

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada**

We Gather as God's Beloved

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

May 10, 2026 – 10:30 am

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day/Christian Family Sunday



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

*I Love Mother (written by George Mason)
Thank You, Mom (written by George Mason)*

Welcome

Welcome to this time of worship, praise, prayer and fellowship.

Welcome to this place of worship, located on the unceded traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people.

May all who enter this sanctuary find it a haven of peace.

May it be so. Amen.

Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We gather today to continue to rejoice in the love and gift of renewed life that are the gifts Jesus gives to us in this Easter season. As we light this candle, we remember that Jesus, when asked who he was, said:

I am the Light!

May the Light of the Risen Christ warm our hearts and shine through our worship and our witness.

Alleluia!

***Introit** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow VU #541

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

***Call to Worship**

The spirit of God calls us from many places; some of us come from busy homes with many people; some of us live alone.

But we are all part of the family of God.

***Call to Worship** (Continued)

God gathers us for worship, like a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings.

Our God is loving and nurturing.

We all come to this same place; all of us seeking God’s presence in our lives; all of us seeking God’s presence with each other.

And together we become God’s family.

In love, God saves and supports us, teaching us the way we should go.

Trusting in God, we continue to offer our praise! Alleluia!

***Opening Hymn** Memories Bright and Beautiful (on screen)
(Adaptation by George Mason)

Prayer of Approach

Loving Jesus, open the eyes of our faith that we may behold the work of your redemption.

Open our minds and hearts to receive you, Lord: your resurrection glory and your light everlasting. May this time of worship, reflection, and celebration be a worthy response to your abiding and sustaining love for all your children. Amen.

Responsive Reading – Psalm 66 (Parts 1 & 2) VU #784-785

***Hymn** Come In, Come In and Sit Down VU #395 vs 1 & 2

Time with the Young & Young at Heart

Hymn Come In, Come In and Sit Down VU #395 vs 3 & 4

Children may retire to Sunday School

Invitation to Confession

Prayer for Transformation

Loving God, in Jesus you offer life to the world and love to all people. When we see life only for ourselves, forgive us. Help us to hear your message of transforming love speaking to us of respect, dignity, and worth, reminding us that we are loved and that we are to love one another. Send your Spirit of love and encouragement to work through us to bring your justice, love, and hope to the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

My Friends: Let the light of God’s eternal love flood into your hearts this day. Accept God’s love and hope for you. This is the gift freely given for you by Jesus Christ, God’s risen Son our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Amen. Alleluia!

Choral Response Halle, Halle, Halle VU #958

God’s Word for Us Today

Prayer for Inspiration

First Reading – Philippians 1:1-6, 9-11

Gospel Reading – John 14:15-21

Anthem “God, We Praise You for the Women” *Men’s Choir*

Sermon

We Respond to God’s Love for Us

Anthem “Now Thank We All Our God” *Men’s Choir*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer (on the screen)

Offertory Invitation

***Presentation of Offering** We Give You But Your Own VU #542

*Offertory Prayer

God of all: We give you thanks for your abundant love and all the blessings of our lives. From that which first came from you we now present our offering of our lives and our tithes, talents and treasure. We pray that you may use our lives and witness to bring healing, love and hope to your world. Amen.

We Go in Faith to Love and Serve God

Commissioning

Dear Friends, our time of worship draws to a close and the time for our life of witness resumes.

Go now, as light-bearers to a world in where many know only darkness,

Go now, as hope-carriers to a world in need of Good News.

Go now, as Children of God sharing the love of God with all you meet.

As we go forth may the peace of God enfold us, the love of God uphold us, and the wisdom of God guide us this day and always. Amen. Alleluia!

***Hymn** Would You Bless Our Homes and Families VU #556

*Benediction

***Choral Response** This Day God Gives Me VU #410 vs 2

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 Margaret Collins for leading us in worship this morning. Thank You also to Christine Belanger for her beautiful gift of music this morning. *Central Queens United Church*

Today’s Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Rev. Charles Wagner. Remembered by Central Queens Musical Friends.

Today’s Bulletins are also placed in loving memory of Robert Rackham. Remembered by Central Queens Musical Friends.

Today’s Bulletins are also placed in loving memory of Ralph Howes. Lovingly remembered by Ruby, Fred, Janet, Alyssa & Kaylee.

Life and Work of Our Church

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

Supply Minister – Kirk Neville will be leading us in worship next Sunday, May 17th.

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, May 17th, are:

Acts 1:6-14 *The ascension of Jesus.*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (VU #787) *God makes a home for the poor.*

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 *Cast your cares on God. Be alert.*

John 17:1-11 *Jesus prays that his disciples “all may be one.”*

These are made available to you for reading 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.

Bookworms United this Friday, May 15th, at 10 am at the church. We will be reviewing *The Life Cycle of the Common Octopus* and *Fahrenheit 451*. All are welcome to join in.

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 May are Shell 3%, Boston Pizza 10%, American Eagle 8% and Running Room 11%. The next order date is May 24th.

Official Board Meeting Correction - Well, it seems we were a bit eager for this meeting. The next Official Board meeting will not be held until Thursday, **June 18th**, at 7:15 pm. **Please note the change of date.**

Administrative Assistant – Central Queens United Church is in need of a Administrative Assistant for our church office. This is a 6-hour position. Hours are Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9 am – 12 noon. Interested candidates are asked to contact the church office at office@cquc.ca or at 902-964-2221.

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 – Deadline for announcements for the bulletin is **Wednesday evening**. Please email your announcement(s) to office@cquc.ca.

Camp Abby – Back by Popular Demand – Central Queens United Church has booked Camp Abby in Augustine Cove for the weekend of May 29th, 30th, & 31st. Everyone is invited. This year a group of Camp Abby alumni from Central Queens United Church are organizing a reunion to be held the same weekend. The reunion organizers would like to invite all past Camp Abby alumni from Central Queens United Church to attend. The organizers are looking for donations of food or money to help offset the cost of the weekend. There will be no charge to attend. If you would like to volunteer, it would be greatly appreciated.

There will be no church service in Hunter River on Sunday, May 31st. The Sunday morning service will be held at **11 am** at Camp Abby. **Please note** the change of time for the service. There will be a potluck lunch after the service.

Please let Trudy, Walter or Bernie know if you are going to attend so that we can be sure to have enough food and supplies to accommodate everyone. We are looking forward to having a great turnout and a lot of fun at Camp Abby.

Sunday School Helpers are Needed to assist in our Sunday School ministry. Please contact the church office if you can help with this very important ministry.

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.

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

June 20 – Spring Roast Beef Supper

August 15 – Yard Sale – Donated items can be dropped off during office hours

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.

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.

Puzzle/Book Lending Library – Amid all the wonderful books that have been donated to the library, Rev. Greg has left several books that would be useful in planning a reflection / short worship for a small group gathering. He has also left some books by his favourite theologians. For more casual reading, we have Clive Cussler, Nicholas Sparks and James Patterson plus dozens of other authors. Come and check out what may suit your reading tastes. Also be sure to check out the wide variety of puzzles available. All are in the main hall.

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.

Rural Routes Through the Holy – June 11th – 13th

Have you heard of RRTH? It a three-day gathering held annually for those in rural faith communities. Rooted in the United Church it is ecumenical in its participation. It aims to grow and nurture a network and community of folks in rural churches and communities in the Maritimes; to encourage our voices as people with questions and gifts that are vital for telling the life of Christ in the world. We've been gathering since 2019 and over half our participants return year after year. There are various speakers to spark our imagination; some from people just like you who love something their faith community is doing and want to share their experience. We share worship, good food, conversation, resources, and quiet spaces for prayer practice or to walk the labyrinth. You can learn more at <https://ruralroutesthroughtheholyc.ca>

This year we're meeting HERE at Central Queens, and we really hope a number of you will join us.

Our theme this year is ***Tales, Tables, and Tending: The Slow Work of God in a Fast World***. We'll gather with tea/coffee and muffins at 9:30 am. Our welcome and worship begin at 10 am. You can learn more and register at <https://ruralroutesthroughtheholyc.ca/rural-routes-through-the-holy-registration/> If you have questions, you can always reach me at ruralroutesatlantic@gmail.com

Catherine for the Rural Routes team

Camp Abby Updates

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, May 23rd, from 5 pm - 7 pm at Camp Abby. There will be activities for the kids, all new special "80th Anniversary" merchandise, and last, but not least, they will be giving away a Free Week of Camp. The meal includes spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread, Caesar salad, and make your own Sunday for dessert. Tickets: Adults: \$15; Children: \$10 (Under 6 Free); Family: \$50. Please contact Alex Corbett at 902-626-8037 or alexcorbett@campabby.ca or Sharon Howatt at 902-432-9193 or sharon@campabegweit.ca.

Annual Open House will be held on Sunday, June 28th, from 2-4 pm.

Camp Abby Updates (Continued)

New Mailing Address: Please note our primary mailing address has changed to: 140 Camp Abegweit Rd, Borden-Carleton, PE C0B 1X0

Please see the bulletin board by our church office for the “Most Needed Items for Summer 2026”.

Community Events

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Sunday, May 17th, at 2 pm. Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guests Mike Arsenault, Kim Albert, and Todd Gallant. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

The WoHeLo/QEH Auxiliary will host their Spring Clothing Sale on Thursday, May 21st, 12 noon – 8 pm; Friday, May 22nd, 10 am - 7 pm; and Saturday, May 23rd, 10am - 3pm at 144 Dorchester Street, Charlottetown. There will be high quality, gently used clothing and accessories for the whole family. All proceeds go to fund equipment for high-risk newborn babies in the province. Come early for best bargains!

Spring Park United Church is pleased to introduce its new worship group, Praise B, in a free concert! Come and enjoy some of your favourite gospel and pop tunes on May 24th, at 2 pm. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Spring Park United Church at 902-368-1822.

Park Royal United Church Take-Out Lobster Supper on Wednesday, May 27th, between 4:00-5:30 pm. Price is \$30. Lobster will be shelled, so no mess, no fuss - maybe a get-together with neighbors for a nice meal and no cleanup! Meal also includes potato salad, coleslaw, fresh roll and decadent dessert. Tickets are available now by calling 902-894-9656 or through Eventbrite.

Closing Worship “Watch Party” – You are invited to Trinity United Church in Summerside on Sunday, June 7th, at 10 am for a “Watch Party” of the live streaming of the Closing Worship for the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region. Enjoy refreshments and fellowship as you watch the life stream. All are welcome. Over . . .

More Community News

Take-Out Lobster Supper on Saturday, June 13th, from 4:30 – 5:30 pm at Trinity Clifton United Church, Charlottetown. Enjoy lobster, potato salad, jelly salad, coleslaw, roll and homemade pie for dessert. Tickets are \$35. For tickets call 902-892-4114 or email trinitycliftonunitedchurch@gmail.com.

"The QEH Auxiliary Coffee and Royal Pantry Eatery are looking for volunteers for some of their three-hour shifts from 3 - 6 or 6 - 9 pm. If you could spare three hours a week and would be able to help out, please call Naman at (902)894-2057 or email him at nsharma@ihis.org. Thank you!

FOR YOU MUM ON MOTHER'S DAY

I want to tell you, Mum
That you're special to the Lord,
And you are valued in His eyes,
For no one loves you more.
And Mum, I want you to know
How blessed you really are,
For I know that it was never easy,
Those past years were quite hard.
But even through the years gone by,
I believe that God was there,
Reaching out with loving arms,
Though we were unaware.
And He is still beside you
Longing to be a part
Of all the things that interest you,
For you're special in His heart.
For even in the daily struggles
That seems to be part of life,
The Lord longs to be involved
And fill the void inside.
So Mum, on this Mother's Day,
I just want you to know
That you were always appreciated
And that Jesus loves you so.

-- M.S. Lowndes