

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
August 2, 2026 – 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

"Teach us to pray and to live with generous hearts."

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

We gather with gratitude on the traditional and unceded lands of the Indigenous Peoples who have cared for this place since time immemorial. We give thanks for their stewardship and commit ourselves to the work of truth, reconciliation, and justice.

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The light of Christ shines among us, calling us into worship, hope, and love.

Quiet Preparation for Worship

***Bible Presentation** (*placed during the Introit*)

***Introit**

***Call to Worship**

Come, all who seek God's presence.

We come with open hearts.

God welcomes us with grace and mercy.

We gather to worship, to pray, and to serve.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn**

Teach Me, God, to Wonder

VU #299

Opening Prayer

Loving God, you gather us from many places and call us to be your people. Open our hearts to your Word, strengthen our faith, and inspire us to live with compassion and courage.

May our worship bring glory to you and hope to the world. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always trusted your guidance. We have been slow to forgive, hesitant to share, and reluctant to love our neighbours as ourselves. Renew us by your Spirit, forgive us through your grace, and lead us in the way of Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God is gracious and full of compassion. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, renewed, and called to new life. Thanks be to God.

Listening for the Word

Responsive Reading - Psalm 107:1-9, 43 - Part One VU #831

Sacred Scriptures

Hosea 11:1-11 *God's compassion despite Israel's ingratitude*

Colossians 3:1-11 *The new life in Christ*

Luke 12:13-21 *The parable of the rich fool*

Reflection/Sermon

Responding to the Word

Hymn I, the Lord of Sea and Sky VU #509

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts

***Offertory** Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands VU #537

*** Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory Prayer**

Generous God, receive these gifts and our lives. Use them to bring hope, healing, and justice to your world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** We are Pilgrims VU #595

***Commissioning**

Go into the world in peace. Love God. Serve your neighbour.
Walk humbly, act justly, and trust always in God's abiding presence.

***Benediction**

May the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you today and always. Amen

Postlude *Please stand as you are able.

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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 Kirk Neville for leading us in worship this morning.

Also, thanks to Ellen Davis for her beautiful gift of music this morning.

Central Queens United Church

Life and Work of Our Church

Emergencies – Please contact Lois Lajeunesse at 902-621-0669 or 902-388-1103 for any church related assistance.

Supply Minister – Roland Easter will be leading us in worship next Sunday, August 9th.

Scripture Readings selected for next Sunday, August 9th:

~Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 *Joseph is sold into servitude by his brothers.*

~Responsive Reading – Psalm 105 (VU #828) *Remembering Joseph.*

~Romans 10:5-15 *The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.*

~Matthew 14:22-33 *Jesus walks across stormy waters.*

70th Anniversary Celebration – Harry and Louise Lowther were married on August 11th, 1956, in Toronto! They will be celebrating their 70th anniversary on Saturday, August 8th, from 3 – 5 pm here at Central Queens United Church. Karen, Kathy, and Garth have planned an informal get-together with light refreshments. They’d love for you to come and help them celebrate. *Best Wishes Only.*

Surprise Celebration – Come join the family of Donald Stead for a *Surprise* celebration (*shhh*) of Donald’s 80th birthday on Sunday, August 9th, from 2 – 4 pm here in the church hall. *Best Wishes Only.*

FundScrip – The next order date is August 2nd. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, August 15th, from 8 am – 12 noon here at the church featuring a huge variety of articles including housewares, Christmas items, books, clothing, plants, jewelry, hardware, etc. Treasures at very reasonable prices. Arrive early for best selection. . Donations will be accepted until setup day (Thursday, August 13th) and can be dropped off during office hours.

Upcoming Church Events – Mark your calendars for the following events:

September 17, 18 & 19 – Dinner Theater

November 7 – Fall Roast Beef Supper

November 8 – Frozen Pie orders go out

November 22 – Frozen Pie orders due date

December 10 – Frozen Pies pick up date.

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 is **Wednesday evening**. Please email your announcement(s) 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 Bonnie any changes to your contact information. If you would like to be added to our directory or need to update your info, please contact Bonnie 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 collecting pop can pull tabs 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.

Puzzle/Book Lending Library – Come and check out the broad array of fiction and non-fiction books in our library. Also be sure to check out the wide variety of puzzles available. All are in the main hall.

Community Events

Gospel Concert featuring Dino and the Harmonies at Winsloe United Church on Sunday, August 16th, at 7 pm. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm.