

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
May 2, 2021 – 10:30 am
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 Come, Now is the Time to Worship

*Call to Worship

God has given us this wonderful creation and all that grows and lives within it.

Thanks be to God.

God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

Thanks be to God.

God has gathered us into a community of care and concern.

So let us worship God with love, thanksgiving and praise.

*Hymn Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU #374

Prayer of Approach

Spirit of God, you gather us into one body and community of faith. In your presence we find strength. Bless us with grace to cooperate with one another in love and service that we might be signs of unity in this broken and fractured world. Teach us to show compassion for those in need, to face challenges with imagination, to counter disappointments with prayful trust. As we worship, gather us in and grant us peace. Amen.

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

*Hymn Come, O Fount of Every Blessing VU #559 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn Come, O Fount of Every Blessing VU #559 vs 3

Prayers of Confession & Renewal

God our creator, redeemer and sustainer, we confess there are so many ways we fail to love you fully. Forgive us for our lack of reverence for the earth and for using up more than our share of its resources. Forgive us for ignoring the cries of others who know pain or discrimination which we dismiss as mere complaint. Forgive us from seeking praise from others yet failing to encourage them in their projects and to achieve their goals. Forgive us God and root our lives more deeply in your love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In the Gospel of John, it is written that God is love and that God's perfect love casts out fear. Friends, we are promised that those who abide in love abide in God and God abides in them. Claim your hope in this good news.

We claim this promise that God's love is great. That God heard our cares and concerns. Thanks be to God that all is forgiven when we honestly ask to begin again.

Listening for God's Word

Sacred Readings

Psalm 14 and 53 VU #735
Luke 15:1-10

Anthem Solo by Ann Andrews

Sermon The Lost One

Responding to God's Word

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow VU #541

*Presentation of Offering

*Offertory Prayer

Generous God, we bless you for your gift of life renewed through Christ's love and through springtime growth in fields and gardens. Bless the gifts we offer you. May they bring hope and renewal to others as we serve in the name of your greatest gift, Jesus our Risen Lord. Amen

*Hymn One More Step Along the World I Go VU #639

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction Dance with the Spirit MV #156

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

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All of us

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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.

Thank You – The congregation of Central Queens United Church would like to thank Rev. Barb Wagner for leading our worship service this morning.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Ralph Howes. Lovingly remembered by Ruby, Fred, Janet, Alyssa and Kaylee Howes.

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.

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.

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 – Our next book club meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, May 26th, at 10:30 am in the church parlour. We chose Mark Carney's new book, VALUES: BUILDING A BETTER WORLD FOR ALL. There are several copies available in bookstores in Charlottetown.

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

Camp Abegweit will have their opening/ cleaning/ setting up day on **Saturday, May 15th**. We’ll begin gathering at 9:00.... come and join in for whatever time you can. Many hands.... and the work becomes fun! Bring along your own gloves, buckets, cleaning rags. Due to COVID restrictions we all need to be masked when working inside and everyone needs to bring along your own lunch. We have lots of room to share space in the lodge to eat.... or maybe we’ll be at the picnic tables! Trucks are always helpful in getting the mattresses to the cabins. It’s a great time to see what your church’s cabin might need for the upcoming season. We’ve all been missing Abby.... come join in the reopening!!

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.

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 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! Due to COVID restriction, we will have to purchase the desserts. Anyone interested in making a donation to go towards this cost, please mark on your donation that it is for “Roast Beef Dinner Desserts” and place in the box on the table at the back of the sanctuary. 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 16th. You can reach Janet by email (jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone (902-393-1527). Ordering will be every 2 weeks. E-transfers accepted.