

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 Loughead

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

March 12, 2023

Old Barns & Hilden

Lent III

Music provided by - (OB & H) Choir Members

Readers - (OB) Karen Archibald-Waugh

(H) Marnie Smith

Prelude

Introit (VU #108 Vs.1) *"Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"*

Welcome & Life & Work of the Charge

Celebrations and Birthdays

Congregational Greetings

Truth Telling

Long before settlers came to this land from Europe, renaming it Acadia and Nova Scotia, there was already a nation of people here who called it Mi'kma'ki. We settlers didn't really recognize them as persons, declared the land vacant and colonized it. Even though the indigenous people thought of the land as the Creator's, our treaties with them acknowledged their prior stewardship and claim to it. Our ancestors signed peace and friendship treaties only; no land was ceded, given or sold. Later, as we grew in numbers and power, we were neither peaceful nor friendly. We acknowledge and apologize for this, even as we resolve anew to seek reconciliation.

We commit to the process of truth and reconciliation, to live with respect and friendship with the Mi'kmaq and to the full vision of ALL MY RELATIONS. We too are a treaty people.

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

Call To Worship

Come let us gather at Jacob's well.

We come thirsty, seeking the living water of Christ.

Come, let us break down the walls of convention and join with everyone.

We seek the inclusion of the Kingdom of God.

Come, let us worship and praise the One Creator of us all. Let us worship.

Hymn (VU #222) *"Come, Let Us Sing"*

Special Music (OB) *"The Woman at the Well"* by Valerie Kingsbury and Christopher Bowman, © 2017

(H) *"Fill My Cup, Lord"* © 1959 by Richard Blanchard, © 1964 by Sacred Songs, Waco Texas.

Scripture John 4: 5-30

Sermon **"Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst"**

Hymn (MV #117) *"By the Well, A Thirsty Woman"*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Minute For Mission

Offertory Prayer

A New Creed (VU #918)

Hymn (MV #144) *"Like a Healing Stream"*

Commissioning / Benediction

Sung Response (MV #95) *"How Deep the Peace"*

Postlude

OLD BARNS ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 14th - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **Cards and Games** in the Russell Room. Everyone is welcome. Cards and other games will be available, if you have a favorite game feel free to bring it along. Hot chocolate will be provided. Karen and Leslie will be your hosts.

March 16th – Thursday, 9:45 a.m. **Bible Study** in Old Barns. All are welcome.

February 14th was **International Book Giving Day** whose mission is to put books into the hands of as many children as possible. Thanks to the generosity of three groups within the Clifton District, **\$930 was donated to Maggie's Place** to do just that. Spearheaded by The Clifton Page Turners Book Club who donated \$270, the Progressive Club donated \$50 and the Old Barns Youth Drama Club donated \$610. Thank you for your support.

The Youth Drama Club have closed their financial books and in addition to the \$610 mentioned above, **\$1000 was donated to the Old Barns Church Memorial Fund**, first to be used for any additional costs that may arise for the **Spirituality Circle** and after that to stay in the Memorial Fund account.

For any that may have missed the Old Barns AGM, it was agreed to build a **Spirituality Circle** on the field next to the church with the costs to come out of the Memorial Fund, in honour of all those that have come before us. Work on this is hoped to start in May.

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Lenten **“Spare Change to Make a Change”** is underway again this year. Please save your loose change until Easter. Then bring it to church or to Bob Francis. (A cheque for the total would be preferable to a container of loose change.) Thank you for your support. -*The Stewardship Committee*

The **Atlantic Seminar** in Theological Education (A.S.T.E.) Is meeting at Tatamagouche Centre again this year. (June 11-16). The theme is **“Building Respectful Relations”** - The Black Experience in Canada, with an emphasis on the Atlantic Provinces. The presenters are Rev. Brigid Maya Douglas and Dr. Harvey Amani Whitfield. Details will be posted on the bulletin board. More information can be found on the webpage ASTE 2023.

March 17th - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon - **St. Patrick's Day Coffee Party** at Knox United Church, Brookfield. Free will offering.

April 2nd - Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., **Pancake Brunch** at the Old Barns United Church hosted by Old Barns Board of Stewards & Trustees, and Clifton 4H Club. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, baked beans, biscuits, and beverage. (Adults \$12, Age 7 & Under \$8)
Live entertainment: *Highway 236*.

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cards & Games Day

March 24th 1:00 p.m. (Friday)

Lectionary Readings Next Week - March 19th - *Lent IV*

Scripture: John 9

Sermon: Blind Bartimaeus

Worship Services Schedule

Mar 12th - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Mar 19th - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Mar 26th - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Apr 2nd - 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns, 11:00 a.m. in Hilden, *Palm/Passion Sunday*

Apr 6th - 7:00 p.m. in Hilden, *Maundy Thursday*

Apr 7th - 2:00 p.m. in Old Barns, *Good Friday*

Apr 9th - 9:30 a.m. In Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns, *Easter Sunday*

Bookings for Hilden - contact Frank Arseneau at 902-897-4080

Bookings for Old Barns - contact Reg Henderson at 902-895-0740 or

rhenderson8@hotmail.com

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

lougheadjd@gmail.com 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 - if you need 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 902-895-4008

Hilden - Pam Henley 902-953-1107 or email phenley@bellaliant.net

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 Leslie Burrows at 902-890-4682

The Reverend Phillip Kennedy can be reached at 902-957-4727 (cell) or

by email at 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.