

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
September 3, 2023 – 10:30 am
Fourteenth 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

***Call to Worship**

Right Side: We greet the sunrise

Left Side: We greet the day

All: **We greet each other**

Leader: The very same way

East Side: With grace

West Side: With Appreciation

All: **With Respect**

Leader: And welcome. Does the Earth care for our creed?
Do the trees withhold shade based on our gender? Does the sun
refuse to shine for certain people and not others? No.

All: **Nature has no eyes for our differences, and nor
does God. We too, are called to welcome all --- no matter what
our difference. All are welcome!**

***Opening Prayer**

Your love, God, is to be shared with all of your people. Our challenge today and forward is to find ways to live welcomingly. You see no difference if we are straight or gay, white or black, male, or female, young or old. Why must we? Teach us, Living Spirit, to welcome strangers and others different from ourselves as easily as you have taught us to laugh and cry. We crave your peace and seek belonging. In your name, we pray for forgiveness, healing, and a radical path towards respecting and welcoming all. Amen

***Hymn** Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet VU #245

A Time with the Young & Young at Heart

We Listen for God's Word

Sacred Scripture

Romans 12:9-21

Psalm 124 VU #848

Matthew (Selected Verses)

Time of Reflection Remember

Hymn Called by Earth and Sky MV #135

Sermon

We respond in Joy and Faith

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering** What Can I Do? MV #191

***Offertory Prayer**

What can we give? What can I give, O God, we are so small. Our church is just little! I wonder what is the GREATEST gift we can give, even more than money!? We can give: Our Love. Our Respect. Our Care. To all people no matter what. You are right, that is the BEST gift ever. It makes God smile when we give in such ways. Amen!

Prayers of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

We Depart to Serve with Joy

***Hymn** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness VU #375

***Benediction**

***Choral Amen**

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

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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 Kirk Neville for leading us in worship this morning.

Vacation – Greg and Ellen Davis are away on vacation till September 5th.

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 17th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.



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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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. The meal this year will be: Soup and biscuit, Roast beef dinner with all the trimmings, and Strawberry Shortcake for dessert.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Sunday, September 3rd, at 7 pm. Host Eddy Quinn welcomes special guest Leon Gallant and guest fiddler Steven Perry. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm.

Author Celebration & Open House – Rev Dr Karen MacLeod-Wilkie turned to novel writing a few years ago as another way of sharing her faith through story. You are invited to celebrate with Karen the completion of her fifth novel. Join Karen at her home (1561 Route 225, North Wiltshire) for cake and punch on Sunday, September 10th, from 2:30 - 4:30 pm. Books will be available for sale/signing. \$22 each.

Cancer.....What would you give so that your friends and family would never have to hear that word? What would you be willing to do to help find a cure? An hour or two of your time and a few kilometers can help do just that. Sunday, September 17th, is the Hunter River Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research. Join your friends, family, and neighbors at the Dr. Kent G. Ellis Heritage Park. Registration starts at 1:30 pm with a 2 pm start for the 1km, 2km or 5km, walk/run or bike. Challenge your friends, family, and co-workers to join you. You can register online at <https://run.terryfox.ca/29077> or pick up a pledge sheet at the Hunter River Municipal Office (19816 Route 2). For more information, contact Sarah at 902-621-2170 or email admin.hunter.river@gmail.com. Help us carry on the legacy Terry Fox has left for all of us....help find a cure for cancer.

HIS PLAN FOR ME By B.J. Hoff

I see your hand, Lord,
In everything around me –
And in every aspect of my life,
I seek your will.
I see your plan, Lord,
In all the years behind me –
And in the days and years to come,
I’ll trust you still.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11