

Central Queens United Church

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October 8th, 2017 – Thanksgiving Sunday

(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:**

Leader: Those who do justice and righteousness are pleasing in God's sight and their lives give praise to God at all times.

People: Give thanks to God who is all together good for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: May God be mindful of us, the people of God's heart, and may we know the abundance of the covenant between us.

People: Give thanks to God who is all together good for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Though we have fallen short of God's hope, with mercy we are guided back to the fold by teachers, leaders, prophets, and friends.

People: Give thanks to God who is all together good for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Introit: # 374 vs. 1 "Come Find a Quiet Centre"

Prayer Of Approach:

Leader: Let us pray.

All: God of mighty deeds and gentle mercies, we gather to give you praise this day. We join with all of creation in uttering our small words of thanks for your steadfast love which endures forever. May our very lives be lived as a song of praise to you, the God of our salvation.

O God, we confess that instead of what is true and honourable, there are times when we turn our thoughts to the latest news scandal or juicy gossip. Forgive us. (Silent reflection) Instead of what is just and pure

there are times when we think about the shortcuts we can take to get ahead and the shortcomings of others. Forgive us. (silent reflection) Amen.

Hymn: # VU 516 "Come, You Thankful People, Come"

Responsive Reading: Psalm 65 VU 782

Time With Youth:

(at conclusion children recess for Sunday School)

Go, Go, Go, with God

Have peace within your heart

Praise and pray every day

Have peace within your heart.

Presentation of Our Gifts To God: "I Will Offer You Praise"

(Choir sings as gifts are received)

*** Offertory Prayer:**

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus,

We bring these gifts to you, O God.

Help us to give with them a ready hand,

A willing spirit, and a joyful heart. Amen.

***Hymn: # VU 226 "For the Beauty of the Earth" Tune: VU 81**

Prayers of Confession & Renewal:

ALL: O God you are present in all the moments of our lives – loving and guiding, but not forcing us into a fuller relationship with you. We are in your hands. Forgive us when we accept only what we see as good. Have mercy on us when we turn away from what troubles and disturbs. Strengthen us to learn the truth without fear and help us to recognize your presence in all the hurtful places of our world. Forgive us when we avoid those who need our help and give us the resources to care about what we cannot understand. In the name of our faithful soul companion, Jesus, help us to meet the troubles in our own lives and in our world with compassion and mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Beloved friends, God loves us beyond any deserving. God is present in all the hurtful places of our lives, and gives us the resources to live with what we do not understand. We are forgiven before we even ask. Receive God's forgiveness.

All: Thanks be to God!

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

Sermon: "Beyond Command and Obedience"

Anthem: MV 41 "O Beautiful Gaia"

Pastoral Prayers & The Lord's Prayer:

***Hymn:** # VU 520 "We Plowed the Fields"

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Commissioning & Benediction:

Choral Benediction: # 156 (MV) "Dance With the Spirit"

Postlude:

LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH –

- Central Queens would like to thank Rev. Bill MacLeod 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.
- 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 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: October 15 – *Nineteenth after Pentecost*; Exodus 32:1-14; Isaiah 25:1-9; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

- **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. Sears cards are not available at this time. Anyone who wish to pay by e-transfer – we are now set up to accept e-transfer.

- 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 has been asked to provide sewing supplies for her upcoming trip to Rwanda to help young adults to learn to provide for themselves and their families. If you would like to donate NEW thread or needles or anything in a sewing kit. Please bring to Central Queens United Church by October 15th. Thank you Gena

- -Financial Report for June, July, August 2017-

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Donations (June, July, Aug.)	\$ 1,360.00
Year to Date	\$ 3,870.00
Objective for 2017	\$10,000.00

Building Fund

Income	\$ 4,552.14
Mortgage	\$ <u>4,695.21</u>
	\$ - 143.07

Operating Account

Donations	\$ 14,371.90
Gov. of Canada (Summer Student)	\$ 2,823.00
Fundraisers	\$ 6,303.30
Bulletins etc.	\$ 466.12
Rent	\$ <u>2,986.00</u>
	\$ 26,950.32
Expenses	\$ <u>32,887.48</u>
	\$ - 5,937.16

Please take note of the balances and objectives as there is only four months to balance the books.

- **October 11th** – Wednesday – 8:30 p.m. -- **Choir Practice** to be held at Central Queens United Church.
- **October 15th** -- Sunday – 10 a.m. -- **Choir Practice** to be held at Central Queens United Church.
- **October 19th** -- Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – **Rosewood Service** to be led by the United Church Women (Choir).
- **October 28th** – Saturday -- Central Queens United Church, Hunter River, is holding our annual Fall Roast Beef Dinner on Sat., Oct. 28th. Three seatings: 4:00, 5:30 and 6:45 p.m. Take-outs may also be ordered in advance and ready for pickup at 3:00 p.m. Bake and craft tables of goods to browse as well. Price: \$16/adult, \$7/child (6-12 yrs.), and free for children under 6 yrs. of age. This is a delicious hot dinner with all of the trimmings and a fall tradition not to be missed! For tickets contact Debbie at 902-964-2882.
- **November 23th** – Thursday – 7 p.m. -- **Presbytery Meeting** to be held at Central Queens United Church. Committee meetings at 6:00 p.m.
- **December 5th** -- Tuesday – 6:30 p.m. –Mark your calendar for our **Annual UCW Christmas Pot Luck Supper**. All women welcome

-COMMUNITY EVENTS -

- **October 9th** – Monday – 7:30 p.m. -- **Card Party** at Kelly Cross Community Centre. Sponsors Natalie McDonald and Linda Connick . Everyone Welcome.
- **October 14th** – Saturday -- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. -- **Gena Yeo'** **Giant Used Book Sale**. All books \$1. All proceeds go to help educate girls in Africa. Book Sale to be held at Hampshire, Community Hall, Civic # **851 Route 225**, just minutes from Clow's General Store. Adult, Young & Children's books available for sale. Bring the kids and browse and for your winter storm stayed material
- The **WoHeLo Club** will again host their Fall & Winter clothing sale, Wednesday, October 18th – 12 PM – 4 PM; Thursday, October 19th - 8AM to 8PM and Friday October 20th 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!

- **October 21st** – Saturday – 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. -- **Kensington United Church Roast Beef Dinner**. Take outs also available for pickup between 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. . PRICE: \$15 Adult; \$8 for age 12 and under. Contact Lorna at 902-836-3639 or email secretarykensingtonunited@bellaliant.net
- **November 4th** – Sunday – 7 p.m. -- CD Release Concert: *Kelley Mooney* is releasing her first Christmas record - “Caroling”. It’s a mix of Kelley’s favorite Christmas songs, a few contemporary ones, and a few originals. Particularly, “Christmas in the Country” - this song gives you a complete picture of Christmas at the Mooney house - food, music and love! Kelley is excited to be joined by a variety of special guests... come out and see! Location: Trinity United Church, **220 Richmond Street, Charlottetown**; Date: November 4, 2017; Time: 7:00 pm (doors open at (6:30pm); Admission: Food items for the food bank, (or a cash donation) a friend and a smile.