

## *Clifton Pastoral Charge*

*Old Barns and Hilden United Churches*

*We are Affirming Churches in an Affirming Pastoral Charge*

**Clergy:** Reverend Phillip Kennedy

**Organists:** Old Barns--Beckie Burrows, Hilden--Edith Selwyn-Smith

**Church Bulletin Secretary:** Judy Loughead

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

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*(Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship and Daring Justice)*

**October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Old Barns/Hilden**

*Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy*

**Thanksgiving Sunday**

**Music provided by** - (OB & H) Choir Members

**Readers** - (OB) Karen Archibald-Waugh, (H) Sylvia Patterson

### **Prelude**

**Introit** (VU #520 vs 3 & refrain) *"We Plough the Fields"*

### **Welcome and Life & Work of the Charge**

### **Celebrations and Birthdays**

### **Greeting Your Neighbour**

### **Land Acknowledgment**

We give thanks today that we are able to worship on land that is the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. As Treaty people, may we continue to seek ways to foster peace and friendship among all.

**ALL MY RELATIONS.**

### **Lighting of the Unity Candle, Christ Candle, Silence and Prayer**

### **Call to Worship**

Come let us gather together as church.

**We gather in gratitude and thanksgiving.**

Come let us hear the Wisdom of our faith tradition.

**We gather to hear the Word in our hearts and minds.**

Come let us celebrate God's presence with us in all the sorrows and joys of life.

**Hymn** (VU #516) *"Come, You Thankful People, Come"*

### **Story Time**

**Special Music** (OB - Duet by Cindy Gilbert and Madelyn Stewart)

*"Thanksgiving Prayer" by Josef Anderson, © 1993*

(H) *"Sing to the Lord of Harvest" (VU #519)*

**Prayer for Illumination (MV #21, 2xs)** *"Open Our Hearts"*

**Scripture** Philippians 4: 4-9

**Sermon** *"Dancing, with a Pebble in our Shoe"*

**Hymn** (VU # 820) *"Make a Joyful Noise"*

### **Focus on Giving**

**Anthem (OB)** *"I Will Give Jubilant Thanks"* Words by J. Paul Williams,  
Music by Michael Barrett, © 1996, Glory Sound and Malcolm Music, Divisions of  
Shawnee Press, Inc.

### **Offertory Prayer**

**Sung Response (VU #537)** *"Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands"*

**A New Creed** (VU #918)

**Music before prayer (MV #14 3xs)**

*"Where Two or Three Are Gathered"*

### **Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn** (VU #518) *"As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought"*

### **Commissioning / Benediction**

**Sung Response** (VU #481 Vs 2) *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

### **Postlude**

## HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Hilden Cards/games -**  
Oct. 25 (Fri) 1:00 p.m.

<b>HILDEN UNITED CHURCH</b>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
<b>SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT</b>		
GENERAL FUNDS	\$1,915.00	
ALLOTMENT		\$2,814.08
MISSION & SERVICE	\$434.20	
MISSION & SERVICE (PD. OUT)		\$390.00
JAM SESSIONS	\$183.00	
GAMES	\$101.00	
MEMORIALS	\$25.00	
BELL ALIANT		\$31.01
ORGANIST		\$400.00
BANK FEES		\$1.50
LAWN CARE		\$1,000.00
STAPLES		\$68.97
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<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,658.20</b>	<b>\$4,705.56</b>
<b>FIRST OF MONTH BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>28,242.26</b>	
<b>NET TOTALS</b>	<b><u>-2,047.36</u></b>	
<b>END OF MONTH BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$26,194.90</b>	

## OLD BARNs ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANKS SO MUCH!** My heart is full of gratitude for this church family! I've had surgery to repair a broken shoulder and am recovering nicely. This church and community family have humbled me with the pouring out of prayers, love and caring gestures. Thank you seems an inadequate response to all the phone calls, visits, food, flowers, and positive vibes that have come our way. From deep down, Thank You! - *Barb Miller*

The 2024 **Food Bank Garden** is finished! The September 30 **Harvest of the Garden** was **552 pounds**, for a final total of **4860 pounds** delivered to the *Colchester Food Bank*. Thank you to all the members of the *Knights of Columbus and Old Barns Mens Club* who helped with planting, weeding, harvesting and delivering produce to the Food Bank. **Special thanks** to *Mary Heukshorst* for hosting the garden, and making coffee and muffins for the workers every Monday morning.

**October 24<sup>th</sup>** - Thursday, 9:45 a.m. **Bible Study** will start up again in Old Barns, bring your copy of "Into the Mess" by Debie Thomas; discussion on what to do in up-coming weeks will be held.

**October 26<sup>th</sup>** - Saturday, 6:00 p.m., **Harvest Potluck Supper** in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

**October 27<sup>th</sup>** - Sunday, 2:00 p.m., **The Session** of *Old Barns* invite you to an opportunity to deepen your spirituality via a walk along the trail by Old Barns United Church meeting at the spirituality circle for a brief orientation before we walk either together or individually.

### **Sept 2024 Financial Report**

#### **Old Barns United Church**

<b>Bank Balance Aug 31,2024</b>	<b>5,162.37</b>
Receipts	3,631.01
Expenses	8,361.53
<b>Bank Balance Sept 30,2024</b>	<b>431.85</b>
M&S	873.00
World Development	245.00

***Notice the difference Receipts vs Expenses!!!***

*We also had \$26,479.10 in investments matured and this is set aside to pay for the new steel roof for the Church.*

## JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**M&S Report** for September is \$1,582 which includes \$245 World Development & Relief and \$75 from Hilden U.C.W. for a total of \$13,943. This is 63% of our target. We are up a little from 2023, if we compare the usual donations and not include the special donation. Thank you to everyone who supports Mission and Service and all the good it does.

**October 19<sup>th</sup>** - Saturday, 3:00pm - 4:30pm, **Community Dinner**, (Take-Out Only) at St. John's Anglican Church (Link Door), 23 Church St., Truro. Presented by St. David's, Valley-Greenfield, and St. Andrew's United Churches. Free.

**October 19<sup>th</sup>** - Saturday, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., **"Let's Get Groovy!"** at Knox United Church Hall, Brookfield. 1960's Radio Favorites with Gail & Wayne. Come as you are or dress for Woodstock '69. Admission: Free will offering. Snacks available for purchase.

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** - Sunday, 11:00 a.m., **The Congregation of Hilden United Church** extend an open invitation to all, to join us as we celebrate the **100th Anniversary of our Sanctuary**. There will be a Service of Joy followed by a potluck luncheon, dessert provided. A delicious cake will be served in the afternoon, followed by some short remarks from special guests, and a time of Renewal of Commitment to the Praise of God in our beautiful building.

\*\*\*\*\***October 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., **Official Board meeting** at Old Barns United Church.

**October 25<sup>th</sup>** - Friday, 7:00 p.m., **A Country Music and Newfoundland and Labrador music concert** will take place at Brunswick Street United Church in the sanctuary. Tickets are \$25.00 each from the office or from Richard Elliott or Carol Elliott. Poster to this is at MacQuarries. Telephone number to get a ticket is 956-9710, 890-1138, or 843-2048.

Over the course of the next several weeks the Future Visioning Committee will be placing Bulletin Bullets in our bulletin, advising some of the many different topics which have come up for discussion in our Committee meetings to date.

\*\*As a committee, we invite any interested persons to become a part of this process of 'envisioning' our future as a Pastoral Charge. So if you are interested in joining this committee, please feel free to become involved.

\*\*\* **Our next meeting is scheduled for .....**

### **FUTURE VISIONING COMMITTEE BULLETS**

**October 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 1. Diversity is important. The best people we can recruit are the ones that are not like us. Get a new perspective.**
- 2. Consider the measures of success. We have been decaying our abilities for 50 years. We need to start slow and small. Start a connection by reaching out to others.**
- 3. 80% of new people in church are there because a friend invited them.**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. (*Facilitated by: Treena Duncan, Regional Executive Minister, Pacific Mountain Regional Council*) The annual **General Council meeting** is scheduled for October 19. We invite you to join an informal, thoughtful national town hall on **Oct. 22 at 6:00 p.m.** with the *General Secretary, Rev. Michael Blair*, and guests from the GCE – LIVE ONLINE. They want to hear from the church across the country, so they can prepare for the November GCE meetings and beyond. This personal invitation from General Secretary Rev. Michael Blair is *for you, for staff and congregations*. It is an opportunity to engage with the decisions and dialogue from the annual meeting – right after it happens. Whether you're a listener or a caller, this check-in is where you can have a conversation with leaders in real time. The General Secretary and members of GCE are listening. Live. In real time. Everyone is welcome. **Register on CHURCHx.**

**A note:** This is a pilot project. We hope it will be the first of quarterly check-ins next year. While this live event will not offer interpretation or translation, we are planning to hold one check-in fully in French next year (or as fully as we can, with the help of our bilingual GCE members and Ministries in French staff). Watch for scheduling and updates by subscribing to the General Council website.

**Lectionary Readings Next Week** - October 20<sup>th</sup> (*See Time of Services below*)

**Scriptures:** Hebrews 12:1-2

**Theme: "Passing On What We Have Received From Our Forebears"**

### **Worship Services Schedule**

- Oct 20 - **9:30 a.m. in Old Barns**, 11:00 a.m. in Hilden - *Hilden 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*  
Oct 27 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns  
Nov 3 - 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns, 11:00 a.m. in Hilden- *Clergy swap (Rev. Cathie Crooks in Old Barns and Rev. April Hart in Hilden)*  
Nov 10 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns - *Remembrance Sunday*  
Nov 17 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns  
Nov 24 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns - (*OB-Pride Service*)

### **Bookings -**

- Old Barns** - contact Reg Henderson at 902-895-0740 or [rlhenderson8@hotmail.com](mailto:rlhenderson8@hotmail.com)  
**Hilden** - contact George Creelman at 902-897-4493 or [georgecreelman@hotmail.com](mailto:georgecreelman@hotmail.com)

**Bulletin Announcements** - contact Judy at 902-895-7243 or [lougheadjd@gmail.com](mailto:lougheadjd@gmail.com) by Wednesday evening.

**Charge Website** - [cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](http://cliftonpastoralcharge.ca)

Church bulletins & video of services 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 Sessions** - to contact the Session with any questions or concerns regarding the Spiritual Life of the church or to request a baptism or wedding, please contact your Clerk of Session:

**Old Barns** - *Leslie Burrows* 902-890-4682 or email [obsession@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](mailto:obsession@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca)

**Hilden** - TBA or email [hildensession@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](mailto:hildensession@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca)

**Minutes for Mission** playlists at [www.youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada](http://www.youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada) stories and photos on [www.united-church.ca](http://www.united-church.ca)

**Need a Drive to Church (OB)** - Contact Gordie at 902-895-6833

**Old Barns Treasurer** - regarding church business or etransfer donations contact Bob Francis at [oldbarnstreasurer@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](mailto:oldbarnstreasurer@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca)

**Social Committee (OB)** - contact Julia Blois at 902-893-2641.

**The Reverend Phillip Kennedy** can be reached at 902-957-4727 (cell) or by email at [phillip.kennedy@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](mailto:phillip.kennedy@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca)

**Visitation** - If you, or someone you know, want or need a pastoral care visit, please contact either the Clerk of Session or the minister, Rev. Phillip Kennedy.