

*Clifton Pastoral Charge
Old Barns & Hilden United Churches*

We are Affirming Churches in an Affirming Pastoral Charge

Clergy: The Reverend Doctor Darlene Brewer
Organists: Old Barns – Beckie Burrows; Hilden – Edith Selwyn-Smith
Bulletin Secretary: Leslie Burrows

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

Sunday, July 19, 2026
Joint Service in Old Barns

Introit VU # 376 vs 1 Spirit of the Living God

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

God alone knows the depth of our universe, the fullness of cycles, the days of our journeys of faith. We come trusting in God's presence to guide us and shape us.

We come to worship, ready to listen and learn about God's ways.

Though there are sometimes stumbling blocks, for us, for the world, we commit, once again, to God, to the earth, and to one another, to be present...

We commit to love and be loved.

Come, as we ready ourselves to worship God, Our Source, Our Creator.

Amen

Opening Hymn MV # 1 Let Us Build a House

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Musical Response MV # 62 There Is Room for All

Time for All Ages Barb Miller

Scriptures Genesis 28: 10-19
Matthew 13: 24-30

Sermon Wheat, Weeds, and Stumbling Blocks
on the Journey

Hymn VU # 633 Bless Now, O God, The Journey

Minute for Mission/Focus on Giving

Offering Prayer

Musical Response MV # 33 Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope

Our Community Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn VU # 577 I've Got Peace like a River

Benediction/Blessing

Sending Music VU # 376 vs 2 Spirit of the Living God



Summer Worship Services Schedule – Joint Services at 10:00 a.m.

July 26	Hilden
August 2	Old Barns
August 9	Hilden
August 16	Old Barns
August 23	Hilden
August 30	Old Barns

The Reverend Doctor Darlene Brewer can be reached by email at dr.dbrewer2008@gmail.com

Bookings

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

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

Bulletin Announcements - contact Leslie at 902-890-4682 or secretary@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca by Wednesday evening.

Charge Website – 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 – Barb Miller 902-895-6833

Hilden – TBA

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
(H) – contact Glenda MacDonald at 902-897-6123

Visitation - If you, or someone you know, want or need a pastoral care visit, please contact (OB) Karen Archibald-Waugh or Barb Miller
(H) April Canton-Austin or Sheila Marshall

OLD BARNS ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 20 – Clifton 4-H Achievement Day – 11:30 a.m. Showmanship and Judging will take place at the 4-H Barn, Exhibition Grounds.

July 20 – Clifton Pork Chop Barbeque and Pot Luck Supper 6:00 p.m. at the Old Barns church. \$5 per person / \$20 per family. Sponsored by the Clifton Federation of Agriculture.

October 3 – Makers Market – Old Barns will host a craft and bake sale. For more information on how to secure a table, or if you would like to donate to the church table, contact Mallory at mallerythomas@gmail.com
A “Kids Corner” table will be available for the little artists to display and sell their work as well.

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 29 – UCW Day at Berwick Camp

Venezuela Humanitarian Emergency – the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, a member of the Humanitarian Coalition, is accepting donations which will be matched dollar to dollar by the Canadian Government up to \$2 million. You can donate at:
<https://foodgrainsbank.ca/donate/venezuela/?segmentCode=HCVE0626EM3>

Did you watch **Kitchen Conversations** with the Moderator?
(Go to YouTube and search Kitchen Conversations)

If not, summer is a great time to catch up, explore the playlist, and try some new recipes on your own or with your community. Kitchen Conversations is a series exploring faith, food, and the power of inviting one another to the table, hosted by Moderator Kimberly Heath. Drawing inspiration and recipes from *Bless*, *Break*, *Share*, we're breaking bread with guests from across the church, and reflecting on how food can nourish both body and soul.

*A dinner table is a good place to put the gifts of God on display:
the living word (conversation), the bread of life (a well-prepared meal),
the Rose of Sharon (a touch of beauty), the open door (a welcome),
and the pearl of great price (a gift upon departing).*

~ Allen Levi from his book “The Last Sweet Mile”

**Clifton Pastoral Charge has a position available
for:
Church Secretary**

Duties are listed in the Job description below.

Any interested persons should contact:
Jim Burrows, Chair of M & P committee
by email at jimaburrows@gmail.com
or by phone 902-899-6666

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Clifton Pastoral Charge Church Secretary
Part Time Position
(12-25 hours per month, depending on season)

This position includes, but is not strictly limited to the following:

1. Prepare/format a weekly bulletin including announcements emailed to you during the week, and formatted to print with bulletin which will be sent by Minister or Charge in advance
2. Print copies for both Hilden and Old Barns; arrange to have Hilden's delivered. Currently printing 25 for Hilden, 35 for Old Barns which includes 2 large print for Hilden, 4 large print for Old Barns. Occasionally, there will be different bulletins for each church.
3. Send a .pdf copy of final bulletin to webmaster for website, and to appropriate members of the congregation (list provided).
4. Receive annual reports; compile document and print copies for members of the Charge/Congregation
5. Order office supplies as needed
6. Holiday Letters will be printed 3x/year (Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas) and placed in Charge-stamped envelopes with donation envelopes enclosed.
7. Email occasional pastoral charge announcements out to a mailing list.