

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

June 2, 2024 – 10:30 am

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Baptism



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.

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

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 indeed good to be together.

Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation (*Placed during the Introit*)

*Introit Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying VU #400

*Call to Worship

We are a people of the water!

We worship a God whose love flows through water.

Love, like a rain shower, awakens the sleeping seed within the soul and lures it to blossom.

We worship a God whose love flows through water.

Love, like a wading pool, inspires the delight of children, jumping, splashing, spraying each other, shivering with wet joy.

We worship a God whose love flows through water.

Love, like a hot shower after a long day's work, cleanses us, reawakens us.

***Call to Worship** (continued)

We worship a God whose love flows through water.

Love, like little drops, dripping from fingertips to forehead.

Through baptism, the family of faith makes room for one more.

Let us openly worship God.

***Hymn** I Have Called You by Your Name MV #161

Prayer of Approach

O God, we are reminded today that, like us, Jesus came to the waters of baptism. In his baptism he claimed us and freed us from the power of hatred and death. In baptism we are joined to Christ, and we are joined together in unity. As a baptized and baptizing community of faith remind us that:

**“There is no longer Jew or Greek
there is no longer slave or free
there is no longer male or female
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”**

In baptism, O God, the Spirit anoints us for ministry and makes us signs of your divine love. We are marked as yours, we follow you.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 139:1-6; 13-18 VU #861-862

Sacrament of Baptism – *Please refer to Accompanying Pamphlet*

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory** Grant Us God, the Grace VU #540

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Accept these gifts, we humbly pray, O God. Let them give you honor and glory as we serve the needs of your people. And let the called and redeemed of God say, Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

1 Peter 2:4-10 *The Living Stone and a Chosen People*

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn** Just as I Am VU #508

***Extinguishing of the Christ Candle**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** Go Now in Peace VU #964

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers All of us

Clergy **Rev Greg Davis**

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9 am – 12 pm

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Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Joan & Fred Stilwell. Lovingly remembered by Kim, Craig, Evan & Sarah Weeks & families.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

Bulletin Deadline – A reminder that the deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday evening**. Bulletin items can be mailed to office@cquc.ca.

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.

Graduates – We are in the process of gathering names of individuals who will be graduating this year. If you know of anyone graduating from high school, university or college, please submit their name to the church office (office@cquc.ca or 902-964-2221) or Greg (minister@cquc.ca or 902-964-2291) so that we can recognize their accomplishments.

Save the Dates – Central Queens' Yard Sale on Saturday, August 10th, from 8 – 11:30 am. Items may be dropped off during office hours and stored in the first classroom.

Central Queens Dinner Theatre on September 12th, 13th & 14th at 7 pm. Theme is “George, Tammy and Friends”. If you would like to put your name on the list, please call Lois at 902-621-0669.

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.

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!!

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, June 9th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The promotions for May are Boston Pizza-8%; Winners/Homesense-8%; Hello Fresh and Chef's Plate-10%.

Financial Assistance for Camp Abby – The UCW is providing some financial assistance for children going to Camp Abby this summer. If you are considering sending your child to Camp Abby, please give your name to Velda Bertram at 902-964-2210 or Kim Rodd at 902-626-5252 by June 18th.

Baby/Children Blankets – Our supply of baby blankets is getting low. We also need blankets suitable for children. Are you are interested in knitting or crocheting a blanket or two or donating yarn? Please drop them off to the church office. Thank you for your help in this important ministry.

Camp Abby needs your assistance to help keep their weekly costs down. If you can donate, please leave your items on the cart in the main foyer. An itemized list of Camp Abby's "Most Wanted Wish List" is posted by the cart.

Annual Spring Roast Beef Take-Out Supper – Central Queens United Church is holding their annual Spring take-out hot roast beef supper on Saturday, June 8th. A tasty supper with all the trimmings including scrumptious homemade desserts! Ticket prices: Adult: \$20; Children (6-12 yrs): \$7; Children under 6 yrs: free. There will be three (3) take-out times: 3:30 pm, 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm. Tickets **must be ordered in advance** by calling Debbie at 902-964-2882 or Lois at 902-621-0669.

*****Note:** Diners should remain in their vehicles where tickets will be collected, and dinners delivered to their vehicle. We appreciate your support and Bon Appetite!

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

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on this afternoon, June 2nd, at 2 pm. Hosts Jacinta MacDonald and the Winsloe United House Band welcome special guests Tip-Er-Back with Darlene Bradley. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

