

Central Queens United Church

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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: # MV 64 "Because You Came"

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 32 VU 759

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: VU 361 "Small Things Count"

(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 112 "O God, How We have Wandered"**

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: Ruth 1: 1- 8

Gospel Reading: Ruth 1:14-19

Sermon: "Ruth – A Story of Acceptance"

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Anthem: VU 641 "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

Pastoral Prayers & Lord's Prayer:

***Hymn: # VU 115 "Jesus, Tempted in the Desert"**

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

-LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH -

- The congregation of Central Queens United Church would like to thank Rev. Jack Spencer for leading our worship service this morning.
- 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 12 – **Lent 2** -- Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121 (Voices United 842); Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17
- 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 7th** -- Tuesday – 7:30 p.m. – **Joint UCW** to be held at Central Queens United Church. Program: Joan George Bernard; Worship: Central Group.
- **March 8th** – Wednesday – 8:30 p.m. – **Choir Practice** to be held at Central Queens United Church.
- **March 11th** -- Saturday – 9:30 a.m. -- The next meeting of **The Minister's Book Club** will be at Andrew's Lodge in West Royalty. Please select a title of your own choice from CBC Canada Reads shortlist for 2017 and share your selection at this meeting. Contact Liz Spangler, 964 2295 for more information. All are welcome.
- **March 12th** -- Sunday – 10 a.m. – **Sunday – Choir Practice** to be held at Central Queens United Church.
- **March 12th** -- 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 16th** -- Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – **Rosewood Service** to be led by the Session.

- **March 16th** - Thursday - 7:45 p.m. **Official Board**

Meeting. We will be voting on Remit 1: Three Council Model. Please visit gc42.ca/remits for information on the remit.

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

-COMMUNITY EVENTS-

- **March 11th** -- Saturday -- **The Central Queen’s Funeral**

Co-op Annual Meeting will be held at the funeral home, 2538 Glasgow Road. Open House from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Meeting to begin at 2:00 p.m. Refreshments to follow. Everyone welcome. [902-964-2886](tel:902-964-2886)

- **March 13th** – 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.

- **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 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.

- **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).