

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
August 25, 2024 – 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.

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 indeed good to be together.

Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Gathering Together

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Bible Presentation (*Placed during the Introit*)

***Introit**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

VU #663 vs 1

***Call to Worship**

On this day and in this moment, we come to give thanks to God.

With hearts, souls, mind, and strength, we come to show our love of God.

Together with our trials & triumphs, and stories of divine encounters, we come to share our faith in God.

With songs, prayers, and the sharing of Holy Words, we have come to worship God.

Hymn

Come Touch Our Hearts

MV #12

Opening Prayer

In the wake of all the moments that have led us to this time, O God, we see your constant presence. We say that we come to this Holy Time and Space to meet you, but we know that you have been with us all along, giving strength to us when we are weary, giving hope to us when we feel lost. And so, we ask that you guide us still. Through your word, through this time, and into this day, guide us we pray. Even as we ask for your guidance, we admit that there have been times where we have come to you seeking a way, and then went on to choose our own. Forgive us those times where we have ignored the whispers and the advice of your guiding Spirit, only to blame you when we find ourselves in trouble. Forgive us for being ungrateful for all that you have done and been for us to this point, and all that you will do and be for us in the days to come. Forgive us, we pray, because we know that in you is a love that seeks to guide us, and a grace that longs to restore us. Call us again, and we will follow. Embrace us again, and we will share your love. We offer this and all our prayers in the strong name of Christ, the core of our faith, and the model for our lives. **AMEN**

Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

VU #227

Prayer for Illumination & Understanding

God, source of all light, by your Word, you give light to our souls. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that our hearts and minds may be opened to know your truth and your way. **AMEN**

Listening for God's Word

Responsive Reading – Psalm 84

VU #800

Sacred Scripture

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

Special Music

Sermon

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

*Offertory Dedication Hymn Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN

*Presentation of Offering

*Prayer of Dedication

We give thanks, O God, not because you have given so much, but because you have loved us so deeply, so completely. And so we offer our gifts to you in response to that outpouring of love in the hopes that we can reflect that love on the world. Bless what we give and who we are as we strive to live lives in service to you and to the world. We offer this and all our prayers in the strong name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN

Prayer for Ourselves & Others and The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn Spirit, Open My Heart

MV #79

*Commissioning

We move now from worship to service,
to live the Word, bring prayers to action, and dance with the Spirit in the world.

With our faith strengthened,
we will move together through bright days and dark nights, our hope guiding us on.

And in those moments where the Christ light dims,
we will reflect God's love on those around us.

Go from this day, this moment, this time and this place,
knowing that you are loved, chosen, and called.

Thanks be to God!

*Benediction

Now go with the love of God in your hearts, the Peace of Christ in your hand, and the power of the Holy Spirit at your backs to share the good news you've heard this day. **AMEN**

*Choral Benediction The Lord Bless You & Keep You J. Rutter

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

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All of us

Clergy

Rev Greg Davis

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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. If you are looking for a church home, we would like to invite you to consider us your spiritual family. All are welcome in this place.

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

Kirk will be leading us in worship next Sunday, September 1st.

Today’s Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Roy and Mary Smith. Lovingly remembered by Gordon & Margaret Smith and family.

Life and Work of Our Church

Vacation – Greg and Ellen will be away until September 3rd. For emergencies, please contact Bernie Dykerman at 902-626-6869.

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.

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, September 1st. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

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.

Central Queens Dinner Theatre on September 12th, 13th & 14th at 7 pm. Theme is “George, Tammy and Friends”. For tickets (\$35), please call Lois at 902-621-0669. Tickets are going fast!!

Team Nights

Thursday, September 12th – Team 1
Friday, September 13th – Team 2
Saturday, September 14th – Team 3
Set Up and Take Down – Team 4

Office Church Directory – In an effort to keep contact information as up to date as possible, please give Trudy any changes to your contact information. If you would like to be added to our directory, please contact Trudy at office@cquc.ca or you can call her during office hours at 902-964-2221. Thank you.

Camp Abby is in need of some mason jars for the Arts and Crafts program. They are also in need of a refrigerator for the staff. If you have any jars or a refrigerator you would be willing to donate or sell at a good price, please contact Sharon Howatt at vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca or 902-432-9193.

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

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

Puzzle/Book Exchange – Be sure to check out the wide variety of books and puzzles available in the main hall. Help yourself to a puzzle and/or book or bring some of your own to share!!

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

Community News

Hymn Sing & Song Service – The public is invited to celebrate and remember Cavendish United Church member, Lucy Maud Montgomery, who also served as church organist (1903-1911), this afternoon, August 25th, at 2 pm at Cavendish United Church. Light refreshments to follow in the Church Hall. All are welcome.

Winsloe United Church Gospel Concert tonight, August 25th, at 7 pm. Featuring Dino and the Harmonies with special guest Steven Perry. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm. The church is air-conditioned.

A Request for Assistance for a Refugee Family – A government-sponsored refugee family of 6 from Syria has recently arrived in Charlottetown. They are related to a family that the Interfaith Refugee Sponsorship Group, of which a number of our churches were members, brought to Charlottetown in 2017. The family needs some items of furniture including couches, a kitchen table and chairs, small coffee tables, a TV and a microwave oven. If you can offer any of these items, please contact Mary Cowper-Smith at 902-367-2248 or at mcowper-smith@rogers.com. Many thanks!

