

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
We Gather as God's Beloved**

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

September 13, 2026 – 10:30 am

**Worship Leader:
The Rev. Ches Boutilier**



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 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 as followers of Jesus,
who, when asked "Who are you?", replied:

I am the Light!

We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world;
**may its light brighten our spirits
and through us may the light of God shine in our world.**

***Introit "Come All You People" MV #2 x2**

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

Call to Worship

We gather now from the hurried pace of this week;

may we slow down now before the Lord.

In days filled with all kinds of different happenings;

may we slow down now before the Lord.

And at a time when it is hard to find the Lord;

let us be still and feel God's presence.

***Opening Hymn** “Called by Earth and Sky” MV #135

Prayer of Approach *(in unison)*

Lord, we have come to worship you again this day from a busy world, to seek your presence in our lives. Help us to find that which we might be missing to be the people you want us to be. May your love be real to us again today as we stand at the threshold of another week. We pray together... **Our Father...**

Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 19 - VU pages 740-741

***Hymn** “Let All Things Now Living” VU #242

Children’s Time: *from Ralph Milton’s Story Bible*
~ A Long, Long Journey *(based on Exodus 14-15)*

Presentation of Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory “What Can I Do?” MV #191

***Presentation of Offering**

Offertory Prayer

As a symbol of ourselves, O God, we now offer these gifts from our labours to you. May they find uses in ways that your love might apply to spread and reach out in the world around us, near and far. Amen.

God’s Word for Us Today

Scriptures: Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

Anthem: “*Because You Came*”

Message Why Should I Forgive?

Reflective Music

We Go in Faith to Love and Serve God

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession – VU pages 912-913

***Hymn** “Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah” VU #651

Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

Benediction “Go Now in Peace”

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.

Thank You to Rev. Ches Boutilier for leading us in worship, and thanks to Christine Belanger for her gift of music.

Today’s bulletin is placed in loving memory of George Ernest Carver; lovingly remembered by Walter & Pat Carver & family.

Central Queens United Church Anniversary – We celebrate and remember the official opening of our church on September 16, 2007.

Ministers	All of us
<u>Clergy</u>	
Office Hours	
Office Phone	902-964-2291
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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: Eric Lynk and Margaret Collins will be leading us in worship next Sunday, September 20.

Scripture Readings for September 20:

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Congregational vote

On September 13, 2026, the congregation of Central Queens Pastoral Charge is called to meet directly after church for the purpose of receiving a recommendation from the Search Committee. At this meeting, the candidate as recommended by the Search Committee and the terms of the call will be presented for consideration by those present. This will be the only item of business. Upon approval of the recommendation from the Search Committee by the Pastoral Charge, the motion will be shared with the Regional Council for their action.

Central Queens United Church Sunday School invites children and youth to join us for "*Adventures with the Son*". Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 20, during the 10:30 a.m. service at Central Queens United Church, Hunter River. A Corn Boil, hosted by the Official Board, will follow the service. All Welcome!

FundScrip – Order will be placed today, September 13.

You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers are accepted.

Central Queens Dinner Theatre on September 17, 18, & 19 has been **SOLD OUT!** Team nights: September 17 - team 3; September 18 - team 4; September 19 - team 1; Setup and takedown - team 2. Thanks to everyone!

Rosewood Service has been cancelled for this month.

Official Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24, at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Blessing of Backpacks, School Bags, Briefcases, & Tool Boxes

As we mark the beginning of a new school year, during our service on September 20th we encourage students of all ages to bring their backpacks and school bags to receive a blessing. Adults who may take a briefcase or tool box to work are also invited to bring those along to receive a blessing.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Church Events:

September 17, 18, & 19 – Dinner Theatre (SOLD OUT)

October 24 – Car Rally

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

Bookworms United: We are starting another great year of reading on Friday, September 18, at 10:00 a.m. at the church. If you love to read and socialize, please feel free to join us. All are welcome.

~ Saturday, October 24 – Central Queens Car Rally

Start time – 9:00 a.m. at the church parking lot. Pre-register by calling Walter Carver (902-213-7015) or the church office.

~ Saturday, November 21 – Trivia at Central Queens

2:00 p.m. Get a team together and sign up by calling Walter or the church office.

~ Camp Abegweit annual fundraising dinner -- September 26

at Camp Abegweit. Sit-down roast beef meal starts at 6 p.m.; take-out option available from 4-4:30. Tickets: \$45 for adults; \$20 for children (tickets must be purchased in advance).

Cake auction and silent auction. To purchase tickets or donate to either auction - sharon@campabegweit.ca or 902-432-9193.

Community Events

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh - Sunday, September 20, 2:00 p.m. Host Dino Dunsford welcomes special guests Ricky and Sandra Jones. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 p.m.

Godly Play Core Storyteller Training 2026

The Godly Play Maritimer Trainers are pleased to offer three consecutive days of training rather than spreading it over two weekends! People have requested an opportunity to be able to complete the training this way. Register now for the Friday, October 23 (2pm) to Sunday, October 25 (4pm) training in Prince Edward Island at Southwest River United Church (12079 PE-6 Kensington).

Core training cost is \$350.00 which includes two suppers, two lunches and nutritional breaks. Overnight accommodations are the responsibility of the participant. For assistance with accommodations in the area, contact Ellen at: ellenmlocke@hotmail.com or (902) 628-5460. Deadline for registration is Friday, September 25.

The investment into this intensive training supports participants to leave being able to not only offer Godly Play stories, but more importantly, understand deeper the spirituality of the child as well as the methods of Godly Play.

Once story materials are obtained, everything the storyteller needs to prepare is provided in the scripts, unlike other Christian formation programs. The storyteller carries the story in their heart and as the sacred stories, parables and liturgical stories are told, connections are made through consistent language and the spiral curriculum nature.