

Central Queens United Church
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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: Good morning and welcome! We say hello to old friends and we say a very friendly welcome to all who have come to this church for the first time.

All: We are all part of God's family, united in God's love and ready to do God's work!

Leader: Let us celebrate being together, and with our songs and prayers let us celebrate God's presence in our midst.

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

Prayer of Approach:

Eternal God, who created all things, teach us to know the power of silence and of prayer. Fill our emptiness with your peace and your love and fill our darkness with your light. Fulfill in us the potentials for which we were born and were called into your church. Help us today to understand Jesus words and to see the signs and parables you have for us in the world today. For we pray in the name of Christ, who is the way and the truth, and the life. Amen.

***Hymn: # 567 "Will You Come and Follow Me"**

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 139 VU Page 861

Time With Youth:

(at conclusion children recess for Sunday School)

Presentation of Our Gifts To God:

***Offertory Prayer:**

Accept O God, these gifts we bring. May they reflect our growing faith and increasing love. Accept and bless us, as we offer our lives in your service. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn: # 267 "Like a Mighty River Flowing"**

Prayer of Confession & Renewal:

Almighty God, you have called us into your church to be your servants in the service of others. Forgive us for falling short of your call. Forgive us that too often we are unappreciative while your goodness surrounds us; that we despair when your strength is near at hand. Tear down the walls that isolate us. Help us to realize that too often we wish to be served rather than to serve. Too often O God we have been ready to see the faults of our brothers and sisters. Too often we have neglected to acknowledge our own shortcomings; we have failed to say I'm sorry. Cut through our evasions, increase our courage, renew our vision, we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: God loves us and forgives us. God gives us the chance to begin again.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

The New Creed: (Sung)

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 18: 1 - 11

Gospel Reading: Luke 14: 25 - 33

Sermon:

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Choral Anthem:

Pastoral Prayers & Lord's Prayer:

***Hymn: # 271 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

Commissioning & Benediction:

Leader: And now may we go out,

People: with a sense of wonder about God's world,

Leader: with a sense of delight as Jesus presence,

People: with a sense of hopefulness at the Spirit leading.

Leader: May we be blessed and may we be a blessing. 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
Presented by
Bob & Nina Webster
To celebrate their
57th Wedding Anniversary
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
BOB & NINA

-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.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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..
 - Next week (Sept 11th, 2016) Lectionary Readings are: Jeremiah 4: 11 – 12; 22- 28, 1 Timothy 1: 12 – 17; Luke 15: 1 – 10. We invite you to take some quiet time to prepare for worship by reading these lessons.
 - September 6th -- Tuesday – 7:30 p.m. -- Central UCW will be held at Nancy Rackham's home.
 - Septmeber 11th -- Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Sunday Morning Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church.
 - September 11th -- Sunday – 10:30 a.m. – Central Queens United Church Sunday School begins.
 - September 13th -- Tuesday – 7:30 p.m. – Queens UCW to be held at Leone Bagnalls.
 - ~September 15th – Thursday – 7 p.m. – Rosewood Service to be led by the United Church Women.
 - September 24th – Saturday -- UCW PEI Presbyterial Workshop will be held at Camp Abegweit. Registration \$12.00, 9-9:30am. Theme "Spiritual Deepening ", guest speaker will be Rev. Janice MacLean.
 - September 29th – Thursday – 7:45 p.m. -- Official Board Meeting to be held at Central Queens United Church.
 - October 2nd -- Sunday – 7 p.m. – Hillcrest Gospel Group will be hosting a Gospel Concert to be held at Central Queens United Church.
- COMMUNITY EVENTS-**
- September 11th – Sunday – 7 p.m. -- An Evening of Bluegrass and Gospel Music -- Janet McGarry, Serge Bernard and their band Wildwood, will be performing at St. John's Anglican Church Milton. Admission is \$10.00 at the door. Come and join us for an enjoyable evening of Bluegrass and Gospel Music. Don't forget to invite family and friends.
 - September 12th – Monday – 7:30 p.m. -- Winsloe United Church Ceilidh. Host is Larry Campbell. Guests are Blue Crystals members Dave Atlas and Ellen Blair. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the door.

- **September 18th** – Sunday – 2 – 4 p.m. -- The Mount Allison

University Archives and The Alumni Relations Office invites you to attend a special event to honor **The 100th Anniversary of Grace Annie Lockhart's Passing** to be held at The South Shore United Church #85 Route 10, Tryon, PE. The cemetery where Grace Annie Lockhart is buried is adjacent to this church. **Guest Speaker: David Mawhinney, Mount Allison's Archivist. Special Guest: Dr. Robert M. Campbell President & Vice-Chancellor Mount Allison University** A visit to Grace Annie Lockhart's grave site will be followed by a presentation by our archivist and a lunch (including sandwiches, sweets, and refreshments) will be provided by the Life & Hospitality Committee of The South Shore United Church. No ticket fee. Please RSVP to (506) 364-2303 by September 10, 2016 *Grace Annie Lockhart was the first woman in the British Empire to receive a bachelor's degree. She was an early leader in the suffragette movement and an outspoken supporter of women's education — truly ahead of her time. We hope that you will join us as we celebrate this amazing alumna.*

September 4

A Fertile Ground for Learning

Bethe Benjamin-Cameron, who has begun a new pastoral relationship as a member of the Order of Ministry in Prince Edward Island, reflects on her years at the Atlantic School of Theology.

Following a call to ordained ministry in your mid-40s can be a daunting task. It was indeed a little scary but not impossible with God's help. Balancing a half-time pastoral charge, family, and studies was easier than it looked with the support of the professors, staff, and other students at the Atlantic School of Theology. The school offered a fertile ground for academic learning as well as space for creative spiritual experience and expression.

Our gifts for Mission & Service generously support the work of the Atlantic School of Theology and six other theological schools across the country where students become members of the Order of Ministry.

Meister Eckhart said: "If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough."

Students like Bethe offer prayers of gratitude to Atlantic School of Theology and to the generosity of Mission & Service for recognizing the importance of supporting our theological schools so that well-equipped, educated, and caring people can offer ministry in many ways in The United Church of Canada.

Please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith.

Loving God, we are called to be your colours in the world, to walk with each other, to share in love through our gifts for Mission & Service. Guide us to shine brightly in the world. Amen

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