CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

October 25, 2026 – 10:30 am

22nd 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.

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

"You shall love the Lord your God … and your neighbour as yourself."
— Matthew 22:37–39

Welcome to Worship
Welcome to our worship service today. Whether you are a longtime member, a returning friend, or visiting us for the first time, we are glad you are here. May this time of worship renew our spirits, strengthen our faith, and remind us that we are called to love God and our neighbours through compassion, kindness, justice, and service.

Call to Worship
One: God is our dwelling place through all generations.
All: We gather in the presence of the One whose love sustains us.
One: Jesus calls us to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind.
All: We will worship God with our whole lives.
One: Jesus calls us to love our neighbours as ourselves.
All: May our worship inspire us to live with compassion, courage, and grace.
One: Come, let us worship God!
All: We come with grateful hearts, ready to listen, learn, and love.

Hymn: *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" VU #334*

Opening Prayer
Loving and gracious God, we gather today seeking your presence and your wisdom. Open our hearts to your Word. Quiet the distractions that keep us from hearing your voice. Teach us to love you wholeheartedly and to recognize your love in the people around us. Help us to welcome the strangers, comfort those who are hurting, and work for peace and justice in our community and in the world. May our worship draw us closer to you and to one another. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Hymn: *"Spirit, Open My Heart" MV #79*

Time with All God's Children

Scripture Readings
~ Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (VU page 805) – God, our dwelling place through every generation
~ Matthew 22: 34-46 – Jesus teaches that love of God and love of neighbour are central to faithful living.

Anthem

Sermon – Are We Loving Our Neighbours?
Love God and Love Your Neighbour
What does it mean to love God with our whole being? How do we show love to our neighbours in the ordinary moments of everyday life? Jesus reminds us that faith is more than words or religious observance. It is revealed in how we treat one another—with patience, generosity, dignity, forgiveness, and compassion.
As a community of faith, may we seek ways to put love into action: listening to those who feel unheard, offering help to those in need, welcoming people who feel excluded, and caring for God's creation. May our lives reflect the love we proclaim in worship.

Prayers of the People
God of love, we bring before you our prayers for the church, our community, and the world. We pray for all who are lonely, grieving, anxious, or ill. Bring them comfort and the assurance that they are not forgotten. We pray for families and neighbours who experience hardship. Give us generous hearts and willing hands to share what we have. We pray for leaders and all who work for peace and justice. Grant them wisdom, humility, and courage. We pray for our congregation. Help us to be a welcoming community where people find friendship, belonging, hope, and opportunities to serve.
We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus, who taught us to love God and our neighbours. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering
Our gifts are one way we express our gratitude for God's abundant love. As we give, may we remember that every act of generosity can bring hope, healing, and encouragement to another person.
Offertory Hymn: *"We Give You But Your Own" VU #542*

Prayer of Dedication
Generous God, receive these gifts and bless them for your work in the world. May they support our ministry, strengthen our community, and extend your love to those who need it most. Bless also the gifts of our time, talents, and compassion. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: *"God of Life" VU #528*

Benediction
Go into the world with hearts open to God's love. Love God with all that you are. Love your neighbours with kindness and compassion. Seek justice, offer forgiveness, share generously, and walk humbly with God. May the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you today and always. Amen.

Choral Amen
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Welcome to Central Queens United Church!
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.

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Thank you to Kirk Neville for leading us in worship today and for his gift of music.

Supply Minister: Kirk Neville will be leading us in worship next Sunday, November 1.

Scripture Readings for November 1:
Joshua 3:7-17 – *Joshua leads the people across the Jordan River.*
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 – *God's steadfast love endures forever.*
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 – *Lead a life worthy of God.*
Matthew 23:1-12 – *The greatest one will be the servant.*

Life and Work of Our Church

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

Pastoral Care - If anyone from the Congregation hears of someone sick or in hospital, please notify the church office by email.

FundScrip – Order is due today, October 25.
You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers are accepted.

Upcoming Church Events:
November 7 – Fall Roast Beef Supper
November 8 – Frozen Pie orders go out
November 21 – Trivia
November 22 – Frozen Pie orders due date
December 10 – Frozen Pies pick up date

Broadview magazine (Observer) is up for renewal. Contact Velda (902-964-2210).

It's that time of year again. Time for the deliciously popular **Hot Roast Beef Take-out Supper** from Central Queens United Church, Hunter River on Sat., Nov. 7th. A tasty hot roast beef meal with all the trimmings including a generous dessert. Three take-out times: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m. Ticket prices: $25/adult, $7/youth 6 - 12 yrs. of age, and free for children 5 yrs. old and younger. Tickets should be ordered in advance by calling Debbie at 902-964-2882.
Note: At pick-up, drivers are asked to remain in their vehicle, meal tickets will be collected and the suppers will be brought to the car. Your support for this church fundraiser to meet church expenses is much appreciated. Enjoy!

Community Events

Save the date for a PEI Cluster gathering on Wed, Nov 18th at Central Queens United Church (approx time 9:30am-2:30pm).
It was wonderful to gather to host the Moderator but we also wanted a more "regular" cluster gathering - with regional lay reps (or someone from the pastoral charge) and ministry personnel.
Our focus will be on the Small Church (read the Sept/Oct issue of Broadview for inspiration). More info to follow, but please Save the date NOW.

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh will be held on Sunday, November 1, at 2:00 p.m. Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guests Jordan LeClair and Family. Admission is $15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 p.m.

'Winsloe United Sings' – with special guests Courtney Hogan-Chandler, Kristyn Visser-Perkin, and Bob Acorn –
Sunday, November 8, 2:00 p.m. Freewill offering at the door.