

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
April 18, 2021 – 10:30 am
Third Sunday of Easter

Covenanting of New Elders
Welcoming New Members

Central Queens' Mission Statement

Central Queens 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 united by God's love to live and serve as Disciples of Christ.

The Community Gathers

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Moment of Silence for the Killings in Nova Scotia Last Year

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

*Introit You Are Holy MV#45 x3

*Call to Worship

We gather with joy, for Easter brings us new life.

The Risen Christ is with us wherever we go.

Love breaks all bonds and unites us in hope.

Christ has defeated death. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Come and worship with hearts full of praise.

O God, receive our grateful Hallelujahs!

*Hymn Come, Children, Join to Sing VU #345

Prayer of Approach

**God our Maker, we come before you this day,
giving thanks for all the wonder in your creation:
For the detailed perfection revealed in a baby's tiny fingers,
in pussy willows unzipping their jackets to greet the spring,
in each rock face worn by wind and water, witnessing to your
ancient design like wrinkles around an aging smile.**

With Jesus, we share in the ancient prayer. . .

*Hymn All Things Bright and Beautiful VU #291 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn All Things Bright and Beautiful VU #291 vs 4 & 5

Listening for God's Word

Sacred Readings

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4 VU #727

Luke 24:36b-48

Anthem It's Always Easter in My Heart

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to God's Word

Covenanting with Elders Please Refer to Accompanying Booklet

Welcoming New Members Please Refer to Accompanying Booklet

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands VU #537

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory Prayer**

God our Maker, you have given us life in a world filled with so much abundance. In Christ you have given us new life and abundant hope. We offer our gifts to you, knowing they are part of your abundance. Bless them and bless us, that we may bring hope and new life in Christ's name to a world that so badly needs these gifts. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn** Walk with Me VU #649

***Blessing**

Go out this day knowing that you are witnesses to the risen Christ.

**With her eyes open to wonder,
their minds attuned to goodness,
with our souls aware of what fears and doubts still remain
but with our hearts open to joy and forgiveness,
we go in peace to love and serve the world.**

***Choral Amen**

***Choral Benediction** Go Now in Peace

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

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Warm Welcome to All – We are glad you are here as a visitor, a seeker, someone looking for a new church home, or as a regular worshiper. All are welcome.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Martha Vickerson. Presented by Walter & Pat Carver & family. Bulletins are also placed in loving memory of Sheldon Moore who passed away April 24, 1999. Remembered by Lois, Brian, Janet, Fred, Alyssa & Kaylee.

Welcoming New Members & Covenanting New Elders – Today we will be welcoming new members to Central Queens United and covenanting our new Elders.

Sympathies are extended to Don Smith & Marjorie MacLean on the loss of Don's brother, James Smith.

Life and Work of Our Church

Greg's Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am – 12 pm. If anyone is in the hospital or would like a visit from Greg, please call him at 902-964-2291. If you wish to meet with Greg outside the scheduled hours, please call 902-964-2291 or email minister@cquc.ca for an appointment.

In-Church Services: Registration is **required**. To registration, please call 902-964-2221 or email office@cquc.ca. Masks **are required**. If you are registering **after 12 pm Thursday**, please text or call Velda at 902-940-7674.

Youth Service – The last Sunday of the month, April 25th, will be focused on contemporary worship for everyone, especially for our families and youth.

Central Queens United Church Roast Beef Dinner – Central Queens United Church is holding their Spring Take-Out Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, May 15th. Tasty hot roast beef with all the trimmings including a delicious dessert! Ticket prices: \$16/adult, \$7/child (6-12 yrs.), free for children under 6 yrs. of age. If possible, volunteer staff working at the roast beef dinner on May 15th are asked to pick up their dinners at 6:30 pm after the public is served. Thank you.

***** Please note:** This dinner is TAKE-OUT ONLY due to Covid-19 concerns. Customers should remain in their cars and dinners will be delivered to them.

Three Take-Out Times: 3:30, 4:30, and 5:30 pm

To order tickets, call Lois at 902-621-0669 or Debbie at 902-964-2882.

Prayer Shawls & Baby Blankets – Our supply of prayer shawls and baby blankets is getting low. Anyone who is interested in knitting or crocheting some or donating the yarn are asked to bring them to the office. Thank you for your help in this important ministry.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. Next order date will be May 2nd. You can reach Janet by email (jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone (902-393-1527). Ordering will be every 2 weeks. E-transfers accepted.

Pop Can Pull Tabs – George Mason is collecting pop can pull tabs which are then given to the Daughters of the Nile women's organization. The funds then go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for the children in the hospital. Your can tab collections can be dropped off here at the church.

E-Transfers – Central Queens United Church is now set up to accept E-Transfers. If you wish to give your offerings through E-Transfer, please send via email to veldabertram@gmail.com.

Central Queens Emmaus Walkers – Come join us as we walk and chat every Thursday at 12 pm. Please check Facebook each week to see where we will be meeting. All are welcome.

Bookworms United – The April meeting for Bookworms United will be held on Wednesday, April 28th, at 10:30 pm. The book that will be discussed is THE BEST KIND OF PEOPLE by Zoe Whittall.

Food Bank – Please remember to continue your support for the Food Bank with non-perishable food items. You can drop them off any Sunday or during the week in the wooden box at the church entrance.

Weekly Bulletins can be sponsored by you in celebration or remembrance of a loved one. There is a signup sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

Community News

The Camp Abby Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20th, at North Bedeque United Church. Start time is 6:30 pm. They are hoping that each Pastoral Charge will send one representative to collect information about what is happening and pick up the new pamphlets and posters.

If you are able to attend, contact Sharon Howatt at vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca to register. We can only host 50 people so registration is mandatory. The cut off date will be Monday, April 19th.

WIDEN MY VISION

God, open my eyes so I may see
And feel Your presence close to me.
Give me strength for my stumbling feet
As I battle the crowd on life's busy street,
And widen the vision of my unseeing eyes
So in passing faces I'll recognize
Not just a stranger, unloved and unknown,
But a friend with a heart that is much like my own.
Give me perception to make me aware
That scattered profusely on life's thoroughfare
Are the best gifts of God that we daily pass by
As we look at the world with an unseeing eye.

By: Helen Steiner Rice