

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
September 8, 2024 – 10:30 am**

Sixteenth 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.

The Community Gathers

Prelude

Welcome

Welcome in the name of the Christ.

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

Welcome to this place of retreat and refuge, worship, and wonder.

It is good to be here.

It is indeed good to be together.

Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation *(Placed during the Introit)*

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

***Call to Worship**

Those who trust in God are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever.

Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

We stretch out our hands and our hearts reach for your goodness and righteousness.

Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

Lead us on good paths and make us agents of peace.

Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

Encircle us in this time of worship -- surrounding us with your love.

***Hymn** Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love VU #593

Prayer of Approach

Holy One, our Maker, we gather to worship you, to renew our spirits, and to connect as a community.

Some of us crave a joyful noise, some flourish in quiet contemplation, others desire movement, while others need to ponder our thoughts. However, we worship, we gather. In this place, we find you in the midst of us. In this connectivity, we know that your covenant remains in effect. May your Spirit guide, empower, and speak.

With Jesus, we share in the ancient prayer...

Responsive Reading – Psalm 125 VU #849

***Hymn** God of the Sparrow VU #229 vs 1 – 4

All God's Children

Hymn God of the Sparrow VU #229 vs 5 & 6

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

***Offertory** What Can I Do? MV #191

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory Prayer**

Sovereign God, receive our offerings for the nurture and expansion of your kin-dom. May we magnify the spirit of generosity among us, amplified so that all may do well. Amen.

Listening for God’s Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Word

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 *A good name rather than riches*

Mark 7:24-37 *The Syrophoenician woman’s faith challenges Jesus.*

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to God’s Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn** When a Poor One VU #702

Changing of the Light

***Blessing**

***Choral Benediction** May the God of Hope Go with Us VU #424 vs 1

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers

All of us

Clergy

Rev Greg Davis

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9 am – 12 pm

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A Warm 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.

Today’s Bulletins are placed in loving memory of George Ernest Carver. Lovingly remembered by Walter & Pat Carver and family.

Life and Work of Our Church

Greg’s Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 am – 12 pm. If anyone is in the hospital or would like a visit from Greg, please call him at 902-964-2291. If you wish to meet with Greg outside the scheduled hours, please call 902-964-2291 or email minister@cquc.ca for an appointment.

Sunday School Leader & Helpers are Needed – Sunday School will be resuming soon. We are looking for someone to lead Sunday School and others to help out. Please contact the church office if you can help with this very important ministry.

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.

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, September 15th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

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.

Rosewood Service will be held on Thursday, September 19th, at 6:30 pm. The Choir will be assisting Greg in leading the service.

Official Board Meeting on Thursday, September 19th, at 7:15 pm at the church. All are welcome to attend.

Weekly Bulletins can be sponsored by you in celebration or remembrance of a loved one. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

Central Queens Dinner Theatre on September 12th, 13th & 14th at 7 pm. Theme is “George, Tammy and Friends”. Tickets are sold out.

Team Nights

Thursday, September 12th – Team 1
Friday, September 13th – Team 2
Saturday, September 14th – Team 3
Set Up and Take Down – Team 4

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, please contact Trudy at office@cquc.ca or you can call her during office hours at 902-964-2221. Thank you.

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.

Bulletin Deadline—Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday evening**. Bulletin items can be emailed to office@cquc.ca.

Puzzle/Book Exchange – Be sure to check out the wide variety of books and puzzles available in the main hall. Help yourself to a puzzle and/or book or bring some of your own to share!!

Pop Can Pull Tabs – The funds from your pull tabs go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for children in hospital. Your pull tabs can be dropped off at the church. Thank you.

Community News

Regarding Request for Items for Recently Arrived Refugee Family

Prince Edward Islanders are so generous! Thanks to the kindness of many people, the Syrian family who recently arrived in Charlottetown now has all the items that they need to begin their new life here. Many thanks for your generosity.

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh this afternoon, September 8th, at 2 pm. Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guests Blake Crockett and Roberta Smith. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

Information Meeting by Dept of Public Safety – Tomorrow night, September 9th, at 7pm at the Hunter River Community Centre, staff from the Department of Public Safety will hold an information session on how to be prepared in weather and emergency situations. You are invited to come to learn more and ask any questions that you may have about how to best prepare yourself and your home.

Renowned 'STORIES in STITCHES' Exhibition – Eastern Canada's most dramatic show of quilts, hooked rugs and artistic needlework runs from this Tuesday to Saturday, September 10th to 14th, from 10 am till 5 pm at beautiful St. Paul's church in downtown Charlottetown (Grafton @ Church St.) A stunning display: close to 150 pieces set out on the rich woodwork of the church, plus demonstrations by skilled quilters and rug-hookers. Admission is just \$10 at the door, and St. Paul's will be easy to find: just look for the car parked on the lawn — robed in a tailor-made quilt! For information: 902-218-2213; carolmcdnld70@gmail.com; photos at www.stpaulschurch.ca.

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR EVERYTING

Thank You, God, for everything –
the big things and the small –
For every good gift comes from God,
the Giver of them all,
And all too often we accept,
without any thanks or praise,
The gifts God sends as blessings
each day in many ways.
And so at this time we offer up a prayer
To thank You, God, for giving us
a lot more than our share.
First, thank You for the little things
that often come our way –
The things we take for granted
and don't mention when we pray –
Oh, make us more aware, dear God,
of little daily graces
That come to us with sweet surprise
from never-dreamed-of-places. . . .
And help us to remember that
the key to life and living
Is to make each prayer a prayer of thanks
and every day Thanksgiving.
By: Helen Steiner Rice