

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
May 4, 2025 – 10:30 am**

Third 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.

Gathering for Worship

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 the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation *(Placed during the Introit)*

***Introit** Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty VU #315 vs 1

***Call to Worship**

Sing praises to God, you faithful, give thanks to God's holy name!

Weeping may linger for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

You turn our weeping to dancing, God; you remove the garments of mourning and clothe us in gladness.

May we praise you and not be silent! We give thanks to you, O God, forever!

***Hymn** Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound VU #266

Prayer For Renewal

Dear God, we praise you that we are not being deceived when we believe that the Spirit of Christ is found in this world. Oh, we know how easy it is to be deceived. The difference between promise and performance can be very large. The confusion sown by those intent on misleading can be crazy making. And, yet we have experienced moments of saving grace. We have been touched by an unexpected kindness; or a crisis was averted, or a risk brought a resolution that served. And, we wondered, "How did that happen? Whose shepherding skill enabled that rescue?" We praise you, God, that you dwell amongst us, full of grace and truth and that you are teaching us to pray, to depend upon you. Today through your Word and Way, reveal to us your purpose as individuals and collectively as this community of faith. In Jesus' name and to God's glory. Amen.

Words of Grace

Sung Response Halle, Halle, Hallelujah VU #958

All God's Children

Hymn Will You Come and Follow Me VU #567

Scripture

Scripture Reading Acts 9:1-6

Responsive Psalm – Psalm 30 VU #757

Anthem *This is the Feast of Victory*

Gospel Reading Revelations 5:11-14

Sermon *Come to a quiet time. . . a time of reflection*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory What Can I Do? MV #191

Offertory Prayer

Prayer Prelude Dear Mother God VU #270

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** Joyful, Joyful We Adore You VU #232

*Commissioning

As Jesus said to Peter, so Jesus asks us, "Do you love me?"

Yes, Jesus, you know that we love you.

He commissions us to feed his lambs, to tend his sheep.

Let us serve God in peace and fortitude.

***Sung Blessing** Go In Love (Price/Besig)

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

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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 memory of Robert Rackham. Remembered by Central Queens Musical Friends.

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

Thank You – The congregation of Central Queens United Church would like to thank Kirk Neville for leading our worship service this morning.

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.

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 **Bulletin**

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.

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, May 11th, are:

Isaiah 66:10-13

Psalms 139 (VU #861-862)

Luke 1:46-55.

These are made available to you should you wish to read them during the upcoming week.

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, May 11th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

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.

Praise Service on Sunday, May 18th, at 7 pm (please note **corrected time**). This event is to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada. Special guests will include Central Queens Musical Friends, Sarah Weeks, Brad Trivers, Wade Campbell and Kirk Neville. New and older hymns to be a part of this spiritual program. Everyone is most welcome to attend. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Annual Take-out Hot Roast Beef Supper will be on Saturday, June 7th. A generous serving of hot roast beef with all the trimmings and including a tasty dessert. Three take-out times: 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$20/ adult, \$7/youth (ages 6-12 yrs) and free for children 5 yrs. and younger. For tickets, order in advance by contacting Debbie at 902-964-2882 or Lois at 902-621-0669. **Note:** Tickets will be collected at diners' vehicles and suppers delivered back to vehicles in the church parking lot. We truly appreciate your support and wish you Bon appetite!

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

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.

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.

Puzzles/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!! If you happen to find any missing pieces of puzzles at home, there is a container above the puzzle shelves for these 'lost pieces'.

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.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Sunday, May 25th, at 2 pm. Hosts Dino Dunsford and the Winsloe United House Band welcome special guests Tip-Er-Back with Darlene Bradley. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

Over . . .

Park Royal United Church Take-Out Lobster Supper is back - supporting local fishers and businesses, happening on Wednesday, May 14 – mark your calendar! Tickets now available by calling the Church Office at 902-894-9656. Price is \$28. They may also be purchased through Eventbrite with information on our Park Royal Facebook page. Delivery is available.

Hope House Mother's Home Afternoon Tea Fundraiser on Saturday, May 17th, from 1 – 3 pm at the Credit Union Place, 511 Notre Dame St, Summerside. Tickets are \$40. Invite a friend! Registration is required by emailing hopehousepei@gmail.com. Enjoy a sophisticated Afternoon Tea with tasty sandwiches & sweets. Come meet a few of our amazing moms and get a special peek into everyday life at Hope House Mother's Home!

CONTENTMENT

Lord, grant us true contentment. . .
Acceptance of what each day brings,
Joy in you and not in things,
Tranquility in storm or strife,
Serenity in all of life;
That when you whisper, "Please, be still."
We'll wait upon your perfect will,
Knowing we will soon be blessed
By love that only wants our best.
Help us see that we are meant
To rest in you . . . and be content.
By: B.J. Hoff

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. . . I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation. . . I can do everything through him who gives me strength. *Philippians 4:11-14*