

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.

March 5, 2023

Old Barns & Hilden

Lent II

Music provided by - (OB & H) Choir Members

Readers - (OB) Leslie Burrows

(H) Sylvia Patterson

Prelude

Introit (VU #108 Vs.1) *“Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights”*

Welcome & Life & Work of the Charge

Celebrations and Birthdays

Congregational Greetings

Truth Telling

Long before settlers came to this land from Europe, renaming it Acadia and Nova Scotia, there was already a nation of people here who called it Mi'kma'ki. We settlers didn't really recognize them as persons, declared the land vacant and colonized it. Even though the indigenous people thought of the land as the Creator's, our treaties with them acknowledged their prior stewardship and claim to it. Our ancestors signed peace and friendship treaties only; no land was ceded, given or sold. Later, as we grew in numbers and power, we were neither peaceful nor friendly. We acknowledge and apologize for this, even as we resolve anew to seek reconciliation.

We commit to the process of truth and reconciliation, to live with respect and friendship with the Mi'kmaq and to the full vision of ALL MY RELATIONS. We too are a treaty people.

Lighting of the Unity Candle, Christ Candle, Silence, Prayer

Call To Worship

Come, let us join together as a community of faith.

We gather as The Body of Christ in this place.

Come, let us check out Jesus of Nazareth.

We come to see one that God acts through with power. Who is He really?

Come, let us risk embracing a truth that challenges everything what we think we know.

Let us worship and give thanks to God.

Hymn (VU #111) *“As the Sun with Longer Journey”*

Story Time *“Born Again and Again and Again...”*

Special Music (OB) *“Begin Again”* Music by Conrad Kocher, Text by Anna Strickland, © Anna Strickland, 2021, Commissioned by A Sanctified Art, LLC.

(H) *“I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace”*

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Scripture John 3: 1-10

Sermon *“Labour Pains”*

Hymn (VU #623) *“Dear Weaver of Our Lives' Design”*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Minute For Mission

Offertory Prayer

A New Creed (VU #918)

Hymn (VU #112) *“O God, How We Have Wandered”*

Commissioning / Benediction

Sung Response (MV #95) *“How Deep the Peace”*

Postlude

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Living into Right Relations -Reconciliation and Indigenous Justice News from The United Church of Canada. *Please see Bulletin Board.*

Our Lenten “**Spare Change to Make a Change**” is underway again this year. Please save your loose change until Easter. Then bring it to church or to Bob Francis. (A cheque for the total would be preferable to a container of loose change.) Thank you for your support. -*The Stewardship Committee*

The **Atlantic Seminar** in Theological Education (A.S.T.E.) Is meeting at Tatamagouche Centre again this year. (June 11-16). The theme is “*Building Respectful Relations*” - The Black Experience in Canada, with an emphasis on the Atlantic Provinces. The presenters are Rev. Brigid Maya Douglas and Dr. Harvey Amani Whitfield. Details will be posted on the bulletin board. More information can be found on the webpage ASTE 2023.

M&S Report for February is \$1,568 (\$245 is World Development & Relief). Total is \$3,130 which is down \$2,100. (Old Barns received a large M&S gift in February last year.)

March 5th - Sunday, 2:00 p.m., **Meeting of churches in Truro area**- THIS AFTERNOON AT ST. ANDREWS UNITED.

March 17th - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon - **St. Patrick's Day Coffee Party** at Knox United Church, Brookfield. Free will offering.

April 2nd - Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., **Pancake Brunch** at the Old Barns United Church. Live entertainment: *Highway 236*. (Adults \$12, Age 7 & Under \$8)

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our thanks to the many people from our Pastoral Charge who “shocked” us with a surprise **60th Anniversary Party**. It was wonderful to receive your visit, congratulations, blessings, cards and to be serenaded by George Creelman with a private Concert. The two conspirators, Donna Dickey and our son, Doug, successfully managed the “*surprise*” part, did all the preparations and so much more, to make it a very special grand day, Thank you to all. - *Marnie & Wayne*

Cards & Games Day

March 8th 10:00 a.m. (Wednesday) March 24th 1:00 p.m. (Friday)

March 7th - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Hilden UCW at Diane Creelman's home.

OLD BARNS ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 7th - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **Cards and Games** in the Russell Room. Everyone is welcome. Cards and other games will be available, if you have a favorite game feel free to bring it along. Hot chocolate will be provided. Karen and Leslie will be your hosts. Many thanks to Barb and Gordie for hosting in February.

March 9th – Thursday, 9:45 a.m. **Bible Study** in Old Barns. All are welcome.

February 14th was **International Book Giving Day** whose mission is to put books into the hands of as many children as possible. Thanks to the generosity of three groups within the Clifton District, **\$930 was donated to Maggie's Place** to do just that. Spearheaded by The Clifton Page Turners Book Club who donated \$270, the Progressive Club donated \$50 and the Old Barns Youth Drama Club donated \$610. Thank you for your support.

The **Youth Drama Club** have closed their financial books and in addition to the \$610 mentioned above, **\$1000 was donated to the Old Barns Church Memorial Fund**, first to be used for any additional costs that may arise for the **Spirituality Circle** and after that to stay in the Memorial Fund account.

For any that may have missed the Old Barns AGM, it was agreed to build a **Spirituality Circle** on the field next to the church with the costs to come out of the Memorial Fund, in honour of all those that have come before us. Work on this is hoped to start in May.

With the rising cost of living, **SchoolsPlus and Cobequid Consolidated Elementary** are working together to start the “**Cobequid Cubby**” - a Food Pantry program to support their students and families. We are asking for your support by bringing an item to Church each week to place in our box at the front of the Church. Also, you may contact any member of the Board of Steward & Trustees who will arrange to pick up your donation. (“*Cobequid Cubby item list*” is on the Bulletin Board or you may print off the list from Feb 12th's bulletin on the website”).

Lectionary Readings Next Week - March 12th - *Lent III*

Scripture: John 4:5-30

Sermon: Living Water

Worship Services Schedule

Mar 12th - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Mar 19th - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Mar 26th - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Bookings for Hilden - contact Frank Arseneau at 902-897-4080

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

Bulletin Announcements - contact Judy at 902-895-7243 or
lougheadjd@gmail.com 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 - if you need 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 902-895-4008

Hilden - Pam Henley 902-953-1107 or email phenley@bellaliant.net

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 Leslie Burrows at 902-890-4682

The Reverend Phillip Kennedy can be reached at 902-957-4727 (cell) or
by email at 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.