

**Clifton Pastoral Charge**

Old Barns and Hilden United Churches

*We are Affirming Churches in an Affirming Pastoral Charge*

**Organist:** Old Barns – Beckie Burrows | Hilden – Edith Selwyn-Smith

**Bulletin Secretary:** Mallery Thomas

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

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January 18, 2026, Old Barns United Church Service

Introit VU679 V 1,2

Welcome/ Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

As we gather, we give thanks to God for this day and ask a blessing upon our worship together.

**Thanks be to God, Giver of all good things.**

We welcome the Spirit of the Lord into our midst with listening minds and open hearts.

**Speak the Word You would have us hear today, O God. Amen**

Land Acknowledgement

*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 (Karen)*

**Hymn VU227 For the Fruit of all Creation**

*Story Time (Glenda)*

**Special music VU 520 We Plough the Fields (Congregation**

**Join on the Chorus)**

Scripture Matthew 25: 35-40

*Guest Speaker: Nancy Kent-Smith*

**Hymn MV41 O Beautiful Gaia**

Offering Prayer

**Offering Response VU 540 Grant Us God**

Prayers for the People (Litany based on Psalm 104)

How many are Your works, O Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**We praise you, our God, for you are good. Your mercy is everlasting.**

You make grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate - bringing forth food from The earth, wine that gladdens human hearts, oil to make their faces shine, and bread that sustains their bodies.

**We praise you, our God, for you are good. Your mercy is everlasting.**

All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

**We praise you, our God, for you are good. Your mercy is everlasting.**

Yet O God, today, as we worship you, hundreds of thousands of children go to bed hungry, their bodies tired and longing for food. Wars, conflict, and civil unrest have forced families to flee, looking for a better life for their children, praying that they will be safe and that they will have food.

**We pray, O God, to bring peace, and to feed those who have fled looking for safety. We pray for your protection. We pray for the kindness of strangers to feed the hungry.**

O God, you are the Creator, the Holy One. You bring the rains in their season. You coax the seeds to burst out of their shell and grow into a healthy, robust harvest. Yet flood and drought claim the crops leaving families without enough to eat.

**We pray O God, to renew the land and its people. We pray for healthy crops. We pray for wisdom as we protect the land for future generations, stewarding your gifts.**

I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord.

**Praise the Lord, my soul. Praise the Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn VU 307 Touch the Earth Lightly**

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace."

**Choral Blessing: VU679, V 4,5,6**

### **Lectionary Readings**

Scriptures:

Theme:

### **Worship Service Schedule**

January 25 – 10:00am Hilden United Church

### **Booking-**

**Old Barns**- contact Reg Henderson @ 902-895-0740  
or [rhenderson8@hotmail.com](mailto:rhenderson8@hotmail.com)

**Hilden**- contact Sheila Marshall at 902-893-2636 or  
Diane Creelman 902-897-4493

**Bulletin Announcements** - contact Mallory Thomas  
[secretary@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](mailto:secretary@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca)

**Charge Website** - [cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](http://cliftonpastoralcharge.ca)

Church bulletins & video of service 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 Session** -

**Old Barns** - Position to be filled

**Hilden** - Position to be filled

**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 (OB)  
Glenda MacDonald 902-897-6123 (Hilden)

**Visitation:** Please contact your pastoral elders  
Hilden - April Canton-Austin and Sheila Marshall  
Old Barns – Karen Archibald-Waugh and Barb Miller

## Announcements

If you have not submitted your annual report, please do so immediately.

Please email reports to [secretary@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](mailto:secretary@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca)

### **Old Barns United Church**

Cards will be held on Thursday's from 1pm-3pm beginning in February. All are welcome to attend

Old Barns annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, after the 10:00am church service.

### **Hilden United Church**

Hilden UCW will meet February 03 at 1:30 pm

Hilden annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 8th, after the 1 pm church service.

### **Cards and Games at the Hall**

January 30<sup>th</sup> - 1:00pm

February 11<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am

February 27<sup>th</sup> - 1:00pm

### **A Message From Phillip**

Hi Everyone,

Thank you for the pot-luck celebration after the service on December 28<sup>th</sup>, and the words of appreciation. A special thank you for the painting by Alan Syliboy – I love it!

Wishing you all well for the next leg of your journey!

- Phillip