

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
August 14, 2022 – 10:30 am

Tenth 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.

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

*Introit Let Us Build A House MV #1 vs 1

Call to Worship

All who are bent over with worry,
this is a place of sanctuary.

All who are burdened with life,
this is a house of care.

All who are lost to community,
this is a company of welcome.

All who travel with questions,
this is a community of seekers.

All who reach out for God,
this is a sacred place of worship.

Come, let us worship

*Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling VU #333

Opening Prayer

You have always known our names, O God.

You always seek us out,
celebrate our worth,
and call us to follow.

You call out our names today;
we hear and follow you again
into a life transformed and renewed. Amen

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 80 Part Two VU #794-795

*Hymn Jesus, Friend of Little Children VU #340 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

*Hymn Jesus, Friend of Little Children VU #340 vs 3

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, you see each heart; you feel the weight of the baggage we bring with us: the cares, the worries, the fears. You know that we are not all joyful, even as we enjoy this beautiful summer. We do not ask you for a bandage to cover up the hurt; we are not looking for a quick fix. Bandages and quick fixes are on offer everywhere. No, God, we ask you to come and be with us: in our praying, in our not knowing how to pray, in our not being able to pray. Gather us into your loving arms; draw us into the mystery of your presence so that we may find our true selves and our true joy. We pray in the name of Jesus, whom you sent to find us.

Assurance of God's Love

God is indeed attentive to our every need. To every voice raised in joy or in sorrow, you hear us. God journeys with and cares deeply for each of us.

We are well loved! Alleluia! Amen!

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering** Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow
VU #541

Offertory Prayer

From the beauty of your world, we offer our humble gifts.
May they be used as a blessing unto others wherever
need exists. Amen

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Isaiah 5:1-7
Luke 12:49-56

Anthem

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying VU #400

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** Joyful, Joyful We Adore You VU #232

*Blessing

***Postlude** Go, Make a Diff'rence MV #209 Chorus, Vs 1, Chorus

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.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Annabel Schnurr.
Remembered with love by daughter, Mo Prouse.

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

Vacation – Greg and Ellen will be away on vacation from Monday, August 8th – Tuesday, September 6th. David Butterworth will be leading our worship service next Sunday, August 21st.

Life and Work of Our Church

In-Church Services: Masks are recommended but not required.

Sunday School will be resuming on Sunday, September 18th. Anyone wishing to help with this important ministry, please contact the church office.

Rosewood Services - The Elders will be leading the service this Thursday, August 18th, at 6:30 pm.

FundScrip – The next order date will be Sunday, August 21st. You can reach Janet Howes by email (jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. Promotion for August – Pet Smart 5 %.

FündScrip

Central Queens Dinner Theater will be presenting “HEE HAW” on September 15th, 16th, and 17th at 7 pm. Included is a three-course roast beef dinner. Cost: \$32.50/adult. Contact Lois at 902-621-0669 to get your tickets. Tickets are going fast.

Scent-Free – “*No scents makes good sense*” recognizing that some of our church attendees have sensitivity and/or allergic reactions to various fragrant products. Thank you for your cooperation so that everyone can attend our church.

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.

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.

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



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

Bookworms United – Bookworms United is on vacation for the summer months. See you in the Fall!

Camp Abby News - It is hard to believe that our camping season for summer 2022 is now half over.

Many thanks to everyone who donated dishes, our cupboards are now well stocked for this summer and probably next. If you would still like to donate some cereal, juice or s'mores supplies, they would be greatly appreciated.

Stay tuned for details on our upcoming fall fundraising dinner.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Monday, August 15th, at 7 pm. Featuring Dino Dunsford and Alf Morais and Friends. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm.

IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD

In spite of the fact we complain and lament
And view this old world with much discontent,
Deploring conditions and grumbling because
There's so much injustice and so many flaws,
It's a wonderful world, and it's people like you
Who make it that way by the things that they do.
For a warm, ready smile or a kind, thoughtful deed
Or a hand outstretched in an hour of need
Can change our whole outlook
And make the world bright
Where a minute before just nothing seemed right.
It's a wonderful world and it always will be
If we keep our eyes open and focused to see
The wonderful things we are capable of
When we open our hearts to God and God's love.

By: Helen Steiner Rice (adapted)

Mission & Service - You Give Skills for Success: Kathleen's Story

Camp is more than a holiday. It gives young people skills that last a lifetime. Kathleen is a special education teacher, a busy mom of three children under the age of five, and a youth and young adults coordinator at her church. She says her early summer church camp experience continues to impact her approach to each of these important roles.

"Camp taught me that children are precious and we're there to help them and guide them. Vespers taught me to take a deep breath in times of stress. Chaplains showed me how to bring out the best in children and draw out their talents. All those things I learned from camp I now apply to my everyday world, including motherhood," says Kathleen.

Kathleen grew up in very formal churches where she felt she had to be perfect all the time. Outdoors, in an informal setting, her faith blossomed. "Today, because I learned to connect with God in nature, I can take time to reflect and I can show God's love." – Kathleen

"I never felt really connected to God before going to camp. It opened up my perspective of what church is. My relationship with God expanded. I learned to pray, to reflect, and to experience God in nature."

Those early lessons continue to ground Kathleen in trying moments.

"Today, because I learned to connect with God in nature, I can take time to reflect and I can show God's love. When I'm too stressed, I can take a quick look at a bird or tree and remember that God is with me when a student is expressing their frustration. Staying calm and showing God's love is huge. It goes a long way. I remind my own children that God is with them, even in the hardest times too," she says.

Before COVID, approximately 20,000 children attended a United Church camp every year. During the pandemic, many camps provided virtual support to young people during lockdown. "I just want to say a huge thank you to Mission & Service donors for their support of camps," says Kathleen. "I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for their support. Thank you."