

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

The Community Gathers

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

May 19, 2024 – 10:30 am

Day of 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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation (*Placed during the Introit*)

***Introit** Spirit of the Living God VU #376

***Call to Worship**

Here we gather for song and scripture, seeking comfort and hope, seeking to be inspired as well as challenged.

Here we gather to retell the ancient tales and wonder how God's story continues to unfold.

Today we tell the story of Pentecost, the story of the Holy Spirit rushing in like a wild wind and dancing like flames upon each of the disciples,

And we ask ourselves where we see the Holy Spirit present in our world today.

***Call to Worship** (continued)

Today we tell a story of the Holy Spirit igniting hope again. We will hear Peter claim his identity, tell his story, and inspire others to see the Holy at work in the world.

And we will ask ourselves if we are ready to share our own stories.

Friends, welcome. Welcome to this place with all your questions, doubts, wonders and find here an invitation to experience something ancient and something new.

May we be open to the Spirit.

May we be open to learning and learning from one another.

May we grow in faith, hope, and love. Come, let this time of worship hold us, challenge us and transform us. Let us worship God!

***Hymn** Come, O Holy Spirit MV #23

Prayer of Approach

God of power and possibility, with the flame of your Spirit, you give us energy to move into the world in Jesus' name. With the breath of your Spirit, you refresh us to engage life in its complexity. Your Spirit embraces us in our diversity and invites us to find unity in your love. We honour you for the gift of creation in all its beauty and bounty. We praise you for your presence with us in every time and place. In this time of worship, send us the Holy Spirit once again, and renew us to serve you in the world; the world that aches for the healing and wholeness you offer.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 104 *Part Two* VU #827

***Hymn** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness VU #375 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

***Hymn** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness VU #375 vs 3 & 4

Children may retire to Sunday School

Listening for the Word

Sacred Word
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Acts 2:1-21

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to God's Word

Offertory Invitation

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

***Presentation of Offering**

*** Offertory Prayer**

Spirit of love, bless the gifts we offer so that they accomplish surprising things in Jesus' name. Bless our lives, too, so that our words and actions may bear witness to God's great love and mercy each and every day. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn** She Comes Sailing on the Wind VU #380

***Changing of the Light**

***Blessing**

***Choral Amen**

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

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers	All of us
Clergy	Rev Greg Davis
Office Hours	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9 am – 12 pm
Office Phone	902-964-2291
Email	minister@cquc.ca

Ministry of Music	Kirk Neville
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Phone	902-786-9222
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Church Office	Wednesday & Thursday 9 am – 12 pm
Phone	902-964-2221
Email	office@cquc.ca

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Betty Howatt. Remembered by Central Queens Musical Friends.

Today's bulletins are also placed in loving memory of Roy Smith. Lovingly remembered by Gordon, Margaret, and family.

Today's bulletins are also placed in loving memory of Coltin Daniel Leveillee (January 15, 1989 – May 25, 1989). Lovingly remembered by Kim Rodd, Suzanne & Harvey Silliphant, and Nancy Richard.

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.

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, May 26th. 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 of 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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

Sunday School – Are you able to help with this important ministry? please contact Greg at 902-964-2291 or by email at minister@cquc.ca. Help us to continue this ministry for our children.

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.

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.

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.

Y@R will be taking place this year from May 31st-June 2nd. To register, please follow this link: <https://ucceast.ca/82679-fsldw-youthregion>. for more info, please email Catherine Stuart, Regional Minister for Children, Youth and Young Adults at cstuart@united-church.ca, or Lisa Folkins, Director, at lisa.folkins@gmail.com.

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!!

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh this afternoon, May 19th, at 2 pm. Host Dino Dunsford welcomes special guests Louise and Jonathan Arsenault, and the Winsloe United House Band. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

Park Royal United Church Kitchen Party-Style Concert – Get your tickets for a high energy kitchen party-style concert by Dahlia Ave Band at Park Royal United Church on Saturday, May 25th, at 7 pm. This four-piece band of dynamic ladies rock out on fiddles, piano, step dancing and vocals featuring Old Time, Celtic and Acadian melodies. Tickets available at the church office (902-894-9656), at the door or through e-transfer (officeparkroyal@eastlink.ca) for \$15 each. Fudge sale in lobby.

You're invited to come to the **Brackley Beach Pancake Breakfast** on Saturday, May 25th, 7:30-9:30 am. Enjoy a relaxing and hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausage and bacon and spend time with family and friends. Adults \$10; Children \$5. 2025 Community Calendars can be ordered and please have a look at our display of handcrafted items. Proceeds are for the upkeep of the Brackley Beach Community Centre, 3330 Brackley Point Rd. For info, please call 902-218-6984.