

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
July 11 2021 – 10:30 am
Seventh 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

The earth is God's and all that is in it.

The world and those who live in it belong to God.

Who is the Sovereign of glory?

The One, who is strong and mighty!

So lift up your heads and your hearts!

We will lift them up in praise!

Let us worship God in beauty and holiness.

**We will offer God our steadfast love and faithfulness,
now and always.**

*Hymn Praise to the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet VU #245

Prayer of Approach

Gracious God, source of life and love in all creation,
in a world marked by bitterness, you are compassion.
In a culture marked by confusion, you are light shining in the
darkness.

In a time of conspiracies and suspicion, you are the truth that
sets us free.

Your stillness is peace when we are frantic.

Your strength is comfort when we are fearful.

Your wisdom is guidance when we are lost.

For all that you are and all that you give,

God, our Maker,

Christ, our Saviour,

and Spirit who leads us into life,

we offer you all honour, praise and worship, now and always.

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

Hymn This is God's Wondrous World VU #296 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn This is God's Wondrous World VU #296 vs 3

Listening for God's Word

Sacred Readings

Ephesians 1:3-14

Psalm 24

VU #751

Mark 6:14-29

Anthem

David Butterworth

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to God's Word

Offertory Invitation

***Offertory** Grant Us, God, the Grace VU #540

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory Prayer**

Generous God, we look around at the growth in gardens and fields this summer, and trust in the generosity you have planted within your creation. Bless the gifts we bring, that they too may grow in fruitfulness, and touch lives in need with your generous love, in the name of Christ, our help and our hope. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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

***Blessing**

***Choral Benediction** When You Walk from Here VU #298 x3

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers All of us

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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.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of grand-daughter, Olivia Rodd (October 24, 2010 – July 14, 2020). Presented by Don & Kim Rodd and family. Bulletins are also placed in loving memory of Shirley Moore (1951-2016). Remembered by the Moore family.

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.

Bulletin Covers – In an effort to use up our current supply, over the next few Sundays a combination of two different bulletin covers will be used for our bulletins.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. Next order date will be July 25th. You can reach Janet by email (jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone (902-393-1527). Ordering will be every 2 weeks. E-transfers accepted.

In-Church Services: Registration is **required**. To register, please call 902-964-2221 or email office@cquc.ca. Masks **are required** when entering and exiting the church and while singing. If you are registering **after 12 pm Thursday**, please text or call Velda at 902-940-7674.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

Community News

Camp Abby A list of the Camp Abby’s must needed items is posted on the bulletin board by the church office. Donations are gratefully accepted to help keep their costs down. Below is the list of camps. *Please note* – this is updated as of June 30th. To register, please visit their website at www.campabegweit.ca and click on “Register Today”.

Summer 2021

Week	Start Date	Age Group	Regular Price	Availability
Family Camp	June 25 th - June 27 th	Family	\$245.00	Completed
Week 1	July 4 th - July 9 th	7-12	\$345.00	Limited
Week 2	July 11 th - July 16 th	7-12	\$345.00	Full
Week 3	July 19 th - July 21 st	5-7	\$245.00	Yes
Week 4	July 25 th - July 30 th	7-12	\$345.00	Full
Week 5	August 1 st - August 6 th	11-13	\$345.00	Limited
Week 6	August 8 th - August 13 th	13-16	\$345.00	Yes

You Are There Every Step of the Way: Jason’s Story

There’s a saying: “You can’t understand another person’s experience until you’ve walked a mile in their shoes.” Today, there are 2,900 active and aspiring ministry personnel in The United Church of Canada, and you have travelled alongside them in their journey. Your gifts through Mission & Service support ministry students every step of the way by helping with education costs and providing financial support.

The Rev. Jason Meyers, a new ordinand, didn’t grow up in the church. “It was through a series of events that happened in my life, through brokenness and suffering and having the person of Jesus influence how my life was unfolding, that ministry became an option,” he explains.

After his son was born, Jason couldn’t ignore the call to ministry he had felt for some time. “After Isaiah was baptized, our minister asked me to write Isaiah a letter that he would read when Isaiah is confirmed as a teenager. I started to write things like ‘Isaiah, I want you to follow your dreams and follow what God is calling you to do in your life.’ I realized that I wasn’t doing that in my own life.” The day after writing the letter to his son, Jason walked to a theological college to learn more about ministry education.

A few years later, Jason was heading off on another walk, this time to his ordination ceremony. The journey started at Emmanuel College in Toronto and ended in Barrie, Ontario, a two-week, 225-kilometre-long spiritual pilgrimage. As he walked, Jason reflected on his journey with God and prepared himself spiritually for ordination and ministry.

That was in 2019. Since then, what has surprised Jason most about ministry is his expanding capacity to love. “I thought that when my kids were born, that was kind of the size my heart would be, but I’ve come to love the church, the people, and the vocation of ministry more deeply than I ever imagined. I’m so thankful that Jesus reached into my life and invited me on this journey with him,” he says. And what would Jason say to those whose generosity has supported his journey to ordination through Mission & Service? “I’d say it’s worth it. The church is alive and vibrant, and it’s worth investing in. The leaders are working hard and are bringing the best of themselves into the ministry, into the church, and into the world.”

Please give a gift through Mission & Service. Through your gifts, you show you care about quality ministry leadership. Thanks to your generosity, love is there, training and supporting leaders every step of the way. “I’m so thankful that Jesus reached into my life and invited me on this journey with him.”—Jason

LEARN TO REST

We all need short vacations
in life's fast and maddening race
An interlude of quietness
from the constant, jet-age pace,
So when your day is pressure-packed
and your hours are all too few,
Just close your eyes and meditate
and let God talk to you.
For when we keep on pushing,
we're not following in God's way
We are foolish, selfish robots
mechanized to fill each day
With unimportant trivia
that makes life more complex
And gives us greater problems to irritate and vex.
So when your nervous network
becomes a tangled mess,
Just close your eyes in silent prayer
and ask the Lord to bless
Each thought that you are thinking,
each decision you must make,
As well as every work you speak
and every step you take.
For only by the grace of God
can you gain self-control,
And only meditative thoughts
can restore your peace and soul.
By: Helen Steiner Rice