

Central Queens United Church
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October 9th, 2016 – Thanksgiving Sunday

Central Queen's Mission Statement: Central Queen's United Church is a loving and living community called to support the life stages of all people; celebrating joy and sharing in pain. Through faith and fellowship we are guided by God's love to live and serve as Disciples of Christ.

(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: Praise be to God who has blessed all people with life and dignity.

People: God's love is for all people.

Leader: Praise be to God who gives us the ability to work the earth and coax from its soil a dazzling array of fruits and vegetables.

People: God gives us the means to live life fully.

Leader: People of God, let us give thanks, God has smiled on us and has entrusted us with the care of creation and of each other.

All: On this thanksgiving morning let us raise our voices with songs of joy and praise!!!

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

Prayer of Approach:

Loving God, Creator of all things, we come to you this day with thankful hearts, for all your gifts to us and to your people everywhere.

We think about the amazing beauty of the world you have made and this powerful yet fragile land we call our home. As we worship together, remind us of the sacredness of all creation and of our responsibility to respect the ways of the earth and the connections between all things. Amen.

***Hymn:** # 820 "Make a Joyful Noise"

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 100 (Ref. 2) VU Page 824

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 with your heart

Presentation of Our Gifts To God: # 242 "Let All Things Now Living"

***Offertory Prayer:**

God of farmlands, towns and cities, we thank you that we have been able to support ourselves and families in these places. Accept what we offer this day for it represents a portion of our living. May it promote the care of creation and the sharing of all your good gifts. Amen.

***Hymn:** # 227 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

Prayer of Confession & Renewal:

For the beauty of the earth-that we have not seen,

For the beauty of the earth-that we have not preserved,

For the beauty of the earth-that we have damaged or been silent at its destruction,

Forgive us, God.

For the joy of human love-that we have ignored

For the joy of human love-that we have mocked and criticized.

For the joy of human love-that we damage by our personal sins and our complex living.

Forgive us God.

We know O God that we have hurt ourselves and hurt the earth.

Forgive us and teach us to forgive ourselves and each other. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: God teaches us to sing a song of praise, not only with our lips open, but with widespread hearts and hands.

People: We are forgiven and given responsibility again for the beautiful earth. Thanks be to God.

The New Creed: (Sung)

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 1 - 11

Gospel Reading: John 6: 25 - 35

Sermon:

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Choral Anthem: "We Are the Singers"

Prayers of The People & The Lord's Prayer:

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

Commissioning & Benediction:

Leader: Go out with joy and thanksgiving. Take a song of praise in your hearts.

People: We will rejoice and be glad for the Lord is good. God’s mercy endures forever.

Leader: And may the love of God fill you to overflowing, the peace of Christ surround you and the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen you, now and forever.

All: Amen and Amen!

Choral Benediction: “God Grant Us Grace” (Tune to Amazing 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 neighborhood.



Today’s Bulletins Are Placed
In Loving Memory Of
Martha Carver
Presented by
Walter & Pat Carver
& Family

-THE 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.

• **You can Sponsor Sunday Bulletin Covers for 2016:** 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.

• 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.

• **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.

• 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..

• **Central Queens United Church
Financial Report for June, July, Aug 2016**

Operating Account

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Income | \$ 31,227.09 |
| Expenses | \$ <u>33,241.17</u> |
| Deficit | \$ 2,014.08 |
| Building Fund | |
| Income | \$ 4,529.68 |
| Mortgage | \$ <u>4,695.21</u> |
| Deficit | \$ -165.53 |

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\$ 1,644.00 for June, July & August

\$ 5,055.00 to date

Objective is \$ 10,000.00

Take note of the figures above. As the summer months were slow we need to be aware as the year progresses. Thanks for your support.

• **New Church Sign** -- It was passed by the Official Board in June that we purchase a new sign at the road. The cost of the sign is \$3,400 plus tax. There is a box at the back of the church for donations for anyone who are able to make a donation to this worthy cause. Be sure to put your donation in an envelope with your name on it so that we can give you a tax receipt.

• Next week (October 16th, 2016) Lectionary Readings are: Jeremiah 31: 27 – 34; 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5; Luke 18: 1 – 8. We invite you to take some quiet time to prepare for worship by reading these lessons.

- ~October 12th – Wednesday – 8:30 p.m. – Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church.
- October 15th -- Saturday – 9:30 a.m. -- The next meeting of the Central Queens United Church Book Club is scheduled in the church parlour. Please bring a title or titles you would like to read or have recently read and which you think might be suitable for our book club.
- ~October 16th -- Sunday – 10 a.m. – Sunday Morning Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church.
- ~October 20th – Thursday – 7 p.m. – Rosewood Service to be led by the Choir.
- Oct. 22th -- Saturday -- Central Queens United Church Fall Roast Beef Dinner 3 seating's: 4:00, 5:30 and 6:45 p.m.. Take-outs available for pickup between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Tickets \$15/adult, \$7/child 6-12 yrs., free for 5 yrs. and under. Tickets must be purchased in advance from Debbie at [902-964-2882](tel:902-964-2882).
- Henry Clarke Scholarship Trust -- The Trustees of the Henry Clarke Scholarship Trust are pleased to announce that they will award two Bursaries this year in the amount of One Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). One each, to two eligible, most qualified, students entering post-secondary studies in the 2016-2017 academic year. For more information check bulletin board.
TO BE CONSIDERED ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 21st, 2016.
- Oct. 25th -- Tuesday —7:30 p.m. -- A Return Tribute to Lady Singers of Our Century to be held at Central Queens United Church. Light refreshments served. Admission: \$10 each
- November 6th -- Sunday – Pies Ordering Forms for Central Queens United Church will be distributed.
- November 6th – Sunday – 7:30 p.m. – Phase 2 Concert to be held at Central Queens United Church.
- Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes – Shoeboxes are available at the back of the church for anyone who may be interested in filling them this year. DO NOT INCLUDE: Decks of standard playing cards (other games such as UNO are allowed); Food or candy: Including gum (due to customs regulations); Used items (due to customs regulations); Toothpaste (due to customs regulations); Liquids or items that could

leak, melt, freeze, or break - Shampoo, creams, lip balm, bath gels, mirrors, or glass, etc. (these can damage other items in the shoebox); Items that can scare or harm a child - War-related toys, knives, and toy guns, etc.. Boxes are due the week of Nov. 14th. They are to be dropped off at the Grace Baptist Church. Drop off times are Nov. 14, 15, & 19 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Nov. 16, 17 & 18 from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m....

- November 17th -- Thursday – **7 p.m.** -- Holly Jolly Christmas to be held at Central Queens United Church.
- November 20th – Sunday – Pie Order Forms are to be passed in, Last chance to order pies.
- November 27th -- Sunday – 2 – 4 p.m. – Men of the Harvest Concert to be held at Central Queens United Church.
- November 28th – Monday – **time** to be announced later -- PEI Home Economic Auction to be held at Central Queens United Church.
- December 8th -- Thursday – This is the expected date for Central Queens United Church Pie Orders to be in.
- December 11th -- Sunday – 7:30 p.m. – Phase 2 Christmas Concert to be held at Central Queens United Church

-COMMUNITY EVENTS-

- Michele's CHAIR AND BALANCE CLASS This program is designed for older adults just beginning to get into fitness and for those with mobility challenges resulting from such conditions as arthritis, fibromyalgia, osteoporosis, cerebral palsy, etc.. Classes are presently being offered at Eternal Fitness at the Cymbria Lions Club in South Rustico on Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30am and beginning Monday, October 3rd, they will be offered at the New London Community Center, on Monday and Fridays at 10:30am. Fee is by donation. Suggested fee per class is \$5. GoPEI is helping to sponsor the program so that anyone interested may take part without concern for cost. For further information contact Michele Gallant at 902-626-9799 or magallant58@gmail.com
- October 9th – Sunday -- Noon – 4 p.m. -- Join Chef Emily Wells, guests and staff for a three course fundraising lunch at THE MILL in NEW GLASGOW -- \$25 plus tax. Reservations recommended 902 964 3313. All proceeds to Farmers Helping Farmers Education Projects.

- **October 11th** -- Tuesday – 7 p.m. – **Home Care Services Seminar** – There will be a seminar at the Hunter River Lion’s Hall with a speaker coming to inform us about Home Care Services that is provided in our province. Everyone Welcome.

- **October 16th** – Sunday -- 2:30 pm -- Maestro Mark Shapiro returns to conduct the first concert of the **PEI Symphony Orchestra’s 50th Anniversary Season** at the Zion Presbyterian Church, 135 Prince St., Charlottetown. Entitled “Elgar’s Enigma”, the program includes a performance of Edward Elgar’s “*Enigma Variations*”, along with the Canadian Premiere of Harry Stafylakis’ “*Arc of Horizon*”. Our guest soloist is this year’s Suzanne Brenton Award Winner Connie Yun, a 16-year-old violinist from Charlottetown, who will be performing the first movement of Mendelssohn’s *Violin Concerto*. As is the first concert of the season, concert goers are encouraged to purchase season tickets (\$120), which represents a savings of \$40. Students/children receive a further discount of 75% at \$40 for the season. To purchase your season subscriptions, visit www.peisymphony.com or call 902-892-4333. For individual tickets, call the Confederation Centre Box Office 902-566-1267 (\$40 adults/seniors, \$15 students). Season subscriptions and individual tickets will also be available at the door.

- **October 19th, 20th & 21st** -- Wed, Thurs. & Friday -- The WoHeLo Club will again host their **Fall & Winter clothing sale**, Wednesday, October 19th – 12 PM – 4 PM; Thursday, October 20th - 8AM to 8PM and Friday, October 21st 8AM to 2:30 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** – Friday -- Churches, Pastors, & Youth Leaders: Fall is here, and with it, many of our youth and family ministries are getting underway. As we begin this fall season, we would like to announce and invite you to a fresh, new youth rally. **Youth Alive** is a youth rally that will take place at Montague Church of Christ on Friday, October 21 at 7 pm, and is for anyone in grades 6-12 and their leaders. **Youth Alive** will feature worship with *We The Rescued*, a worship band based in Montague, PEI, and an engaging message with Dave Sawler, lead pastor of Lighthouse Community Church in Glace Bay, NS. Please spread the word about **Youth Alive**, and we hope to see you there! Check out our Facebook Event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/726745330812666/>

- **October 22nd** -- Saturday – 10 a.m. -- “**Style Into Fall Fashion Show & Coffee Party**” at Park Royal United Church gym. There will also be a ‘Bake Table’ and a ‘Gently Used Jewellery’ Table. Tickets \$15 and are available by calling the Church Office at [902-894-9656](tel:902-894-9656) or from UCW Members. Fashions from Belles Boutique.

- **October 29th** – Saturday -- 4 – 6:30 p.m. -- **Turkey Dinner** at Shore United Church (#85 Rte. 10 in Tryon). Dinner includes roast turkey, dressing, juice, potatoes, vegetables, coleslaw, rolls, dessert and hot/cold beverages. Adults \$15 and children under 12 \$6. For tickets, call 658-2147, 658-2009, 658-2732 or church office 658-2863.