

Clifton Pastoral Charge

Old Barns and Hilden United Churches

We are Affirming Churches in an Affirming Pastoral Charge

Clergy: Reverend Phillip Kennedy

Organist: Old-Barns- Beckie Burrows, Hilden - Edith Selwyn- Smith

Church Bulletin Secretary: Mallery Thomas

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

October 19, 2025

PRELUDE

INTOIT- VU 236 Now thank we all our God vs1&3

WELCOME & LIFE & WORK OF THE CHARGE

CELEBRATIONS AND BIRTHDAYS

GREETING YOUR NEIGHBOUR

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION MOMENT

All My Relations

LIGHTING OF THE UNITY CANDLE, CHRIST CANDLE, SILENCE, PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Come let us gather together with God.

ALL: We gather for strength and guidance.

ONE: Come, let us seek justice and peace.

ALL: We seek the Commonwealth of God

ONE: Come, let us give thanks and praise to the persuasive and persistent God, who empowers us to never give up.

Let us worship and give God thanks.

HYMN VU 642 Be thou my vision

STORY TIME

MUSIC OB Thanksgiving Days

Words by Miriam Therese Winter; Music by Conrad Kocher; Medical Mission Sisters 1995

Hilden VU 394 Moved by the Gospel, Let Us Move

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION – MV 21 “Open our Hearts” x2

SCRIPTURE: Luke 18:1-8

SERMON – “The power of persistence’

HYMN MV 120 “My Soul Cries out”

FOCUS ON GIVING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE vu 293 “We Praise You” vs 1

A NEW CREED – VU 918

Music before prayer MV 14 “Where Two or Three are gathered in Your Name” X3

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father or Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven

Give us each day our daily bread

And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those indebted to us.

Lead us not into temptation but save us from the time of trial

For the kingdom, power and glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

HYMN VU 506 Take my Life

COMMISSIONING / BENEDICTION

SUNG RESPONSE 684 Make me a channel of your peace

POSTLUDE

Joint Announcements

A Message From Rev. Phillip Kennedy:

"It is with mixed feelings that I need to tell you that, due to family physical and mental health reasons, I (Phillip) will be retiring at the end of December 2025. I will still be with you until then and will help you any way I can with the preparation for the next leg of the journey. I have notified the chair and secretary of the Official Board and: David Hewitt, Bermuda/Nova Scotia Regional personnel minister and Andrew Richardson, Atlantic representative of the Ministry of Vocation of the United Church of Canada."

Official Board dated Sept. 23 decided the opportunity for Reverent Phillip to present the report of his Sabbatical on Oct. 26. This report was emailed out to members and adherents on October 6.

Please read the report so you will be prepared for discussion following the Joint Service at 10:00 a.m. in Hilden, Oct..26.

If you would like a copy [long and short are available], please contact
Old Barns: Gordie Miller 902-895-6833
Hilden : Trish Reynolds 902-956-8343

Hannah, Catherine and Alexander are inviting you to join them this afternoon. October 19th, anytime after 2 P M to help them celebrate their parents.

Leslie and Jim Burrows 40th Anniversary at their home in Green Oaks

If anyone would like to purchase their own copy of **"Then, Let Us Sing"**, we will be sending an order soon. We need about 8 more copies to get the discount, and shipping will be free. Each book cost is ~\$40. Please let Edith or Becky know A.S.A.P. Thank you.

The recent **"Water of Life"** walk received roughly \$4,500 in donations, for a total of \$8,000 this year. The current campaign will be accepting

donations until the end of the year. Cheques can be made to "Hilden United Church" or "Old Barns United Church", with "Water of Life" noted on the memo line.

Church Calendars - If you would like a Calendar (or two), please let Leslie know by November 5th. Cost to be determined once shipping fees are applied. Best guess will be around \$15.

Cards & Games are now underway in Hilden

Dates are as follows, and everyone is welcome to attend! We would love new people to join us!

- Wednesday, October 22 at 10:00am

McCulloch United Church will be hosting a Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction on **Thursday, October 30 at 5pm**. Tickets presold for \$10. Phone Norma at 902-895-2008. **3321 Camden Road** [Corner of Harmony and Camden roads, Truro]

YARD/CRAFT SALE November 1st – Church Hall, Irwin Lake Road in Hilden. **8am – 3pm**.

*To reserve a table (\$10) or have donations for the Church's Sale Table, please call Diane (902-897-4493) or Beth (92-981-8028) or email TreasurerHildenUnitedChurch@outlook.com

No Admission fee, but any donations greatly accepted. Tea, coffee and muffins for sale while you browse. Please drop off any donations Thursday, October 30 after 6pm, or Friday, October 31 between 1-3pm at the hall.

Jam Sessions will begin again in Hilden on October 19, 2-4pm. All are welcome to join.

Connect: Community Game and Craft Night 6:30-8:30pm
November 13, December 11 and January 8
55 King Street, St. Andrew's United Church
*See poster at front of church for more details

If you have any announcements you would like to see in the Bulletin, please email Mallery Thomas [mallerygthomas@gmail.com]. Submissions for the week must be submitted by Thursday at 10:00am.