

*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 5, 2026

Joint Service in Old Barns – led by Bruce Varner

Lighting of Christ Candle and Diversity Candle

Psalm Readings 139 and 133 (selected verses)

Opening Hymn VU # 402 “We Are One”

Call To Worship

Come, let us gather in the presence of the Creator, the Master Weaver who intricately designs our days.

We come from different places and carry different stories, yet God brings us together.

Look at the vibrant threads around you—every joy, every struggle, and every distinct life makes up the fabric of this community.

In God’s design, no thread is wasted, and every color has a purpose.

For we are God’s handiwork, knit together by a love that never fails.

Let us worship the God who weaves our lives into a masterpiece of grace!

Congregational Life and Work

Prayer of Renewal

Stitch us together, O Holy One. We have come with our pockets filled with the fabric of our lives:

Memories of our yesteryears, present patches and fragmentary dreams and visions of our tomorrows.

Stitch us together, tailor us to your truth.

Some of us, lo, are frayed and worn;

some of us are ironed on hastily, our edges curling prematurely;

some of us are carefully stitched over time;

some are untimely torn...

Stitch us together, O Holy One,

And let your Holy Spirit stitch in us seams of grace

Empower us to be a crazy, beautiful quilt of your love, challenge and story.

We are topstitched, backstitched, and dropstitched, zig-zag, curved, and straight, full of color and texture,

Stitch us together, O Holy One, that all might receive what they need for another day,

Patterned by our tailor Jesus

Whose seams are wide with mercy and forgiveness,

And whose heart’s loom is sturdy for the weft of our lives.

Stitch us together today, O Holy One, with your piercing promise, and raise us and your Church, a garment of new life, clothing for a new day.

Hymn VU # 375 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Scripture Readings Ecclesiaste 3
Colossians 2:2
Psalm 139
Ecclesiastes 3:11
Romans 8:28

Message “Life’s Tapestry (Doesn’t Have To Be Perfect)...”

Offertory Prayer/Giving Thanks

Prayers For The Community

Hymn VU # 639 “One More Step Along the World I Go”

Benediction

Summer Worship Services Schedule – Joint Services

July 12 – 10:00 a.m. Hilden
July 19 – 10:00 a.m. Old Barns
July 26 – 10:00 a.m. Hilden

August 2 – 10:00 a.m. Old Barns
August 9 – 10:00 a.m. Hilden
August 16 – 10:00 a.m. Old Barns
August 23 – 10:00 a.m. Hilden
August 30 – 10:00 a.m. 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 rhenderson8@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) April Canton-Austin or Sheila Marshall

OLD BARNS ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 20 – Clifton 4-H Achievement Day – Showmanship and Judging will take place at the 4-H Barn, Exhibition Grounds. Watch for start time

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.

Cards – If you know of anyone who should have a card sent from the Old Barns church, please let Leslie know. Phone or text her at 902-890-4682 or email lesliepburrows@gmail.com

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 Mallery at mallerythomas@gmail.com
A “Kids Corner” table will be available for the little artists to display and sell their work as well.

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENT

July 8 – Salad/Ham/Strawberry Shortcake Take-Out Supper
4 to 6 p.m. at Church Hall – \$18.00

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT

M&S for June – \$1 553.00 which included \$245 for World Development & Relief and \$75 from the Hilden UCW. Year-to-Date total \$11 588 which is 46.3% of our target. Thank you to everyone who supports M&S and all the good it does in our hurting world.

