

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
May 23, 2021 – 10:30 am
Day of 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 Spirit of the Living God VU #376

*Call to Worship

Here we gather for song and scripture, seeking comfort and hope, seeking to be inspired as well as challenged.

Here we gather to retell the ancient tales and wonder how God's story continues to unfold.

Today we tell the story of Pentecost, the story of the Holy Spirit rushing in like a wild wind and dancing like flames upon each of the disciples,

And we ask ourselves where we see the Holy Spirit present in our world today.

Today we tell a story of the Holy Spirit igniting hope again. We will hear Peter claim his identity, tell his story and inspire others to see the Holy at work in the world.

And we will ask ourselves if we are ready to share our own stories.

Friends, welcome. Welcome to this place with all your questions, doubts, wonders and find here an invitation to experience something ancient and something new.

May we be open to the Spirit.

May we be open to learning and learning from one another.

May we grow in faith, hope, and love.

Come, let this time of worship hold us, challenge us and transform us, let us worship God!

*Hymn Come, O Holy Spirit MV #23

Prayer of Approach

God of power and possibility,

With the flame of your Spirit, you give us energy to move into the world in Jesus' name.

With the breath of your Spirit, you refresh us to engage life in its complexity.

Your Spirit embraces us in our diversity and invites us to find unity in your love.

We honour you for the gift of creation in all its beauty and bounty. We praise you for your presence with us in every time and place. In this time of worship, send us the Holy Spirit once again, and renew us to serve you in the world, the world that aches for the healing and wholeness you offer.

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

*Hymn Jesus, Name Above All Names

All God's Children

Hymn Jesus, Name Above All Names

Listening for God's Word

Sacred Readings

Exekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

VU #827 Part Two

Acts 2:1-21

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to God's Word

Offertory Invitation

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

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory Prayer**

Spirit of love, bless the gifts we offer so that they accomplish surprising things in Jesus' name. Bless our lives, too, so that our words and actions may bear witness to God's great love and mercy each and every day. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn** She Comes Sailing on the Wind VU #380

***Blessing**

***Choral Amen**

***Choral Benediction**

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 Coltin Daniel Leveillee (January 15, 1989 – May 25, 1989). Presented by Kim Rodd, Suzanne and Harvey Silliphant and Nancy Richard.

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.

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.

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.

Student Summer Employment – We have received a student grant for student summer employment. For more information, please contact the church office at 902-964-2221 or email at office@cquc.ca, if interested.

FundScrip – Next order date will be May 30th. You can reach Janet by email (jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone (902-393-1527). Ordering will be every 2 weeks. E-transfers accepted.

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.

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.

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.

Bookworms United – Our next book club meeting is this Wednesday, May 26th, at 10:30 am in the church parlour. We will be discussing Mark Carney's new book, VALUES: BUILDING A BETTER WORLD FOR ALL.

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 has need of one more Program Coordinator for this summer - Outdoor Life. This is a great role for anyone who has a love of the outdoors and has knowledge and experience to share with our campers about trees, plants, birds and all that the natural environment has to offer us. Go to www.campabby.ca or find us on FaceBook to see a fuller description of the position. If you are interested or have questions please contact Staff Chair, Pix at pixmpc@bellalaint.net.

QEH Foundation – The QEH Foundation is excited to launch the **QEH Stream-a-thon**, a re-imagined community celebration of heroes on Sunday, May 30th, from 2-4pm. This two-hour virtual event, sponsored by Eastlink Community TV, can be viewed online on the QEH Foundation's Facebook page, YouTube channel and on Eastlink Community TV, channels 10 and 610. All funds raised from this virtual event will support the purchase of priority medical equipment for the provincial Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the QEH. You can phone in your support by calling during the broadcast toll free at 1-833-335-0545 or beforehand at 902-894-2425. Donate anytime online at www.qehfoundation.pe.ca. **Thank you and stay safe!**

POEM FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY © By Andrew King

SUDDENLY THERE CAME A SOUND. . . .

(Acts 2:1-21)

It was one of those days where leaves are thrashed
from tree branches writhing under a racing sky,
and my childhood friend playing outdoors with me wondered:
does the wind ever stop blowing?

And does it stop somewhere, he asked again,
or just keep going around and around the world?

Back then I said I didn't know
but now I know there came a day
when a wind began in a certain house
that filled with a light like flame,

and that wind had the roar of justice,
and that wind had the rush of love,
and that wind had the whisper of peace and compassion,
and it carried the words of hope and joy
to an anxious and needy world.

And it was gentle enough to touch the wounded soul
And strong enough to stir the ever seeking hearts
Of women and men, young and old,
From city to distant shores,

And it pulled down walls of distrust and fear
And threw open doors of possibility,
And oaks of hatred have bent in its path
And palisades of pain have fallen to its strength
And new life has spread like scatted seed

And yes, my friend, that wind circles the word
And no, it has never stopped blowing.

