

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
August 17, 2025 – 10:30 am

Tenth 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 of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

*Introit Let Us Build a House MV #1 vs 1

Call to Worship

All who are bent over with worry,
this is a place of sanctuary.

All who are burdened with life,
this is a house of care.

All who are lost to community,
this is a company of welcome.

*Call to Worship (Continued)

All who travel with questions,
this is a community of seekers.

All who reach out for God,
this is a sacred place of worship.

Come, let us worship.

*Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling VU #333

Opening Prayer

You have always known our names, O God. You always seek us out, celebrate our worth, and call us to follow. You call out our names today; we hear and follow you again into a life transformed and renewed. Amen.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 80 *Part Two* VU #794-795

*Hymn Jesus, Friend of Little Children VU #340 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

*Hymn Jesus, Friend of Little Children VU #340 vs 3

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, you see each heart; you feel the weight of the baggage we bring with us: the cares, the worries, the fears. You know that we are not all joyful, even as we enjoy this beautiful summer. We do not ask you for a bandage to cover up the hurt; we are not looking for a quick fix. Bandages and quick fixes are on offer everywhere. No, God, we ask you to come and be with us: in our praying, in our not knowing how to pray, in our not being able to pray. Gather us into your loving arms; draw us into the mystery

Prayer of Confession (Continued)

of your presence so that we may find our true selves and our true joy. We pray in the name of Jesus, whom you sent to find us.

Assurance of God's Love

God is indeed attentive to our every need. To ever voice raised in joy or in sorrow you hear us. God journeys with and cares deeply for each of us.

We are well loved! Alleluia! Amen!

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
VU #541

Offertory Prayer

**From the beauty of your world, we offer our humble gifts.
May they be used as a blessing unto others wherever
need exists. Amen**

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Isaiah 5:1-7
Luke 12:49-56

Anthem

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying VU #400

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** Joyful, Joyful We Adore You VU #232

*Blessing

***Postlude** Go, Make a Diff'ence MV #209
Chorus, vs 1, Chorus

* 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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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.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory Ivan, Helena & Kathryn Bowman. Lovingly remembered by Doug & June MacEachern.

Thank You to Kirk Neville for leading our worship service and for his beautiful gift of music this morning. *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. David Butterworth will be leading us in worship next Sunday, August 24th.

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, August 24th, are:

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalms 71:1-6 (VU #789); Psalm 103:1-8 (VU #825)

Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

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, August 31st.

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.

Rosewood Service this Thursday, August 21st, at 6:30 pm. The Elders will be leading the service.

Corn Boil – After the worship service next Sunday, August 24th, we will be hosting a corn boil. Corn on the cob with butter and salt & pepper. We will be eating inside. Everyone is welcome. Bring your best teeth!! This event is in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the United Church.

Annual Yard Sale this Saturday, August 23rd, from 8 am until 12 pm.

Featuring a large variety of articles including books, clothing, children's articles, jewelry, seasonal decor, houseware, hardware, preserves, etc. Huge variety of items at very reasonable prices. Shop in comfort for those possible needs and treasured finds!

Come early for best selection.

Camp Abby News – Thank you for all the food donations that you have sent over the summer months; however, we are not in need of any more food items. What we do have a need for is 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. We are also in need of 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.

Also, special thanks to the clergy members who came to camp to assist our staff. Any churches considering "lending" us their leaders for some time next summer, please let Rev. Catherine Ann Dixon know (islandlupin@hotmail.com). *Camp Abby*

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—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

By: Helen Steiner Rice (adapted)

Over

Pop Cans Pull Tabs (Continued)

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 on Sunday, August 31st, at 7 pm. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm. The church is air-conditioned.

IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD

In spite of the fact we complain and lament
And view this old world with much discontent,
Deploring conditions and grumbling because
There's so much injustice and so many flaws,
It's a wonderful world, and it's people like you
Who make it that way by the things that they do.
For a warm, ready smile or a kind, thoughtful deed
Or a hand outstretched in an hour of need
Can change our whole outlook
And make the world bright
Where a minute before just nothing seemed right.
It's a wonderful world and it always will be
If we keep our eyes open and focused to see
The wonderful things we are capable of
When we open our hearts to God and God's love.

