

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
October 29, 2023 – 10:30 am

Twenty-Second 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

Welcome in the name of the Christ.

Welcome to this place of worship, situated on the unceded traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people.

Welcome to this place of retreat and refuge, worship, and wonder.

It is good to be here.

It is good to be together.

Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation (*Placed during the singing of the Introit*)

*Introit Rise Up, Rise Up MV #130

*Call to Worship

*Hymn Shout for God All God's Children Sing

Getting Personal

Prayer of Approach

God of every age and time, inspire us today to see the beauty in each person. Help us to see the beauty, even behind the masks we wear. Wrap us anew with a felt sense of your persistent presence in each creature we meet. Grant us a new energy to offer you everything of our hearts, minds, and souls. Yes, Love of Life, root us and ground us in your love. And let it be more than enough for today, as we gather in the name of Jesus.

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

Responsive Reading - Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

VU #805-806

*Hymn

The Butterfly Song

All God's Children Sing

All God's Children

Children may retire to Sunday School

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

* **Presentation of Offering** We Will Take What You Offer MV #196

*Offertory Prayer

Living God, we are your people, we carry your presence. Use us and our gifts to accomplish your mission in the world. Multiply our efforts to meet every need. This we pray in the name of the Christ, whom with you and the Holy Spirit, reign in our hearts and lives. Amen

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Hymn Walk with Me VU #649

*Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction Deep in Our Hearts MV #154

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.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Leonard & Ethel Bowman and Huestis and Roy Smith. Lovingly remembered by Doug & Jean MacEachern and family.

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.

Trunk & Treat today after the worship service. Come and enjoy "Trunk or Treat" as you visit the open trunks.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is Sunday, November 12th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

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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.

Sunday School has resumed. Anyone who can help with this important ministry, please contact Greg at 902-964-2291 or by email at minister@cquc.ca. Help us to continue this very important ministry.

Confirmation Classes – There will be a confirmation information meeting next Sunday, November 5th at 12 noon.

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 sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

Official Board Meeting – Our next official board meeting will be on Thursday, November 16th, at 7:30 pm. All are welcome.

“Sounds of Christmas” – You are invited to enjoy the “Sounds of Christmas” with Kirk Neville, Bonnie LaFrance and Friends on Sunday, December 3rd, at 7 pm here at Central Queens United Church. Come and get into the spirit of Christmas!

Save the Date!! – On December 17th, at 7 pm the Central Queens Musical Friends will be hosting a Christmas Concert. Come, relax enjoy the sounds of the season.

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.

Music Gathering – You are invited to a music gathering to sing through the songs from the THEN LET US SING Sampler on Sunday, November 12th, from 2 - 3:30 pm at Trinity United Church, 90 Spring Street in Summerside. Together, the songs in the Sampler will be explored and pondered on how those songs may resonate personally and in your congregations. All the music will be there for you. Music directors, pianists, organists, choir member, clergy and congregants are all welcome. It will be great to meet all of you! Please RSVP to Louise via email at music@trinitysummerside.ca or call the Trinity office at 902-436-3155 and leave a message with Joyce, office admin., for Louise. Hope to see you on November 12th.

The PEI Godly Play Guild meets monthly at Kensington United Church from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon. Upcoming gathering sessions are scheduled for November 26th, and January 6th.

The guild was formed 10 years ago and has been attended by various people from across PEI. At this time, they would like to invite any interested persons to join them and experience a glimpse of what Godly Play is all about.

Godly Play is a creative and imaginative approach to faith formation and spiritual development using symbols, objects, silence, and words to explore biblical stories and Christian practices. The program invites participants into stories and encourages them to connect the stories with personal experience. Godly Play is being used in various program situations within the church such as Sunday School for children, Bible Study for adults, and also in settings such as assisted living homes and nursing homes.

Interested in attending? Email Barb Moase at barb.moase@outlook.com.

Mission & Service – Protecting Love around the World: Michael Blair’s Work

Would you go to jail to proclaim your love?

Would you be willing to die?

We are blessed to live in Canada, a country that recognizes the right to love whoever you want, regardless of their gender or sex. And while we haven’t always done what is right, The United Church of Canada now recognizes that *all* love—including Two Spirit or LGBTQI+ relationships--

are holy and blessed by God. But those rights do not exist in many parts of the world today.

“One of our partners in Kenya has advocated strongly for the human rights of sexual minorities, and that has caused him to be in jail, caused him to risk his life to be able to do that,” say the Rev. Michael Blair. The church’s first openly gay General Secretary is now helping to advocate for sexual and gender minorities in foreign countries.

“When we hear these stories, we can see that this is a life and death matter.”

Mission & Service plays a critical role in Blair’s efforts.

Your gifts help shelter refugees as they escape repressive governments. Same-sex attraction is a crime in 71 countries, and 11 of them have the death penalty.

Mission & Service also holds consultations in other countries to discover how we can best work with our partners to protect sexual and gender minorities. “A few years ago, we hosted a consultation here in Canada with several partners and asked how we can be supportive of their work,” Blair says. “They told us we needed to come and help in their context.”

To date, Mission & Service has supported consultations in Latin America and the Philippines.

“We are bringing together leaders to explore how the church can be a place of liberation and life for sexual and gender minorities in those communities. That is happening because of the folks who contribute to Mission & Service.” Says Blair.

Thank you for helping to protect sexual and gender minorities. You are saving lives and changing views around the world!

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh today, at 2 pm. Host Dino Dunsford welcomes special guests Keelin Wedge and Christine Cameron. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.