

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
April 30, 2023 – 10:30 am

Fourth 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.

Gathering for Worship

Hymn Sing

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation

*Introit Bless the Lord (Taizé) x 4

Call to Worship

God, our Shepherd, offers us abundant life.

God, you are with us!

God, our Shepherd, leads us by still waters.

God, restore our souls!

God, our Shepherd, walks with us through every dark valley.

God, we will not be afraid! God, our Shepherd, we praise you

for your goodness and mercy is with us every day.

So on the first day of the week, we praise our God and give thanks.

*Hymn

He Leadeth Me

VU #657

Prayer of Approach

Inclusive God, we are here together to listen to teaching, to praise, and to pray and share as part of the worldwide Christian community.

Thanks be to God.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 23 *God is My shepherd*

VU #749

*Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

VU #365 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

VU #365 vs 3

Children may retire to Sunday School

Call to Transformation and New Life

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Loving God, thank you for community: for those who meet here each week and for the wider community, for all those who care for others and share generosity. We hear of the costly commitment of the early church and are aware of our shortcomings:

the prayers we have neglected to pray,

the community members we have not visited,

the phone calls we have not made,

the people we find hard to love,

the dissension we have allowed to continue,

the resource we have not joyfully shared,

we remember these and other failures to live in community,

and we are sorry.

Assurance of God's Unending Love

God's loving, welcoming arms are open, even when we feel we are unlovable. God gives us the grace to move forward in our lives and in our communities.

Thanks be to God.

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering** You Nourish Us VU #545

*Offertory Prayer

God our Creator, your welcome to us is warm and your provision is generous, your goodness and mercy overflow. We bring these gifts today: money we have earned or saved, with food prepared or chosen. Use them so that your abundant life is shared with those who need it most. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

**Acts 2:42-47
John 10:1-10**

Anthem

Sarah Weeks

Sermon

Reflective Music

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Responding to God's Word

***Hymn** The King of Love VU #273

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction

Wherever You May Go

MV #216

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

Ministers

All of us

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9 am – 12 pm

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A Warm Welcome to All – We are delighted you have 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 our parents Elmer & Odelma Reeves and Les & Hazel Frizzell. Lovingly remembered by Cecil & Marion Frizzell

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: Masks are recommended but not required.

Church Roof Fundraiser – At a recent congregational meeting, it was decided to fundraise the needed funds to repair the damage to the roof and siding from Hurricane Fiona. The estimated amount to repair the damage is \$42,064, less insurance coverage of \$26,625, leaves a net amount of \$15,438. A motion to raise \$18,000, in case of overruns, was approved. The fundraising timeline will be until July 15th. Donations can be dropped off at the church office on Sundays, in the mailbox located at the side entrance or by e-transfer to veldabertram@gmail.com.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is Sunday, May 14th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.



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

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

Central Queens UCW “Queens Unit” are meeting on Tuesday, May 9th, at 7:30 pm at the home of Joan D Bernard. Worship: Velda Bertram; Program: Joan G Bernard; Lunch: Velda Bertram & Kim Rodd. Roll Call will be answered by a verse or poem about mothers.

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.

Bookworms United – The next meeting of Bookworms United is Thursday, May 25th, at 9:30 am in the church parlour. The book selection is the recent winner of Canada Reads, DUCKS by Kate Beaton.

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

Scent-Free – “No scents make good sense”

Please refrain from wearing scented products such as perfume, cologne, and fragrant personal care products as they can trigger serious health issues for those with fragrance allergies. Thank you for your cooperation so that everyone can attend our church.

Youth @ Region (formerly I@C and YF) from May 26th-May 28th at UPEI in Charlottetown. Y@R is a place of community and a place of faith where United Church youth, between grade 6 and grade 12, meet from across New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and the Gaspé. It is an inclusive, diverse, and safe community for youth in the name of Christ and a place for youth to explore their faith and to learn more about the United Church of Canada while sharing in music, worship, and fun in a spirit-filled community. For more information, please contact Catherine Stuart at cstuart@united-church.ca. To register:

https://ucceast.ca/77877-youthregion-may-26-28-2023-university-of-price-edward-island?#gf_531

Camp Abby Camp Clean Up will be this Saturday, April 29th, from 9 am to 3 pm. Bring your bucket, shop vac and lunch. If you have any amount of time on this day to help, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Board Chair, Sharon Howatt, at vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca if you have any questions.

Camp Abby is looking for donations of kitchen supplies, **specifically large pans for serving food**. If you have pans you would like to donate, please contact Alex Corbett at alexcorbett@campabby.ca or by phone at 902-626-8037.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Winter Series Ceilidh this afternoon, April 30th, at 2 pm. Host Eddy Quinn welcomes special guests Peggy Clinton and Johnny Ross plus guest drummer and vocalist Billy Matthews. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.