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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.

Special Music: (C.Q.M. Friends) "Lord I Lift Your Name On High"

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: The old has passed away. Our yesterdays are past and gone.

People: Today is alive with fresh possibilities.

Leader: The present is vibrant with new opportunities.

People: In Christ, we are offered newness of life.

Leader: In Christ we are offered renewal of hope.

People: In Christ we are given forgiveness and grace.

Leader: In Christ, we live in celebration and joy.

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

Prayer Of Approach:

Come to us Holy God, as we gather before you: encircle us with your love. Bless us with your sustaining presence; surround us with your grace. Draw us to your living word, and bind us to one another as disciples of Christ, whose spirit is in our midst. Amen.

Hymn: # VU 345 "Come, Children, Join to Sing"

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 95 (Voices United 814-815)

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: "I Want to Stroll Over Heaven With You" (Choir sings as gifts are received)

***Offertory Prayer:**

As a people of God we are called to share our story and we are called to share our gifts with others. May this be a time of renewal as we offer our gifts. Bless what we offer for these gifts are an expression of our love for you. We present them with joy believing that what we offer can help others to grow in their faith. Amen.

***Hymn:** # VU 606 "In Christ There is no East or West" (to the tune of VU 344)

Prayer of Confession & Renewal:

God of all blessings, we turn toward you on this Lenten journey, aware of our human frailties that time after time turn us from your path. Too often, when we gather in your name, we do so grudgingly or in a spirit of obligation or habit rather than joyfully, and freely as your children. Too often, when we search for insight, we merely want to better ourselves at the expense of others, when we could be using our talents to resolve larger problems of injustice, inequity and indifference. In this hurting world, we sometimes forget to call upon your Spirit in our times of trouble, to give us the vision we need to proceed. Bless us God with renewed resolve, purer intent and stronger faith that we might be your faithful people. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Our God is one who can renew broken promises who offers blessings and who has the power to make each of us a blessing to others.

The New Creed: (Sung)

Special Music: "Amazing Grace"

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42

Sermon:

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Special Music: "Humble and Kind"

Pastoral Prayers & Lord's Prayer:

***Hymn:** # VU 651 "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

Commissioning & Benediction:

Leader: Go gently, my friend; feel the good earth beneath your feet.

People: Celebrate the rising of the sun, listen to the birds at dawn, walk gently under the silent stars.

Leader: Knowing you are on holy ground held in love in the wonder of God's creation. Go then with the blessing of God our Creator, Jesus our Saviour and the Holy Spirit our teacher and guide. 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.

-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 t 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 26 – *Lent 4* -- 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23 (Voices United 747-749); Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

- 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%.

- We are pleased for the first time to participate in the **Fundraising Campaign with Vesey's Bulbs**. We will be selling summer bulbs, flower & vegetable seeds, seed mats, perennials There are over 50 items listed in the catalogue. You don't need a large backyard to have a green thumb! There are sprouts, herbs, container plants. Central Queens United Church will earn 50% profit on everything we sell. If you would like to take a catalogue to work, home, or just place a personal order contact Pat Carver at **902 628-7669**. The catalogue can be viewed at **https://gallery.mailchimp.com/43c30353b50c4a0de2c2c96f7/files/2017_SPRING_CAT_CAN_JPG2.pdf**

- Once again Gena Yeo is collecting Used Books for her Book Sale. Children's books are greatly needed. If you are able to donate books please drop them off at the church. Thank you. 😊

- **March 22nd** – Wednesday – 8:30 p.m. – **Choir Practice** to be held at Central Queens United Church.

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

- March 26th -- Sunday – 10 a.m. – Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church.
- April 8th – Saturday – 9:30 a.m. -- Minister's Book Club to be held at Central Queens United Church. This month's book is "A House In The Sky" by Amanda Lindhout and Sara Corbett. Everyone Welcome.
- April 12th -- Wednesday – 7:30 p.m. -- Central Queens United Church, Hunter River, is pleased to host the musical group, "Country Legends, Men of the Century". The performers will pay tribute to Ronnie Milsap, Jean Watson, Johnny Cash and Merle Haggart. Singers and musicians include Kendall Docherty, Larry Campbell, Brian Knox, Heartz Godkin, Jimmy Platts and Peter Burke. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Light refreshments served. A wonderful evening of exceptional talent!
- April 13th -- Thursday – 7 p.m. – Rural Beautification Garden 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.
- April 20th -- Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – Rosewood Service to be led by the United Church Men.

-COMMUNITY EVENTS-

- March 19th – 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.
- March 26th – Sunday -- 2- 4 pm (storm day April 2). -- The monthly Ceilidh Concert at the Bonshaw Hall. Performers include special musical guests 'Campfire Dave Connolly'; singer/songwriter Megan Ellands; singer David MacKay; singer/songwriter/pianist Andrea Corder and guitarist Gabriel Vizcaino from UPEI; Holland College SOPA grad Destiny Best; stepdancer Bridget Patterson from Reel Talent School of Dance and fiddler TBA; plus regulars Herb MacDonald, Phil Pineau and Tony the Troubador. 50/50 draw, delicious lunch, and open stage time. Admission is by donation with proceeds going to the Gallant Family Fire Fund. Everyone welcome; accessible for small wheelchairs. For more information phone 675-4093 or check the facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/705663586280284/>

- March 27th – Monday – 7:30 p.m. -- The Winsloe United Church ceilidh -- will be hosted by the Men of the Century. The Men of the Century are Brian Knox, Jimi Platts, Kendall Docherty, Peter Burke, Larry Campbell, and Heartz Godkin. They will be featuring the music of Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard, Ronnie Milsap, and Gene Watson. There will be a light lunch served. Tickets are \$10 at the door with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.
- March 28th -- Tuesday – 8 p.m. – Hunter River Lion's Club is hosting a Guest Speaker Rebecca Garieta, "Exercises for people with Arthritis. All welcome. For more information contact Wilfred at 964-2409. PLEASE NOTE: Change of date.
- 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
- April 1st – 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 7th – 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.
- April 19, 20, 21 & 22th -- 7:30 p.m. -- Winsloe Players presents "Nosey Mrs. Wilson", a three act comedy directed by Barb Perry. All proceeds to support the QEH/Eastlink Telethon. The play will be presented at Carrefour Theatre. Tickets are available at: Winsloe Irving ([902-569-0166](tel:902-569-0166)), the QEH Foundation ([902-894-2425](tel:902-894-2425)), Proude's Shoes ([902-894-3504](tel:902-894-3504)) and from Barb Perry ([902-368-2620](tel:902-368-2620)). Tickets: Adults - \$15.00 Children 12 & Under - \$8.00 . Calling all fudge makers! The Winsloe Players are graciously accepting donations of homemade fudge, to be sold at intermission as an additional way to raise funds during their event. If you are able to donate this sweet treat to help raise money for the QEH please contact Barb Perry at 902-368-2620. Thank you!

- **May 5th** – Friday – **Gala Dinner 2017** (A fundraiser in support of AST) **From Syria with Chocolate: One New Canadian Family’s Story** with Guest Speaker Tareq Hadhad. The Lord Nelson Hotel 1515 South Park Street, Halifax, NS; Friday, May 5th 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 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).