

*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, October 4, 2026

Introit MV # 7 Gather Us In

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgement of Place

As we gather for worship, let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy.

May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people.

Call to Worship

God has created us for relationship but relationship is often challenging and promising.

We want to be as One but not the same!

The promise of coming together for peace and friendship is found in our thanksgiving and praise to God. In this worship let us set the intention of listening to one another as we listen to God. Jesus taught us to learn from one another: friends, family, neighbours! And who is our neighbour?

Everyone!!!

Our hearts are open to God. Our spirits reach out to one another in the Spirit that brings us together. We are one in Christ. Come, let us worship! **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 OB – Barb Miller

Scriptures Isaiah 5:1-7
Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon “Living in Perfect Harmony is Hard!”

Hymn VU # 394 Moved by the Gospel, Let Us Move (Forest Green tune)

Choir Anthem TLUS # 3 A whisper from the universe

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.

Minute for Mission/Focus on Giving

Offering Prayer

Musical Response MV # 85 Take, O Take Me as I Am

Our Community Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn VU # 633 vs 1,3,5 Bless Now, O God, the Journey

Benediction/Blessing

Sending Music MV # 214 May God's Sheltering Wings

*Ebony and ivory live together in perfect harmony
Side by side on my piano keyboard, oh Lord, why don't we?*

~ Paul McCartney ~

Worship Services Schedule

Oct 11	9:30 a.m. in Hilden; 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns Thanksgiving and Communion
Oct 18	9:30 a.m. in Hilden; 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns
Oct 25	10:00 a.m. Joint Service in Hilden Pot Luck Sandwiches (no fish or seafood) & Sweets following worship for Rev. Darlene's last service

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 etransfer 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) Sheila Marshall or Wayne Fisher

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

From The M&P Committee: we do not have a bulletin secretary at this time. Leslie has agreed to format bulletin and post to website.

Bulletins can be found each week on the website at
<https://www.cliftonpastoralcharge.ca/weekly-bulletins>

In Hilden, Sylvia has volunteered to print their bulletins until the end of October. We need a volunteer to print the bulletins for Old Barns, otherwise, there will be no paper copies. Volunteer should contact Leslie.

If you are interested in the position of Secretary, please contact Jim Burrows, M&P Committee Chair.

September M&S - \$1,755 includes \$245 World Development and \$75 UCW
Total to Date \$18,482 up \$450 from last year. 77% of target
Thank you to everyone who supports Mission & Service.

The Happy Harmonies are looking for new members. Do you like to sing and make new friends? We meet on Mondays from 1:30 – 3:30 in Memorial Hall, First UC. For more information, please contact Pam at gilroy_green@hotmail.com

OLD BARNs ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, October 7 – UCW 9:30 a.m. in the Russell Room

2026 Terry Fox Walk (Site #1652) – We were small but mighty and this year's tally is approximately \$1975! (Clifton Community team = \$375, Dwight's team = \$1600) Thank you to everyone who supported this year's walk, it is very much appreciated. Watch for a write up and photo in the upcoming Clifton fall newsletter.

Our Site # 1652 is posted all year and donations can be processed through the website <https://run.terryfox.ca/129519>

With grateful thanks, Heather MacLeod (site coordinator)

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, October 6 – UCW 1:30 a.m.

Cards and Games October 7 – 10:00 a.m. in church hall
October 23 – 1:00 p.m. in church hall