

## *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 Loughhead

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

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*(Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship and Daring Justice)*

**October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Old Barns/Hilden**

*Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy*

**World Communion Sunday**

**Music provided by - (OB & H) Choir Members**

**Readers - (OB) Leslie Burrows, (H) Pam Henley**

### **Prelude**

**Introit (VU #222 vs 1) "Come, Let Us Sing"**

### **Welcome and Life & Work of the Charge**

### **Passing of the Peace**

**May the peace of Christ be with you.**

**And also with you.**

### **Celebrations and Birthdays, Prayer Requests**

### **Land Acknowledgment**

We give thanks today that we are able to worship on land that is the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. As Treaty people, may we continue to seek ways to foster peace and friendship among all.

**ALL MY RELATIONS.**

### **Lighting of the Unity Candle, Christ Candle, Silence and Prayer**

### **Call to Worship**

Come, let us gather together as church.

**We come together like separate grains to form the one loaf.**

Come, let us acknowledge the place of God in our lives.

**We acknowledge God as the Source of All that we have and are.**

Come, let us give thanks and praise to God, our loving Creator and Redeemer!

**Hymn (MV #12) "Come Touch our Hearts"**

**Special Music (OB) "Come, Receive God's Blessing"**

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**(H) "God, the All-Holy" (VU #484)**

**Scripture** Galatians 3: 27-29  
John 17: 20-23

**Sermon "Widening Circles of Love"**

**Hymn (MV # 145) "Draw the Circle Wide"**

**A New Creed (VU #918)**

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory Prayer**

### **EUCCHARIST**

### **Invitation to the Table**

### **Great Thanksgiving Prayer**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Gracious and loving God, we praise and thank you, for you are the Creator of all goodness and the source of abundance.

In the beginning, your Spirit danced on the waters and brought us to life, and in your generosity, You created a garden of delights and nourishment: apples and artichokes; potatoes and pomegranates; cabbages and carrots and corn.

You gave us oceans teeming with fish, and forests where deer and other animals roam; and you called us to live with respect in creation and to care for one another in the places where we live.

You brought your people out of slavery into a land of milk and honey: flowing with streams of living water and planted with groves of olive trees;

Today, in our country, fields of wheat stretch under the prairies skies and apple orchards hold promise of succulent goodness, while in the cities, community gardens, farmers' market, and backyards bloom with vegetables, and herbs provide beauty and nourishment. Even when we turn away from you: living in greed and violence, overfishing the oceans, polluting the land, ignoring those who have no food while our garbage cans are overflowing, you challenge us but still love us. You send us prophets to call us back and remind us to live for a day when no one will be hungry, and we will live together as gardeners and neighbors in justice and peace.

And so with people around the world: farmers and fishers, winemakers and coffee growers, butchers and bakers, those who deliver our daily bread and those who prepare and serve it to our dining tables and our kitchen tables, we raise our voices in thanks and praise singing: {VU 951}

***Santo, Santo, Santo. Mi corazón teadora!***

***Mi corazón te sabe secir: Santo eres Dios!***

***Holy, Holy, Holy.***

***My heart, my heart, adores you***

***My heart is glad to say the words***

***You are Holy God.***

Generous God, we give you thanks for Jesus, who came to live with us. We remember how he called his disciples to follow him and become fishers of people.

We thank you that he loved eating and drinking around tables where strangers became friends and outcasts – tax collectors, gentiles, women – were included.

He told stories about banquets and barns and vineyards, and taught us to enact jubilee: a time of cosmic liberation when no one is hungry.

On the hillside, in the cornfields, on the seashore, in villages and towns and cities, he reminded us of the importance of food for our bodies and for our spirits.

Jesus was crucified, died and was buried, but you raised him from the dead; and like his disciples on the Emmaus road, we meet him again in the breaking of bread as we gather around his table.

We remember that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus sat at the table with his beloved friends sharing the fruit of the vine and the harvest of the fields in the village outside the city.

We remember that after he had given thanks, he took bread, broke it, and shared it, reminding his disciples to remember him: his

mission and ministry. In the same way, he took the cup and spoke of a renewed covenant, a new relationship with them.

O God, giver of all that is good, we thank you for this bread and this fruit of the vine, symbols of the harvest of your good earth, and we look to the day when we will all eat together as your people. In the meantime, we live in your promise as we say together:

***Christ has died, Christ is risen,***

***Christ will come again to meet us,***

***and walks with us the Way of love.***

***Thy Kingdom, come!***

Ever-present Holy One, send your Holy Spirit on us and what we do here as we gather around Christ's table to feed on the living Word, that in our eating and drinking we may be one in Christ, one with your vision of peace and plenty, and ultimately one with all creation.

### **Breaking, Blessing & Sharing Bread and Wine**

**Hymn (VU #467)** “*One Bread, One Body*”

### **Prayer after Communion**

**We give you thanks, Creating God, that you have blessed us at your table and nourished us with hope.**

**Send us out in the Spirit of Christ to be neighbors and gardeners: loving, tending, and working for peace and justice on your sacred streets and your good earth. Amen.**

**Hymn (MV #154)** “*Deep in our Hearts*”

### **Commissioning / Benediction**

**Sung Response (VU #481)** “*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*”

### **Postlude**

**OLD BARN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Hilden Cards/games -**

Oct. 09 (Wed) 10:00 a.m.      Oct. 25 (Fri) 1:00 p.m.

**HILDEN UNITED CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT**

**JUNE - AUGUST**

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>
<b>Balance Balance As Of 1st</b>	<b>18211.49</b>	<b>31018.14</b>	<b>29701.55</b>
General Funds	1340.00	1660.00	1310.00
Mission & Service	270.00	330.00	305.00
Games	115.00		
Strawberry Supper	2061.00		
Craft Sale	277.25		
HST Rebate			397.86
Hall Rentals	525.00		
Water Of Life			50.00
Donations	720.00	20.00	
Co-op Insurance	8.00		
Memorials		50.00	200.00
Credit Union	1243.67		
Donations			
Hall & Church Repairs		140.00	
Sun Life	11669.20		
<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>	<b><u>18369.12</u></b>	<b><u>2060.00</u></b>	<b><u>2262.86</u></b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
Allotment	2814.08	2814.08	2814.08
Mission & Services	270.00	330.00	305.00
Nova Scotia Power	1086.13		320.56
Bell Aliant (Phone)	31.01	31.01	31.01
Organist	100.00	200.00	200.00
Bank Fee	1.50	1.50	1.50
Janitor	70.00		
Elva (Fill in for Organist)	300.00		
Millen Farms	200.00		
Strawberry Supper			
Supplies	315.00		
Hall Repairs	300.00		
Water Of Life			50.00
Walmart	9.97		
Dollarama	5.18		
Staples	59.55		
<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>	<b><u>5562.47</u></b>	<b><u>3376.59</u></b>	<b><u>3722.15</u></b>
<b><u>NET TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>12806.65</u></b>	<b><u>-1316.59</u></b>	<b><u>-1459.29</u></b>
<b><u>BANK BALANCE</u></b>	<b><u>31018.14</u></b>	<b><u>29701.55</u></b>	<b><u>28242.26</u></b>

**Sept 2024 Financial Report**

**Old Barns United Church**

<b>Bank Balance Aug 31,2024</b>	<b>5,162.37</b>
Receipts	3,631.01
Expenses	8,361.53
<b>Bank Balance Sept 30,2024</b>	<b>431.85</b>
M&S	873.00
World Development	245.00

***Notice the difference Receipts vs Expenses!!!***

*We also had \$26,479.10 in investments matured and this is set aside to pay for the new steel roof for the Church.*

**October 17<sup>th</sup>** - Thursday, 9:45 a.m. **Bible Study** will start up again in Old Barns, bring your copy of "Into the Mess" by Debie Thomas; discussion on what to do in up-coming weeks will be held.

**October 26<sup>th</sup>** - Saturday, 6:00 p.m., **Harvest Potluck Supper** in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

**October 27<sup>th</sup>** - Sunday, 2:00 p.m., **The Session** of Old Barns invite you to an opportunity to deepen your spirituality via a walk along the trail by Old Barns United Church meeting at the spirituality circle for a brief orientation before we walk either together or individually.

**Reminder - The AED defibrillator machine** is located in the back entry of Old Barns Church, next to the bathroom door.

**JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**M&S Report** for September is \$1,582 which includes \$245 World Development & Relief and \$75 from Hilden U.C.W. for a total of \$13,943. This is 63% of our target. We are up a little from 2023, if we compare the usual donations and not include the special donation. Thank you to everyone who supports Mission and Service and all the good it does.

**October 19<sup>th</sup>** - Saturday, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., **"Let's Get Groovy!"** at Knox United Church Hall, Brookfield. 1960's Radio Favorites with Gail & Wayne. Come as you are or dress for Woodstock '69. Admission: Free will offering. Snacks available for purchase.

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** - Sunday, 11:00 a.m., **The Congregation of Hilden United Church** extend an open invitation to all, to join us as we celebrate the **100th Anniversary of our Sanctuary**. There will be a Service of Joy followed by a potluck luncheon, dessert provided. A delicious cake will be served in the afternoon, followed by some short remarks from special guests, and a time of Renewal of Commitment to the Praise of God in our beautiful building.

\*\*\*\*\***October 23, 2024** - Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., **Official Board meeting** at Old Barns United Church.

Over the course of the next several weeks the Future Visioning Committee will be placing Bulletin Bullets in our bulletin, advising some of the many different topics which have come up for discussion in our Committee meetings to date.

\*\*As a committee, we invite any interested persons to become a part of this process of 'envisioning' our future as a Pastoral Charge. So if you are interested in joining this committee, please feel free to become involved.

\*\*\*\* **Our next meeting is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Old Barns.**

### **FUTURE VISIONING COMMITTEE BULLETS**

**October 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 1. Re-connect with the broader community....eat together, visit together, be together, with the only agenda to be enjoying each other's company and sharing our faith.**
- 2. What gives us purpose and what do we value?**
- 3. Can we talk about our faith with each other, with people we feel safe with?**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. (*Facilitated by: Treena Duncan, Regional Executive Minister, Pacific Mountain Regional Council*) The annual **General Council meeting** is scheduled for October 19. We invite you to join an informal, thoughtful national town hall on **Oct. 22 at 6:00 p.m.** with the *General Secretary, Rev. Michael Blair*, and guests from the GCE – LIVE ONLINE. They want to hear from the church across the country, so they can prepare for the November GCE meetings and beyond.

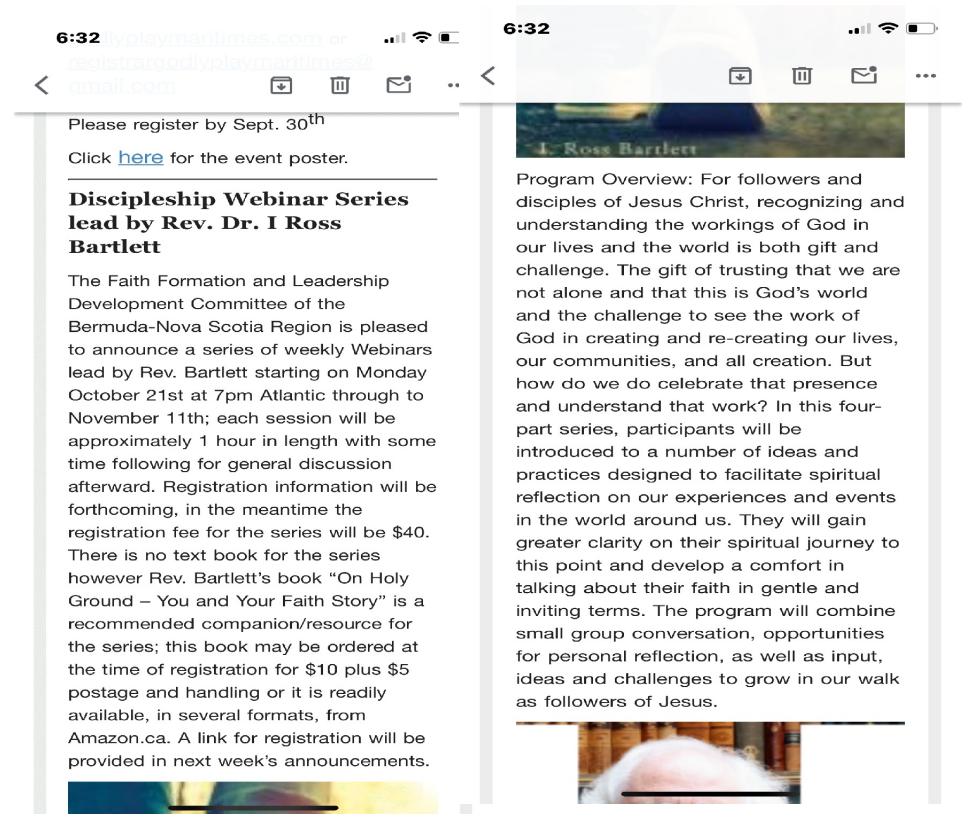
This personal invitation from General Secretary Rev. Michael Blair is *for you, for staff and congregations*. It is an opportunity to engage with the decisions and dialogue from the annual meeting – right after it happens.

Whether you're a listener or a caller, this check-in is where you can have a conversation with leaders in real time.

The General Secretary and members of GCE are listening. Live. In real time. Everyone is welcome. **Register on CHURCHx.**

**A note:** This is a pilot project. We hope it will be the first of quarterly check-ins next year. While this live event will not offer interpretation or translation, we are planning to hold one check-in fully in French next year (or as fully as we can, with the help of our bilingual GCE members and Ministries in French staff).

Watch for scheduling and updates by subscribing to the General Council website.



## Lectionary Readings Next Week - October 13<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving

**Scriptures:** Psalm 100

**Theme:** *“Dancing With A Pebble In Our Shoes”*

## Worship Services Schedule

Oct 13 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns - *Thanksgiving Sunday*

Oct 20 - **9:30 a.m. in Old Barns**, 11:00 a.m. in Hilden - *Hilden 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*

Oct 27 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Nov 3 - 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns, 11:00 a.m. in Hilden- *Clergy swap (Rev. April Hart)*

Nov 10 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns - *Remembrance Sunday*

Nov 17 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Nov 24 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns - *(OB-Pride Service)*

## Bookings -

**Old Barns** - contact Reg Henderson at 902-895-0740 or

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**Hilden** - contact George Creelman at 902-897-4493 or

[georgecreelman@hotmail.com](mailto:georgecreelman@hotmail.com)

**Bulletin Announcements** - contact Judy at 902-895-7243 or

[lougheadjd@gmail.com](mailto:lougheadjd@gmail.com) by Wednesday evening.

**Charge Website** - [cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](http://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** - *Leslie Burrows* 902-890-4682 or email

[obsession@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](mailto:obsession@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca)

**Hilden** - TBA or email [hildensession@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](mailto:hildensession@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca)

**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.

**The Reverend Phillip Kennedy** can be reached at 902-957-4727 (cell) or by email at [phillip.kennedy@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](mailto: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.