

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
August 20, 2023 – 10:30 am
Twelfth 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

Bible Presentation

*Introit Come People of the Risen King

*Call to Worship

The Spirit of God calls to us,
with sighs too deep for words.

The Spirit of God calls to us,
claiming us,
summoning us to become more than we now are.

Calling us by name: God's children.

With heart, mind, and soul open, we worship God.

Hymn The Lord's my Shepherd

Prayer of Approach

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 23

VU #749

Hymn Hold me Lord

Call to Reconciliation

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Hymn 10,000 Reasons

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

God calls us to show our love through the kindness we offer our neighbours. Our offering will spread the gifts God has given us to neighbours in need. We give as we are able, we give as we are called.

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering** Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

*Offertory Prayer

Freely you give to us, dear God, and freely we would give to you. Open our hands and hearts to your way of generosity and accept what we bring. We dedicate these gifts and ourselves to your loving purposes, trusting that with your blessing, we will become the people you would have us be. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Mark 4:30-41

Mark 5:1-20

Anthem Lift High the Name of Jesus

Thought for the Day

Responding to the Word

Prayers of the People

***Hymn** Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

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All of us

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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.

Thank You – The congregation of Central Queens United Church would like thank David Butterworth for leading us in worship this morning.

Vacation – Greg and Ellen Davis are away on vacation till September 5th. Kirk Neville will be leading us in worship next Sunday, August 27th.

Life and Work of Our Church

In the Event of an Emergency – Rev. Eric Lynk is the on-call minister who will be available for emergencies while Greg is away. In the event of an emergency, please contact Don Rodd, Clerk of Session, at 902-393-3510.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is Sunday, September 3rd. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

FündScrip

Sunday School Leader & Teachers Needed – We are looking for people to lead and to help with our Sunday School ministry. If this is something that you have a gift/talent for or feel called to do, please contact the church office. Help us to continue this very important ministry. Sunday School opening will be on September 17th.

Church Roof Fundraiser – A huge thank you goes out to all who've contributed over \$16,000 towards our \$18,000 fundraising goal!!

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 Dinner Theater will be presenting "The 50's and 60's" on September 14th, 15th, & 16th 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 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.

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.

Food Bank – Please remember to support the Food Bank with non-perishable food items. You can drop them off any Sunday or during church office hours in the wooden box at the church entrance.

Pop Can Pull Tabs – Remember your 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 go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for children in the hospital. Your pull tab collections can be dropped off at the church. Thank you.

Puzzle Exchange – There is a cart in the foyer with lots of jigsaw puzzles. Help yourself to a puzzle and/or bring one for someone to do. Making puzzles is a wonderful activity.

Camp Abby has one more opportunity for families to experience the camping experience this summer. Family Camp will be held from September 1st – 3rd. Each family gets their own cabin for the weekend. There is room for 5 more families.

What does it include?

- A chance to relax and have fun with your children at their beautiful facility.
- There will be programming for the children which gives you a chance to have some social time with the other parents while you children are being supervised.
- All meals and snacks are prepared for you.
- And much more.....

If you would like more information, contact their register at campabbyregister@gmail.com.

Camp Abby – Kent Building Supplies in Kensington is hosting a barbecue to support Camp Abby on Saturday, August 26th, from 11 am – 1 pm. Come enjoy some hotdogs, sausages, and BBQ bologna along with cold drinks. Drop in and let your lunch be cooked for you. Hope to see you there!

The Annual Camp Abegweit Fundraising Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 16th, at 6 pm. There will also be the very popular cake auction hosted by Jim Blanchard. There will also be a silent auction with a variety of items up for bid. There will be 100 sit-down meals and 50 takeout meals. Cost is \$40/adult and \$20/children under 12. To get your ticket, contact Sharon Howatt at 902-432-9193 or email vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by e-transfer at etransfer@campabby.ca.

Annual Camp Abegweit Fundraising Dinner (continued)

The meal this year will be:

- Soup and biscuit
- Roast beef dinner with all the trimmings
- Strawberry shortcake for dessert

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Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh tonight, August 20th, at 7 pm. Host Dino Dunsford welcomes special guest, the Chad Matthews Band, featuring Chad Matthews, Danalee Lynch-Veinot, and Steven Perry. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm.

St. John's Anglican Church Annual Blueberry Social this Tuesday, August 22nd, at the Milton Community Hall, from 5 - 6:30 pm. Enjoy a delicious buffet of sandwiches and desserts. Take-outs are also available. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12.

Epilepsy Association of the Maritimes Annual PEI 2K or 5K Purple Hike for Epilepsy this Saturday, August 26th, (rain date - Sunday, August 27th) at Connaught Square, corner of Pownal St and Richmond St. Registration starts at 9:30 am, hike will begin at 10 am. BBQ and refreshments to follow the hike. You can register/pledge the day of the hike.

PEACE WITHIN HIS LOVE

Lord, still the clamor of our days
And calm our rushing, anxious ways;
In silence, teach us how to praise –
Give us peace within your love . . .

Lord, teach us true serenity,
The blessing of tranquility,
Let us find our deepest joy in Thee –
Give us peace within your love.

For he himself is our peace . . . Ephesians 2:14