

Central Queens United Church
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May 14, 2017 – Mother's Day

(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: "Send the Light"
"Michael, Row the Boat"

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: God has created us and God sustains us!

People: We praise God who is the source of new life and family joy.

Leader: Praise God who is a source of inspiration and creativity.

People: Praise God who is a source of strength along life's way.

Leader: Praise God who offers compassion at all times.

All: Praise God who natures us, who cares for us and who challenges us day by day. Hallelujah. Thanks be to God!

Introit: MV 4 "All Who are Thirsty"

Prayer Of Approach:

Our God we thank you for your love and your grace so abundant so overflowing that you receive us in spite of our fear and our timid lives of faith. You O God are the source of our life. Gather us together now we pray. Form us into a holy community. Shape us with the breath of your Holy Spirit. In our worship grant us the gifts of discernment and hope. Enable us to recognize your workings in our lives each day.

Open us to faith and help us to perceive not only what is, but also what by your grace, might be. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Hymn: # VU 343 "I Love to Tell the Stories

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 31 (VU Page 758 Parts One and Three)

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Time With Youth: (at conclusion children recess for Sunday School)

Sacrament of Baptism:

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 382 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (Choir sings as gifts are received)

***Offertory Prayer:**

O God, we thank you that Christ has entrusted us with the task of caring for your people. Make us faithful and courageous in our ministry of love and may we use these gifts to your glory. Amen.

***Hymn:** # VU 226 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Prayer of Confession & Renewal:

God of love, you offer us your world and your care, and we abandon you. You welcome strangers among us and we do not extend the same caring attitude. You give us possibilities for peace and justice and we turn them aside. We are like lost children. Sometimes we run from you and we hardly know our way back. Yet there you are welcoming us, always ready to open your arms to us. We come as people who dwell on the past. We want to face each new day with life and hope in our hearts, but many times the events of our lives weigh us down. We forget to forgive one another. We dwell on our past mistakes. We refuse to bury dead issues and worn out memories. Free us, free us from ourselves, so that we might walk new pathways of peace. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: God promises us that in the midst of our brokenness and our failures, there are signs of wholeness, hope and resurrection.

People: God's love extends to everyone and forgives our honest confession.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen and Amen.

Special Music: "Mother of Mine"

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

First Scripture Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 13 – 15; 19 - 23

Sermon: "Family"

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-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Choral Anthem: VU 675 "Will Your Anchor Hold"

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer:

Hymn: "Memories Bright and Beautiful"

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
Roy Smith
August 10, 1923 to May 17, 2010
Remembered By
Gordon, Margaret,
Debbie & Douglas

-LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH -

- The Congregation of Central Queens United Church would like to welcome Elsie Marie Verhulst, daughter of Erik and Danielle, sister of Oliver and Henry, into our congregation by the Sacrament of Baptism.

- 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..

- 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..

- 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 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: May 21 – Sixth Sunday of Easter - Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20 (Voices United 784-785 Parts Two and Three); 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

- 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. May's promotions are Winner's/Homes ensemble 8% up from 6% and Indigo 7.5% up from 5%.

- Time to learn the basis of membership in the United Church of Canada? If you are a youth or adult and are thinking about being confirmed in our church, or you want to transfer your membership from another congregation or denomination then please speak to the minister or call the church office at 902-964-2221.

- We are looking for Volunteers to sign up for our After Church Luncheon and Tea. Anyone who can help out please sign up on the sheet outside the sanctuary. Thank You

- **June 2, 3 & 4--** Please save these dates for Camp Abby weekend (staying over two nights: Friday and Saturday). All Sunday School students and their families are welcome--lots of room for all! Our Sunday School closing service will take place at Camp Abby on the Sunday morning, June 4th, at 11:00. If the weather is nice- we will be outside for the service and we are also hoping to eat outside if possible- "picnic style". In lieu of hot dishes, we are asking for members of the congregation to bring a picnic item---a salad, sweets or sandwiches and please bring your own camp chairs. If it is raining, the service and meal will move inside. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Grace McCourt at [\(902\) 388-0260](tel:9023880260) or Debbie Smith at [\(902\) 940-2496](tel:9029402496).

- **May 17th** – Wednesday – 8:30 p.m. – **Choir Practice** to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- **May 21st** Sunday – 10 a.m. – **Choir Practice** to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- **May 21st** -- Sunday – 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Central Queens United Church invites you to attend its 12 months of activities to celebrate its 10 year Anniversary. May's activity is a Games party. This is an all-ages event so bring your favourite game and have some fun!

- **May 18th** -- Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – **Rosewood Service** to be led by the (Queens) United Church Women.

- **June 10th** – Saturday -- Central Queens United Church, Hunter River, is holding their **Annual Spring Roast Beef Dinner**. Three seatings: 4:00, 5:30 and 6:45 p.m. with take-outs available for pick-up at 3:00 p.m. Delicious hot meal with all the trimmings followed by tasty strawberry shortcake and other assorted cakes. Tickets are \$15/adult, \$7/child (6 - 12 yrs. of age), and free for children under 6 yrs. of age. Browse our bazaar table filled with baked goods and crafts! Tickets should be ordered in advance from Debbie at [902-964-2882](tel:9029642882)

- **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.

- **July 15th** – Saturday -- 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. -- **Church Yard Sale**: Are you tired of your closet that is filled with either clothes that are too big, small or you just don't wear them anymore? Are you tired of looking at your hutch that is filled with old dishes that you never

use, and are you just sick and tired of garbage that is filled to capacity with stuff you and your family don't use any more, well then why not donate them to the Central Queens United Church Yard Sale. Drop off dates to bring donations are as follows: Sunday, July 9th after church; Wednesday & Thursday July 12th & 13th from 5:30 – 7 p.m... Please DO NOT drop off donations on Friday as there is a memorial service being held at the church. Anyone who would like to bake bread or biscuits to sell please drop off Saturday morning

-COMMUNITY EVENTS-

- **May 17th** – Wednesday – 3:30 – 6 p.m. -- **The 'Take Out Lobster Supper'** for Park Royal United Church. Tickets are \$20 and are available from any UCW member or by calling the Church Office at 902-894-9656.

- **May 17th, 18th & 19th** -- **The WoHeLo Club** will again host their Spring & Summer clothing sale, Wednesday, May 17th – 12 PM – 4 PM; Thursday, May 18th - 8AM to 8PM and Friday May 19th 8AM to 1:00 PM – in Classrooms A&B – 3rd floor of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. We offer high quality, gently used clothing and accessories for the whole family. All proceeds go to fund equipment for high-risk newborn babies in the province. Come early for best bargains!

- **May 20th** – Saturday – 7 p.m. -- **Don Messer Tribute Show** in celebration of National Fiddling Day! We are excited to be presenting our 3rd annual Don Messer Tribute Show for National Fiddling Day to be held at Park Royal United Church. Doors open at 6:15 pm. Join PEI Fiddler Gary Chipman along with Carol Chipman-Francis, Postie Connolly, Blair Coughlin, Rodney Savidant, Jordan Chowen and others for a trip down musical memory lane. This show promises to be lively and full of nostalgia! Admission is \$12 at the door (no advance tickets). For more info: 314-1865

- **May 21st** – Sunday – 7 p.m. -- **Ceilidh** is planned for Kelly's Cross Community Centre. For a list of guest entertainers see the Guardian's, "Don't Miss This", Friday, May 19th.

- **May 22nd** – Monday – 7:30 p.m. -- Winsloe United Church Ceilidh - Host Dino Dunsford will be joined by special guests Eddy Quinn and Keelin Wedge. Admission is \$10 at the door with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

- **May 27th** -- Saturday – **Ham & Salads Take Out Supper** to be Sponsored by South Shore United Church, # 85 route 10, Tryon. Pick up time 9:30 – 11 a.m. Delivery Available. Supper includes: Ham Salads, rolls, dessert (Gluten free available.) Adults \$12, Children under 12 \$6. For tickets please call the office at 658-2863, Helen 658-2324 or Susan 888-7496.

- **May 27th & 28th** -- Tune in to the QEH/Eastlink Telethon on May 27-28 on Eastlink TV Ch.10 or in Brilliant HD Ch. 610. Funds raised during this year's Telethon will support the purchase of priority medical equipment for urology, pediatrics, stroke care, mental health, and other areas of need. Once purchased, these pieces of equipment will positively impact the lives of many Islanders. Featuring the best of Island entertainment and inspiring grateful patient stories, the 18-hour telethon is sure to feed your soul! Be sure to tune in - Saturday - noon to 9 p.m., Sunday - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and call toll-free [1-877-675-3343](tel:1-877-675-3343) to make your donation! Or, call the Foundation office to get your pledge in before the show airs- [902-894-2425](tel:902-894-2425).

- **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 info go to www.cancer.ca and click "get involved" (Gail at [902-566-4007](tel:902-566-4007).)