

**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.

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Hilden United Church of Canada

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

**Minister** Rev. Dr. Darlene Brewer

**Introit: ‘Throughout These Lenten Days & Nights’ VU #108**

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

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:** On the mountain, in the desert, wherever we find ourselves, God calls us to rejoice!

All: We rejoice as we gather for worship.

One: On the Lenten Road, we will meet twists and turns, confront challenges and find ourselves in God's presence through the story of Jesus.

**All: As we gather may we follow the One who makes us whole.**

One: Come, let us worship God, Most Holy!

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

**Opening Hymn: ‘Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery’ VU #121 Verses 1-3 and special verse for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Choir Anthem: ‘When We Are Tested’ MV #65

Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon: ‘Blessed and Broken: From the Garden to the Desert, and On in Faith

**Hymn: ‘Jesus Tempted in the Desert’ VU #115**

Black History Moment

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

Our Community Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn: ‘Jesus Christ is Waiting’ VU #117

Benediction/Blessing

**Sending Music: ‘O God, How We Have Wandered’ VU #112 Only Verse 3**

## Lectionary Readings

Scriptures:

Theme:

## Worship Service Schedule

February 15<sup>th</sup> – Joint Service Old Barns @ 10am – Rev. Brewer

February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Join Service Hilden @ 10am – Rev. Brewer

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Old Barns @ 9:30am – Karen and Leslie

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Hilden @ 11am – Worship Committee

## Booking

**Old Barns-** contact Reg Henderson @ 902-895-0740  
or [rlhenderson8@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca)

**Charge Website** - [cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](http://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](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 e-transfer  
donations contact Bob Francis at

[oldbarnstreasurer@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](mailto: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

### **February 22 – Pastoral Charge Annual Meeting**

This will follow the 10am service in Hilden.

The hiring committee will present their recommendation at this meeting.

*Storm Date : March 1<sup>st</sup> following service in Old Barns*

The World Day of Prayer Service will be held in Harmony Camden United Church at 2:00pm on Friday, March 6.

*Storm date will be Saturday, March 7 at 2pm*

### **Old Barns United Church**

Cards will be held on Thursday's from 1pm-3pm beginning in February. All are welcome to attend

### **Hilden United Church**

Cards and Games at the Hall

February 27<sup>th</sup> - 1:00pm