

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
August 15, 2021 – 10:30 am
Twelveth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

*Introit I Can Feel You Near Me God MV #48

*Call to Worship (based on Ephesians 5)

Come let us worship and seek God's wisdom for our lives.

**We will be careful in how we live
and make the most of our time here.**

May we be filled with the Holy Spirit
As we sing psalms and hymns together.

**We will make melody to the Lord in our hearts,
and give thanks to God.**

*Hymn Open My Eyes, That I May See VU #371

Prayer of Approach

Loving Creator, we try to take in the goodness that Jesus offers us, but sometimes we do not see clearly. We miss the deeper meaning of his words and actions. We miss the way you try to reach out to guide our living. Give us a willingness to open our hearts to your wisdom, and discover you in the ordinary experiences of our days.

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

Hymn Holy Spirit, Hear Us VU #377 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children based on 1 Kings 2

Hymn Holy Spirit, Hear Us VU #377 vs 3 & 4

Listening for God's Word

Sacred Readings

Ephesians 5:15-20

Psalm 119 Part Three VU #839-840

John 6:51-58

Anthem The Older I Get Harry Lowther

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to God's Word

Offertory Invitation

*Offertory What Can I Do? MV #191

*Presentation of Offering

*Offertory Prayer

Loving God, you come into our hearts and lives in many ways. You guide us to share your encouragement and compassion with others. We offer our time, our talents, our treasures so others will feel your care through us. We dedicate all we are and all we give in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Hymn Come Touch Our Hearts MV #12 Vs 1-4

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction When You Walk from Here VU #298 x2

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

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A Warm Welcome to All – We are delighted you've joined us. May God's word today strengthen your faith, inspire curiosity and learning, and motivate your service of others. All are welcome.

Vacation – Greg is on vacation from August 2 – September 8th.

Thank You – The congregation of Central Queens United Church would like to thank Rev Dr Karen MacLeod-Wilkie for leading our worship service this morning. Judy Corey will be leading our worship service next Sunday, August 22nd.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Annabel Schnurr. Lovingly remembered by daughter, Mo Prouse.

Life and Work of Our Church

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

FundScrip – Next order date will be August 22nd. You can reach Janet by email (jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone (902-393-1527). Ordering will be every 2 weeks. E-transfers accepted.

Yard Sale – Central Queens United Church will be hosting a yard sale here on Saturday, August 28th, from 8 am – 1 pm. Church members are encouraged to contribute articles in good condition as well as craft and baked goods. Articles for the sale can be donated at the church during regular business hours or on Sundays. Set-up on Friday, August 27th, at 6 pm. All volunteers needed, please. For further information, contact Lois at 902-621-0669 or Velda at 902-964-2210.

Church Calendar Renewal Time – Renewal time is here again! The Church calendars order is to be in by August 31st. Anyone that have changes to their family list, please call the Church office at 964-2221 or Debbie at 964-2882. There will be forms at the back of the Church for anyone wishing to add their family to the calendar. The calendars will ready for delivery by mid November. The cost is \$10.00.

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

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 sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

Central Queens Emmaus Walkers – Central Queens Emmaus Walkers will be taking a break over the summer. See you in September!!

Bookworms United will be on recess until September 4th. More details to follow.

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.

Bulletin Deadline – Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday** evening. Bulletin items can be emailed to office@cquc.ca.

The Gift of Friendship

Friendship is a priceless gift that cannot be bought or sold,
But its value is far greater than a mountain made of gold –
For gold is cold and lifeless, it can neither see nor hear,
And in the time of trouble it is powerless to cheer.
It has no ears to listen, no heart to understand,
It cannot bring you comfort or reach out a helping hand –
So when you ask God for a gift, be thankful if He sends
Not diamonds, pearls, or riches, but the love of real true friends.

By: Helen Steiner Rice

We don’t always know the extent of the good we do even when we are giving generously. When we make a gift, we hope to have an impact but often can’t foresee how many lives we touch or how far our care extends. Mambud Samai’s story is a tangible example of how your gifts through Mission & Service send ripples of compassion across continents. Mambud, a pastor, lives in Sierra Leone, where an estimated 27,000 citizens became amputees during the civil war that raged between 1991 and 2002. To support amputees he visited in rehabilitation camps after the war, Mambud turned to soccer, his country’s favourite sport. He founded a soccer league for amputees called the Single Leg Amputee Sports Club of Sierra Leone to help restore hope. Now 350 members strong, the league isn’t just about helping amputees overcome discrimination, restoring their pride, and providing therapeutic support. As if these alone aren’t amazing.

“I would like to thank the donors for providing support. I want to thank them very, very much. I want to encourage them that their support is never going in vain.” —Mambud

Your Generosity Has a Worldwide Impact: Mambud’s Story

Two years ago, Mambud decided he wanted to make an even bigger difference. So, he flew all the way to the Asian Rural Institute (ARI for short), a unique school in Japan that your Mission & Service gifts support. Thanks to generous supporters like you, ARI trains thousands of leaders like Mambud from all over the world to grow food, tend livestock, and be effective change agents in their community.

After graduating from the nine-month program at ARI, Mambud returned to the soccer fields of Sierra Leone with a new goal: to develop teaching farms where people can learn to grow food sustainably and support themselves financially by selling that food at market. Mambud and members of the Single Leg Amputee Sports Club of Sierra Leone now run an educational farm, and there are plans to convert more of Sierra Leone’s fertile land into gardens and teaching centres. In a country where the average person lives just 43 years, Mambud’s extraordinary leadership and the skills he learned in Japan save lives. From Canada to Japan to Sierra Leone—Mambud’s story is just one example of how your gifts do a world of good. If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please help

transform and save lives, inspire meaning and purpose, and build a better world through our shared Mission & Service.

By supporting leaders like Mambud with education and training, your generosity helps change lives around the world. Thank you!

