

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: MV # 145 "Draw The Circle Wide"

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: God's presence extends far beyond our human boundaries.

People: Praise God in the Sanctuary.

Leader: God astounds us in the words and music we share this morning.

People: Praise God with tambourine and dance strings and cymbals!

Leader: In our inhales and exhales, in our gathering and in our releasing, in our pondering and in our praying we praise!

All: Alleluia! Praise God

Introit: MV 4 "All Who are Thirsty"

Prayer Of Approach:

Risen Savior, in love you came to earth as the anointed One to set apart, prepare, and send out your faithful. In love, this community finds its purpose in serving those whom you have placed before us. In love we carry our mission to the world so that we might fulfill the call you have given to each of us. Unlock our hearts, open our lives, swing wide all the doors so that your spirit would enter in. We pray in the name of the One who has formed, redeemed and inspired this community. Amen.

Hymn: # VU 421 "Lead On, O Cloud of Presence"

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 66 VU 784 Refrain 2

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: "For These Tears I Died"

(Choir sings as gifts are received)

***Offertory Prayer:**

God, bless these gifts that they may be shared in the spirit of hope.

Help us to seek out ways to live out our faith in acts of service and may your kingdom grow because of the love shared. Amen.

***Hymn: # VU 686 "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

Prayer of Confession & Renewal:

God of Resurrection Power, break through the locked doors of our certainty to encourage our wonderings and our questions. Break through the walls of our fears of others so that there would be room in our world for all others. Break through our doubt and confusion that we might come to know your presence more fully in our lives and in our world. When we seek to judge ourselves and others for disbelief and questions open the locked doors of our heart and give us the patience of the Risen Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: As Christ broke into the disciples locked room, offering forgiveness and the breath of new life, so Christ can enter our closed hearts and minds and give us new life. Know that you are forgiven. Feel the breath of God's Spirit recreating you.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Special Music: "Up To The Mountain"

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

First Scripture Reading: Acts 8: 5 – 8; 14 - 17

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21

Sermon: "The Holy Spirit – God's Precious Gift!"

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Choral Anthem: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Induction Of Elders & Transfer of Memberships:

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer:

Hymn: # VU 238 "O Lord, My God"

Commissioning & Benediction:

Leader: Go into the world with the delight of your faith.

People: We go forth to proclaim the Resurrection story and the blessings of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Go into the world with the joy of God's Spirit encouraging you in your journey.

People: We go forth to celebrate new life given and proclaimed.

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

Erroll Bagnall

May 9, 1931 – May 23, 2015

&

Leone Bagnall

July 20, 1933 – April 30, 2017

Remembered By

The Family



Today's Bulletins Are Placed
In Loving Memory
Of

Betty Howatt

Remembered by

Central Queens Musical Friends



-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..

- 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 28 – *Seventh Sunday of Easter* - Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (Voices United 787); 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

- **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

- Gena Yeo is going on a Work and Witness Mission Trip to Rwanda in November. Gena pays her own way, but she is required to fund raise for materials needed for the project the group will work on while there. If you would like to help her, help them by giving a Love Offering please put your donation into the Rwanda Box. Any donation over \$10 is tax deductible, so please include your full name and complete address. 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 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 24th – Wednesday – 8:30 p.m. – Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- May 27th – June 4th – Karla our secretary will be taking vacation time.

- May 28th -- Sunday – 10 a.m. – Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- June 6th -- Tuesday – 7:30 p.m. -- Joint UCW Meeting to be held at Central Queens United Church. All Women welcome.

- 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:902-964-2882)

- June 15th -- Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – Rosewood Service to be led by the Choir.

- 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.

-COMMUNITY EVENTS-

- 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 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 7th** – Wednesday – 7:30 p.m. -- **THE FOUR MEN** in concert at **Spring Park United Church** -- **The Four Men** promote the **Mission and Service of the United Church of Canada**. Their concerts raise awareness of, and funds for, the **Mission and Service Fund**. They offer a unique blend of musical entertainment, sharing songs of inspiration, hope, love, and peace, well known and new, with charming and nostalgic arrangements, all packaged in a lively and engaging presentation. **General Admission: \$20, Youth (7-18): \$10 and Free admission for children 6 and under.**

- **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).)