

## *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)*

**August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Joint Service in Old Barns at 10:00 a.m.**

**Rev. Phillip Kennedy**

**Music provided by - Choir Members**

**Readers - Donna Yuill & Leslie Burrows**

***A Surprising Love Story...100 Years in the Making***

***Week 2: Building the Family of Faith***

**Prelude**

**Introit (VU #374 vs 1) "Come and Find the Quiet Centre"**

**Welcome & Introduction to the Service (Matthew 5:15-16)**

**Life & Work of the Charge**

**Celebrations and Birthdays**

**Greeting Your Neighbour**

**Acknowledgment of Land**

Land is significant in the Bible. Today's story is about Naomi and Ruth. Naomi, struck by tragedy in a foreign land, longed to return to her sacred homeland.

The land we stand on is also sacred, home to the Mi'kmaq people for over 15,000 years. Settlers did not always respect their connection to the land, viewing it as a possession, unlike the Indigenous belief of a reciprocal relationship of care and support.

The treaties of 1760 did not surrender this land, making it unceded Mi'kmaq and Wabanaki territory.

**Let us strive to live with respect on this land and in peace and friendship with all its people.**

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

**Hymn (VU #395) "Come In, Come In and Sit Down"**

**Storytime Act One-**

**Scripture** Ruth 3-4 *from The Peace Table: A Storybook Bible*

**Storytime Act Two**

**Hymn (MV #1) "Let Us Build a House"**

**Story of Us (Trivia Challenge)**

**Anthem** "The Church of Christ in Every Age" (VU #601)

**Storytime Act Three**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Music before prayer (MV #14 3xs) "Where Two or Three Are Gathered"**

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

**Hymn (VU #556) "Would You Bless Our Homes and Families"**

**Commissioning / Benediction**

**Sung Response (MV #216) "Wherever You May Go"**

**Postlude**

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***JESUS SAID, "Come follow me!"***

***He did NOT say it would be easy!***

*"It's easy to lose sight of our passions when there are so many demands on our time and energy. Don't forget to connect with what helps your light to shine."*

What are the sources of your light? What causes your light to dim?  
How do you reconnect when it does?

## HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OLD BARNs ANNOUNCEMENTS

## JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped in any way with the *Back-to-School program*. Over 500 students will receive a backpack and the basic supplies to get the school year off to a good start.

**Today's service** was prepared in large part by the Clergy theme worship working group of Revs Shannon MacLean, Donna Tourneur, Angela MacLean, Mary-Beth Moriarity, April Hart and Phillip Kennedy.

This is **week Two of the three part series** focusing on the United Church of Canada. (Part One happened in June near the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Church)

**Phillip is on vacation** after service today until the 17<sup>th</sup> of September. In case of emergency, the clergy of the Truro area are covering for each other.

**Jasper United Church building** was *completely destroyed in the fire*. If anyone would like to donate they can do so via e-transfer at: [Jasperunitedchurch@hotmail.com](mailto:Jasperunitedchurch@hotmail.com)

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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 Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. in Hilden.**

### ***FUTURE VISIONING COMMITTEE BULLETS:***

- 1. We have been in conversation with some resource people available to us through the United Church of Canada and have had a very informative meeting recently with David Hewitt, Regional Minister, Bermuda Nova Scotia Regional Council. Some of the following thoughts arose from that meeting.**
- 2. "Ministry is the work of THE CHURCH AS A WHOLE. How do we understand our collective and individual ministry that we are called to?" (to quote David Hewitt)**
- 3. How would we describe our People Resources?**

**Lectionary Readings Next Week** - Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Led by Bruce Varner

**Scriptures:**

**Theme:**

### **Worship Services Schedule**

- Sept 1 - 10:00 a.m. Joint Service in Hilden, led by Bruce Varner
- Sept 8 - 10:00 a.m. Joint Service in Old Barns, led by Kent Loughhead
- Sept 15 - 10:00 a.m. Joint Service in Hilden, led by Hilden Session
- Sept 22 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns
- Sept 29 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

### **Bookings -**

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

**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.

## **THE STORY OF US**

Here's how it works:

1. In your bulletins, you'll find your answer sheet.
2. I'll give you 11 questions for round one. Write down your answers.
3. Afterward, I'll provide the answers. For each correct answer, give yourself a point.
4. Remember, we're in a church, so I trust you not to cheat!
5. After round one, we'll move on to round two, and so on. At the end, we'll see who knows the United Church of Canada best—or who's the luckiest guesser!

**Round 1:** Through the Decades... an evolution of a church.

(answer's are to pick which decade)

1920s, 30s, 40s, 90s, 2000, 2010, 2020.

In what decade ....

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**Round 2:** United Church of Canada People

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**Round 3:** Miscellaneous

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