

Central Queens United Church

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March 26, 2017 – Lent 4

(Stand as able *)

Ministry Of Music:

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: MV 115 "Behold, Behold"

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: May the grace of God surround you, the love of Christ embrace you, and the compassion of the Holy Spirit keep you.

People: The light of God sustain us, the radiance of Christ empower us, and the illumination of the Holy Spirit guide us.

Leader: Let us worship with confidence and thankfulness.

People: Praise be to God!

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

Prayer Of Approach:

God of mystery, with humble hearts we draw near to you in prayer. The light of your presence illuminates the dark places, and shows us the way of eternal hope and promise. Praise be to you for the limitless ways you manifest caring and grace.

Empower us to reflect back the faithfulness and life-giving love of the Holy One. In faith we pray. Amen.

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 23 VU 749

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 172 "God Says" (Choir sings as gifts are received)

***Offertory Prayer:**

Here are our gifts, O God; here too is our love. Use our gifts, but more importantly use us – our hands, our feet, our hearts, to share your love and healing in the world. Through Jesus our Christ we pray. Amen.

***Hymn: # VU 661 "Come to My Heart"**

Prayer of Confession & Renewal:

God of abundance, we come before you with a sense of scarcity in our hearts. We cannot see a way to share nor even accept your abundant love. Forgive our miserly habits and open our hearts to the freedom of your way of loving. Open our hearts to the abundance that you offer and teach us to live abundantly and extravagantly. May our lives be a reflection of your giving essence and generosity.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: The irony of God's love is that it is offered no matter our response.

People: The joy of God's love is that it is offered without restriction.

Leader: The power of God's love is that it can transform and liberate us.

People: Let us give thanks for this love and forgiveness poured upon us. Let us go out loving abundantly. Thanks be.

The New Creed: (Sung)

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

Sermon:

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Anthem: "He Lovingly Guards Every Step"

Pastoral Prayers & Lord's Prayer:

***Hymn:** # VU 371 "Open My Eyes that I May See"

Commissioning & Benediction:

Leader: Go into this day with expectation and joy.

People: We go with hope ready to serve our God with purpose and commitment.

Leader: Go with the knowledge that Christ walks with you.

All: And may mercy, grace and peace be with us now and always.
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.

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- **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: April 2 — *Lent 5* - Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

- An announcement will be made by radio on Ocean 100 by 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

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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 26th – Sunday – 7 p.m. -- Bible Study to be held at Rev. Barb's House

• March 29th – Wednesday – 8:30 p.m. – Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church.

• April 2nd -- 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, Hartz 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.

• ~April 27 Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – Presbytery Meeting at Central Queens United Church.

• June 15th - Thursday - 7:45 p.m. Official Board Meeting. We will be voting on Remit 4: Funding a New Model. Please visit gc42.ca/remits for information on the remit.

Central Queens Financial Report
January & February 2017

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\$ 931.00

Building Fund

Income \$ 2,369.37

Mortgage \$ 3,140.49

\$ 771.10

Operating Account

Donations \$ 9,930.04

Rent, etc. \$ 904.80

Fundraising \$ 2,538.55

\$13,373.39

\$20,815.42

\$ 7,442.03

The Restorative Care Benefit from Dec 8/16 to March 12/17 for Rev. Barb's Surgery has been okayed and the money will be sent from The United Church of Canada. Anyone interested in updating par or would like to go on par contact Velda.

-COMMUNITY EVENTS-

• 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 ceildh -- 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 Hartz 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**. \$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**), the QEH Foundation (**902-894-2425**), Proude’s Shoes (**902-894-3504**) and from Barb Perry (**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**.