

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

Gathering for Worship

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

May 3, 2026 – 10:30 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter



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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Bible Presentation (*Placed during the Introit*)

*Introit Halle, Halle, Halle VU #958 x3

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Call to Worship

The Lord is our shepherd.

We are the sheep of Christ's pasture.

The shepherd makes us lie down in green pastures.

In Christ we dwell secure.

The shepherd leads us beside still waters and restores our souls.

We worship Christ, our shepherd, our gate.

Gathering Prayer

Loving shepherd, we feel the wolves close at hand. Gather us to yourself, that we might dwell secure in your ways.

Deliver us from evil, that we might build a community where all may dwell secure. Mark our fellowship with study, prayer, communion, and the sharing of our possessions with those in need. Amen.

*Opening Hymn Be Still, My Soul VU #652

Life and Work of Our Church

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

Supply Minister – Margaret Collins will be leading us in worship next Sunday, May 10th.

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, May 10th, are:

Acts 17:22-31 *Paul points the Athenians to “the unknown god”.*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 66:8-20 (VU #785) *God preserved us.*

1 Peter 3:13-22 *Do not repay evil for evil.*

John 14:15-21 *The Advocate, the Spirit, will be with you.*

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 - Our next meeting will be held at 10 am on Friday, May 15th, at the church. We will be reviewing *The Life Cycle of the Common Octopus* and *Fahrenheit 451*. All are welcome to join in.

FundScrip – The next order date is May 10th. 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%.

Administrative Assistant – Central Queens United Church is in need of a Administrative Assistant for our church office starting May 1st. 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.

Official Board Meeting The next Official Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21st, at 7:15 pm. All are welcome to attend.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Rural Routes Through the Holy: 2026 from June 11th – 13th at Central Queens United Church. The theme is Tales, Tables and Tending: The Slow Work of God in a Fast World. There will be presenters who will share their experiences of God's Slow Work in a Fast World along with Julie Lush who will share her rich storytelling. Register at <https://ruralroutesthroughtheholyc.ca>.

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.

Camp Abby Updates

Open Up Day this Saturday, May 9th, starting at 9 am. Many hands make light work.

Fundraising Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, May 23rd, from 5 – 7 pm. More information to come.

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

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

Community Events

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh this afternoon, May 3rd, at 2 pm. Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guests Jonny Ray Arsenault and Louise Arsenault. 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.

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.

More Community Events

"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!

Mission and Service – Healthy Food, Healthy Relationships

Many communities are feeling the weight of isolation. Poverty, violence, and the pressures of daily life can make it harder for people to stay connected, even when living side by side.

At Carlington Community Connection, a chaplaincy in Ottawa, Ontario, people who saw this need chose to respond. They noticed the growing isolation around them and decided to create a place where people could be welcomed and treated with dignity.

That response sounds simple, but it matters deeply. Volunteers and staff greet people with coffee or tea, and a home-baked muffin. They sit together, listening and creating space for everyday connection. In these moments, people are not defined by what they are facing, but by their shared humanity.

That care is also growing in practical ways. The program now offers healthier food options, providing more nourishment during each visit. Volunteers and staff also make it possible for people to take home items like fruit, yogurt, and cheese for their children, supporting families in ways that make a real difference in daily life.

Through Mission and Service, this kind of response is possible. Our gifts to Mission and Service support the people who see a need and choose to act with compassion and care.

When we respond to isolation with kindness, something begins to change. Make your gift to Mission and Service today.

DEAR LORD AND GUARDIAN OF MY SOUL . . .

Your Word is my counsel,
Your Power is my courage,
Your Promises, my comfort,
Your Presence, my confidence.

I rest my life,

My soul,

My future,

In your hands

By: B.J. Hoff

*In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed.
Exodus 15:14*



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