

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

Gathering for Worship

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

June 8, 2025 – 10:30 am

Day of Pentecost

United Church, 1925-2025 Centennial



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 the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation (*Placed during the Introit*)

***Introit** Come All You People

MV #2

***Call to Worship**

We gather to celebrate a church born in hope,
Rooted in unity, growing in grace.

For 100 years, the Spirit has stirred,
Calling us to justice, compassion, and bold faith.

We come with memory and gratitude,
And with vision for what is yet to be.

Let us worship the living God—
Who has been our dwelling place in every generation!

***Hymn** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing VU #331
(Methodist hymn in 1925 church union service)

Prayer Of Approach

Loving and gracious God, a century ago, your people dared to dream—that denominations could unite in mission, that faith could reach across boundaries, and that your gospel could shape a new, common life.

Today we stand on their shoulders, grateful for their courage, humbled by their faith, and inspired by their vision.

As we celebrate this 100-year journey, bless us anew: renew our purpose, ignite our compassion, and guide us into your unfolding future.

In the name of Christ, who is always among us,

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

Dramatic Litany of Remembrance and Celebration

Voice 1 (Narrator)

Voice 2 (Methodist)

We remember the Methodist Church, alive with song, revival, and a deep concern for the poor. Our faith was born on horseback, carried across the prairies and coastlines by circuit riders who believed in grace, discipline, and social holiness.

We give thanks for their passion and their courage.

Voice 3 (Presbyterian)

We remember the Presbyterian Church, built on strong roots of study, prayer, and mission. In schools and pulpits, in justice halls and overseas work, they held firm to the Gospel, believing the mind and the heart belonged together in faith.

We give thanks for their wisdom and conviction.

Dramatic Litany of Remembrance and Celebration (Continued)

Voice 4 (Congregationalist)

We remember the Congregational Church, small but mighty — shaped by a deep belief in the gathered community, and in each person's freedom to follow Christ faithfully. They gave space for the Spirit to move among equals.

We give thanks for their commitment to community and conscience.

Voice 1 (Narrator)

And we remember the Local Union Churches, often rural or remote — places where practical ecumenism had already begun. These churches didn't wait for legislation — they chose unity because it just made sense, and because Christ's body was always bigger than boundaries.

We give thanks for their witness to cooperation and shared faith.

Voice 2

Voice 3

Voice 4

All Voices

For the dream they dared to dream, for the church they chose to become, for the legacy they left to us—

We give thanks. We remember. We carry it forward.

***Hymn** We are the Church ACS #84 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn We are the Church ACS #84 vs 3 & 4

Prayer of Confession

In every long journey, there are missteps and wrong turns. Let us come before God, naming where we have fallen short.

Prayer of Confession (Continued)

Holy One, we confess that we have sometimes lost our way—choosing comfort over courage, tradition over transformation, and safety over solidarity. Forgive what has been hurtful. renew what has grown weary. and rekindle the fire of your spirit in us.

Words of Assurance

God's grace is deeper than our regrets.
God's mercy is wide enough for every generation.
Be at peace — we are a forgiven and forgiving people.
Thanks be to God!

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

*Presentation of Offering

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

*Offertory Prayer

Blessing God, you have gifted us with faith, friendship, and freedom. Receive these gifts, that they may nourish ministries of hope for the next hundred years and beyond.
Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

Isaiah 43:18-21
John 15:1-11

Anthem *"For All the Ways"* Choir

Sermon *Still Becoming Church*

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Gracious God, we thank you for the founding denominations—Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregationalist, and Union churches—whose faith, though unknown to many, laid the groundwork for the church we are today.
We give thanks for those who stepped out in faith.

We give thanks for the rural and urban churches, the First Nations ministries, and the Francophone outreach, all of which have been a testament to your love, reaching every corner of this land.

We give thanks for those who stepped out in faith.

We are grateful for the work of reconciliation, for the courage to face our history, and for the continued movement toward full inclusion, where all are welcomed as children of God.

We give thanks for those who stepped out in faith.

We thank you for the people and partners—known and unknown—who shape our church today, who offer their time, gifts, and vision to build your kingdom on earth.

We give thanks for those who stepped out in faith.

As we stand on the shoulders of those who went before us, we ask for your guidance, that we may be faithful stewards of your love and grace.

We give thanks for those who stepped out in faith.

In Christ's name, we offer these prayers.

Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,**

Affirmation of Faith (Continued)

to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

For 100 years and more,
God has been our companion—
in courage and in failure,
in change and in continuity.

In life, in death,
in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

***Closing Hymn** Called by Earth and Sky MV#135

***Changing the Light**

***Benediction**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

We are people of a living story—a church still growing, still seeking, still called.

We go with the spirit of those before us and the hope of those yet to come.

May the God who led us here, continue to surprise and sustain us.

***Commissioning and Blessing (Continued)**

May Christ walk beside us, and may the Spirit carry us into the next chapter—with joy, with courage, and with love.

Amen!

***Choral Benediction**

Tune 8686 (New Britain)

**A hundred years of grace and light,
We've walked together in faith's bright sight.
With every step, God's love we've known,
Now as we go, we are not alone.**

Chorus:

**Bless us, O Lord, as we depart,
Your peace and love within our heart.
Through all the years, may we remain,
A faithful people in Your name.**

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

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All of us

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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 of Dolly Perry. Lovingly remembers by her family, Gena Yeo and siblings (June 13th).

Thank You to Ellen Davis for her beautiful gift of music this morning. *Congregation of Central Queens United Church*

Life and Work of Our Church

Greg On Leave – Greg will be away on leave from June 9th till June 21st. For any emergencies, please contact Bernie Dykerman at 902-626-6869.

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, June 15th, are:

Proverbs 8:1-4

Psalms 8 (VU #732)

Romans 5:1-15

John 16:12-15

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 promotion for June is Home Hardware: 4%. The next order date is Sunday, June 22nd.

Camp Abby this weekend, June 13th-15th, at Camp Abby, 140 Camp Abegweit Rd. Join us as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada and the Sunday School closing. Funding will be provided by Central Queens United Church. *Who:* If you are reading this it is meant for you, all ages from newborn to 110. ID not required. Come and enjoy the weekend, stay overnight or come for the day or part of the day. Arrive early Friday evening for set up and a campfire.

Camp Abby Weekend (Continued)

Lodging is indoors or in a cabin. You may bring your own tent, trailer or RV. (hookups are not available).

Sunday morning worship will be at the camp at 11am. There will **not** be a service at the church. After service there will be a potluck lunch followed by a cleanup before end of camp.

If you would like to help out, please call Walter Carver at 902-213-7015. Any questions please email dykermanbernie@gmail.com or call/text 902-626-6869.

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 Friday, June 20th.

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.

Central Queens UCW will be holding their meeting on this Tuesday, June 10th, at 7 pm at the church. They will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada. All are invited to come celebrate with them.

Rosewood Service will be held on Thursday, June 19th, at 6:30 pm. The UCW will be leading the service.

Official Board Meeting on Thursday, June 19th, at 7:15 pm. All are welcome to attend.

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, college or any other secondary school, please submit their names to the church office (office@cquc.ca or 902-964-2221) or to Greg (minister@cquc.ca or 902-964-2291) so that we can recognize their accomplishments.

Annual Yard Sale – Save the Date! The annual Yard Sale at Central Queens United Church will be on Saturday, August 2nd, from 8 am – 12 pm. Anyone who would like to donate items for the yard sale are welcome to until setup day, (Thursday, July 31st). Items can be dropped off during 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

Eastern PEI Celebrates the 100th Anniversary of The United Church of Canada! this Tuesday, June 10th, all are warmly invited to come celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada! This event is a collaboration of 9 United Churches of Eastern PEI and will get underway at 4:30 pm., with a free BBQ and fun activities for people of all ages. The worship service begins at 6:30 pm. and will be followed by cake and ice cream. Many thanks to our host site: Hillcrest United Church, 50 Wood Islands Road, Montague (fully accessible). Freewill Offering to the Mission & Service Fund and/or to Camp Abegweit.

Sunday School Leader & Helpers are Needed – We are still in need of someone to lead Sunday School and others to help out. Please contact the church office if you can help with this very important ministry.

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.

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.

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.

Camp Abby - The annual **OPEN HOUSE** will be held on Sunday, June 22nd, from 2 pm to 4 pm. More details to follow.

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.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh this afternoon, June 8th, at 2 pm. Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guests Sandra and Ricky Jones and Vernon Smith. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

Take-Out Lobster Supper - Come out Saturday, June 14th, at 4 pm. for a Take-Out Lobster supper at Spring Park United Church. Tickets are now available by calling the Church office at 902-368-1822. Tickets are \$25.

Sirens is thrilled to invite you to "*Elements*", our newest concert program inspired by Katerina Gimon's powerful work. The concert will explore the forces of Earth, Water, Air, and Fire through rich harmonies and vivid soundscapes that will transport and inspire. Join the ensemble on Saturday, June 14th, at 7:30 pm in Charlottetown at Park Royal United Church, or Sunday, June 15th, at 3 pm in Montague at Hillcrest United Church. Tickets are Pay What You Can, with a recommended contribution of \$25—available in advance on Eventbrite or at the door by cash or e-transfer. Learn more at sirenschoir.com.

Winsloe United Church presents "Make a Joyful Noise", a concert celebrating the 100th anniversary of The United Church of Canada on Sunday, June 15th at 7 pm. Performers include the Winsloe United Church Choir, Courtney Hogan-Chandler, and Kristyn Visser-Perkin. There will be refreshments, including anniversary cake, following the concert.