% and Shell 3% up from 2%.
- **March 12<sup>th</sup>** -- 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 15<sup>th</sup>** – Wednesday – 8:30 p.m. – **Choir Practice** to be held at Central Queens United Church.
- **March 16<sup>th</sup>** -- Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – **Rosewood Service** to be led by the Session.
- **March 16<sup>th</sup>** - Thursday - 7:45 p.m. **Official Board Meeting**. We will be voting on Remit 1: Three Council Model. Please visit [gc42.ca/remits](http://gc42.ca/remits) for information on the remit.
- **March 19<sup>th</sup>** -- Sunday – 10 a.m. – **Sunday – Choir Practice** to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- ~March 23<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – Presbytery Meeting at Central Queens United Church.
- April 13<sup>th</sup> -- Thursday – 7 p.m. – Rural Beautification Workshop to be held at Central Queens United Church. Speaker to be announced. Register to attend by calling church office (964-2221) or Sharon (621-0724). 20 people maximum.

-COMMUNITY EVENTS-

- March 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday – 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. – Hunter River Presbyterian Church Spaghetti Supper to be held at the church. Donations will go to Camp Keir. Everyone Welcome.
- March 13<sup>th</sup> – Monday – 7:30 p.m. -- Winsloe United Church Ceilidh with some Irish tunes so join us for an evening of some great music. There will be a light lunch and doors will open at 6:30 p.m.
- March 14<sup>th</sup> -- Tuesday – 8 p.m. – Hunter River Lions Club is hosting a Guest Speaker Rebecca Garieta, “Exercises for people with Arthritis. All welcome. For more information contact Wilfred at 964-2409.
- March 18<sup>th</sup> – Saturday -- Barbecue Pork Dinner -- St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Crapaud.will hold a Barbecue Pork Dinner (storm date: March 19). Two seatings: 4:30 pm & 5:30 pm. Tickets \$16.00 per person. Tickets available from Connie at:902-658-2333 OR Irene at: 902-658-2857.
- March 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday --7 p.m. -- CEILIDH at Kelly’s Cross Community Centre -- House band and a number of special guests . Admission: \$5.00, includes light lunch.
- April 1<sup>st</sup> – 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
- April 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday – 7 p.m. -- SAVE THE DATE – ‘*Why Do Fools Fall In Love?*’ 50’s, 60’s, 70’s music concert at Park Royal Church featuring The Blue Crystals, Big Bopper, Elvis and many more artists – wear your poodle skirts and saddle shoes, bobby socks and bandanas! Promises to be a fun and lively evening with a few surprises! For tickets call Church Office at [902-894-9656](tel:902-894-9656). \$12 adults and \$6 children 12 and under. Storm date is April 2.

- April 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday -- The Winsloe United Church Goods and Services Auction will be held at Winsloe United Church. Viewing at 6:00 p.m., auction at 7:00 p.m.
- May 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday – Gala Dinner 2017 (A fundraiser in support of AST) From Syria with Chocolate: One New Canadian Family’s Storywith Guest Speaker Tareq Hadhad. The Lord Nelson Hotel 1515 South Park Street, Halifax, NS; Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> Reception 6 pm / Dinner 7 pm... Tickets \$150 per person or \$1,500 per table of 10. Reserve your spot before Friday, April 14. Details on our website: <http://www.astheology.ns.ca/home/events/gala-2017.html>
- June 16<sup>th</sup> – 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](http://www.cancer.ca) and click “get involved” or call Gail at [902-566-4007](tel:902-566-4007).