

Clifton Pastoral Charge

Old Barns and Hilden United Churches

We are Affirming Churches in an Affirming Pastoral Charge

Organist: Old Barns – Beckie Burrows | Hilden – Edith Selwyn-Smith

Bulletin Secretary: Mallery Thomas

Mission Statement: To provide a friendly, welcoming, caring and safe environment to promote spiritual growth.

March 22, 2026

Minister Rev. Dr. Darlene Brewer

Introit: 'Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery' VU #121 Verses 1, 3 & Special Lenten verse 4

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgement of Place -

As we gather for worship, let us remember that this church is on land that is the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

May we live with respect on this land and strive for peace and friendship with its people.

Call to Worship:

One: Our minds and hearts join together to praise and worship God.

All: We come in thanksgiving for the ways in which God moves us to respond to God's word.

One: This worship time awakens us to new beginnings in Christ, a space and time for allowing ourselves to simply be with God and one another.

All: We are part of the family of God.

One: May God strengthen and inspire us in this time together. Come and worship God!

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Musical Response: 'Trust These Words' TLUS, 78. Lisa Waites, 2021.

Opening Hymn: 'God Weeps' MV #78

Time for All Ages – Rev Darlene

Scriptures: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-44

Sermon: God's Spirit as Engaged Hope

Hymn: 'When We Are Living' VU #581

Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Choir: Anthem 'We Wait for God', TLUS, 57. Words by William S. Kervin and Music by Deborah Park and Tom Reynolds, 2023.

Minute for Mission/Focus on Giving

Offering Prayer

Musical Response, 'There's Enough for All, TLUS, 60. Bryan Moyer Suderman, 2024.

Our Community Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: 'Healer of Our Every Ill' VU #619

Benediction/Blessing

Sending Music: 'Don't Be Afraid' MV #90 twice

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Booking

Old Barns- contact Reg Henderson @ 902-895-0740
or rlhenderson8@hotmail.com

Hilden- contact Sheila Marshall at 902-893-2636 or
Diane Creelman 902-897-4493

Bulletin Announcements - contact Mallery Thomas
secretary@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

Charge Website - cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

Church bulletins & video of service are available on the website under
the heading "**Worship**".

All Policies - (*Funerals, Marriages, Baptisms or Blessings*) are located
under the heading "**About Us**"

Clerks of Session

Old Barns – Barb Miller

Hilden - Position to be filled

Minutes for Mission playlists at

www.youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada

Stories and Photos on www.united-church.ca

Need A Drive To Church (OB) - Contact Gordie at 902-895-6833

Old Barns Treasurer - regarding church business or e-transfer
donations contact Bob Francis at
oldbarnstreasurer@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

Social Committee (OB) - contact Julia Blois at 902-893-2641 (OB)
Glenda MacDonald 902-897-6123 (Hilden)

Visitation: Please contact your pastoral elders
Hilden - April Canton-Austin and Sheila Marshall
Old Barns – Karen Archibald-Waugh and Barb Miller

Announcements

Clifton Pastoral Charge, Joint Announcements

It has been suggested that some members of our congregation would like their own copy of "Then Let Us Sing" hymn book, so they can sing along or follow the new hymns.

Would you consider purchasing a copy (or more!) to leave in the church in honour or memory of someone dear to you.

If so, please let Beckie or Edith know ASAP so that we can send the order by the end of March. We need at least 24 copies to get the reduced rate of \$30.00

Thank you for your attention to this.

Old Barns United Church

Thank you to all our dear friends who supported us with calls, cards, food and attended James's service. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

- Gordie, Barb and family.

Wednesday April 1st, Old Barns UCW 9:30 in the Russell Room

Cards will be held on Thursday's from 1pm-3pm for the remainder of March. All are welcome to attend.

Hilden United Church

Cards and Games will be held on March 27th at 1pm

Other Announcements

Upcoming Church Services

March

March 29th 2026 – Joint Service in Old Barns 10:00am

April

April 3rd, 2026 – Good Friday in Hilden, Time to be determined

April 5th, 2026 – Easter Sunday, 9:30am Old Barns, 11:00am Hilden

April 12th, 2026 – 9:30am Hilden, 11:00am Old Barns

April 19th, 2026 – 9:30am Hilden, 11:00am Old Barns

April 26th, 2026 – 9:30am Hilden, 11:00am Old Barns

May

May 3rd, 2026 – 9:30am Old Barns, 11:00am Hilden

May 10th, 2026 – 9:30am Hilden, 11:00am Old Barns

May 17th, 2026 – 9:30am Hilden, 11:00am Old Barns

May 24th, 2026 – 9:30am Hilden, 11:00am Old Barns

May 31st, 2026 – Joint Service in Hilden at 10:00am

June

June 8th, 2026 – 9:30am Old Barns, 11:00am Hilden

June 15th, 2026 – 9:30am Hilden, 11:00am Old Barns

June 22nd, 2026 – 9:30am Hilden, 11:00am Old Barns

June 29th, 2026 – 9:30am Hilden, 11:00am Old Barns