

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

August 31, 2025 – 10:30 am

Twelfth 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

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.

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation *(Placed during the Introit)*

*Introit

Draw the Circle Wide

MV #145 vs 1

*Call to Worship

On this August morning, we gather together with joy and a song in our hearts.

For it is indeed a gift to worship together this day.

United in worship, open to God's grace, let us sing, pray and rejoice in the spirit of Christ.

Come, let us worship. Welcome to the Church.

Opening Prayer

Deep in our hearts, O God, we know we are known by You. Every crevice in our past, every heartbeat of our present, is known and loved by You. Inscribe in us the desire to know You more fully, and in knowing You, may we live faithfully as Your people. This we ask in the name of Your Son who taught us to pray . . .

The Lord's Prayer

***Opening Hymn** Come In, Come In and Sit Down VU #395

Responsive Reading – Psalm 81 VU #796 (Part 1)

All God's Children

Prayer of Confession

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them for the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth, to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper, that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes, to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see.

You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.

O God, forgive me for my calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so.

O God, forgive me, renew me; send me out as a useable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross.

Assurance of Amazing Love

The Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

***Presentation of Offering** Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands
VU #537

Offertory Prayer

Caring God, may we offer not only our material gifts, but our whole selves to you and to all those who need our support in the quest for justice. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Liberator. Amen.

Listening for God's Word

Sacred Scripture

Jeremiah 18: 4-13

Luke 14:7-14

Anthem *As We Gather at Your Table (VU #457)* *Choir*

Sermon

Reflective Music

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

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

*Blessing Going Forth

***Choral Benediction** Dance with the Spirit MV #156

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers

All of us

Clergy

Rev Greg Davis

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Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of grandnephew, David Cousins (1992-1998). Lovingly remembered by Cecil & Marion Frizzell.

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 to thank Kirk Neville for leading our worship service this morning and his beautiful gift of music. *Congregation of Central Queens United Church*

Life and Work of Our Church

Vacation – Greg will be away from August 4th – September 6th. For any emergencies, please contact Bernie Dykerman at 902-626-6869.

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, September 7th, are:

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 139:1-6 (*VU #861*); Psalm 1 (*VU #724*)
Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33

These are made available to you should you wish to read them during the upcoming week.

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.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The promotions for August are Walmart - 3.5% and Indigo - 7%. The next order date is Sunday, September 14th.

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.

Guitar – If you know anyone who is a passionate instrument lover, be it professional guitarist, musician, audio engineer, music producer, teacher, student, family or church who might be interested in a Fender American Professional II Stratocaster guitar, please contact the church office and we will give you the donor's contact information.

Camp Abby News – Camp Abby is in need of mason jars or regular jars that can be used for our weekly candle lighting ceremonies next summer. When you are cleaning this Fall and find some that you might not be wanting, please let Sharon know (vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca) and she will make arrangements to collect them. They are also looking for a metal two drawer filing cabinet with a lock. If anyone knows of anyone who has one to donate, please contact Alex at alexcorbett@campabby.ca.

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

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.

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 or need to update your info, please contact Trudy at office@cquc.ca or you can call her during office hours at 902-964-2221.

Pop Can Pull Tabs – Remember your pull tabs!! George Mason is collection pop can pull tab 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 pop can tab collections can be dropped off here at the church. Thank you.

Puzzles/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!! If you happen to find any missing pieces of puzzles at home, there is a container above the puzzle shelves for these 'lost pieces'.

Community News

Gospel Concert featuring Dino and the Harmonies at Winsloe United Church tonight, August 31st, at 7 pm. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm. The church is air-conditioned.

Bedeque United Church invites you to the Palestine Land Exercise workshop on Saturday, November 1st, from 1pm - 3 pm. Please email to register by October 15th at bedequepc@outlook.com. Would you like to deepen your understanding of the Palestine-Israel conflict? The Palestine Land Exercise (PLE) is an interactive presentation that walks participants through key historical events in the region since the late 19th century. Guided by a four-member volunteer team, this 50-minute immersive experience is followed by an Indigenous-style talking circle, offering space for reflection and discussion on steps toward peace. This workshop is open to all interested in participating!

A Multi-Congregational Commemorative Worship Service Honouring the Life and Ministry of Rev. Peter Gordon (1806-1809).
(York Covehead Pastoral Charge, Mt. Stewart-Morell-St. Peter's Bay Pastoral Charge, Kings United Pastoral Charge)

On Sunday, September 28th, all are warmly invited to attend a commemorative worship service honouring The Rev. Peter Gordon, the first resident Presbyterian Minister on PEI (1806-1809). The worship service begins at 2 pm., followed by refreshments, cake, and ice-cream. Many thanks to our host church: the Peter Gordon Memorial United Church (fully accessible). All Are Welcome!"

Blooming House Ride for Refuge is a national, family-friendly cycling and walking fundraiser that allows local charities like Blooming House to raise funds and awareness in a meaningful, community-driven way. It brings together people of all ages and abilities to ride, walk, and give — all in support of vulnerable populations. In 2024, thanks to the energy of over 100 riders and walkers, an incredible \$41,000 was raised!

This year, for their 3rd annual Ride for Refuge on October 4th, they are ready to tackle the goal of \$40,000 again, which will help them meet the growing needs of the women they serve. Amid rising costs and increasing demand, they are focused on long-term sustainability and strategic growth. Funds raised through this year's event will directly support their shelter operations and ensure Blooming House remains a safe, stable place for women in need — both today and well into the future. By getting involved, you can make a meaningful impact. You are encouraged to participate as riders, volunteers, or supporters. If you have any questions or would like further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to Kennedy Laybolt at kennedy@bloominghouse.ca.