

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.

Hilden United Church, February 8, 2026

Led by Bruce Varner

Greetings and Announcements

Psalm 92

Lighting of the Spirit Candle

Silent Preparation for Worship

Call To Worship (responsively)

Holy, holy, holy

Lord God Almighty

Early in the morning

our song, our praise, and our prayer rise to Thee

May our worship here

Praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Introit (VU#958) "Halle, Halle, Halle"

Prayer of Approach (In Unison)

**We reach out to You, O God, in our believing and in our doubting
- in our enthusiasm and in our fear. We reach out to You with our
dreams, our songs and our listening. We know You have already
reached out to us before we even thought of reaching out to
You, so today we come to give thanks, and to pray for Your
spirit. Amen**

Hymn (VU#229) "God of the Sparrow"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

**O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-
present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when**

**we fail to recognize you in the busyness of our lives. Sometimes
shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true
feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the
chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades
our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom. Holy God, in
the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your
holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame
and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment
possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak
from our wisdom.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn (VU#81) "As With Gladness Men of Old"

Prayer of Illumination (In Unison)

**O God, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy
Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and Your word is
proclaimed, we may hear what You are saying to us today. Amen**

Scripture Readings - Matthew 1:18-23 , 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer

Meditation "For Unto Us A Child Is Born"

Special Music "The Promise", Michael W. Smith

Offering | Offertory | Doxology

Prayer of Dedication | Minute for Missions

Prayer Song (VU#400) "Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying"

Prayers Of The Community

Hymn (VU#644) "I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry"

Benediction and Commissioning

Sung Blessing

Postlude

Lectionary Readings

Scriptures:

Theme:

Worship Service Schedule

February 15th – Joint Service Old Barns @ 10am – Rev. Brewer

February 22nd – Join Service Hilden @ 10am – Rev. Brewer

March 1st – Old Barns @ 9:30am – Karen and Leslie

March 1st – Hilden @ 11am – Worship Committee

Booking

Old Barns- contact Reg Henderson @ 902-895-0740

or rlhenderson8@hotmail.com

Hilden- contact Sheila Marshall at 902-893-2636 or

Diane Creelman 902-897-4493

Bulletin Announcements - contact Mallery Thomas

secretary@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

Charge Website - 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 – Barb Miller

Hilden - Position to be filled

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 e-transfer donations contact Bob Francis at

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

Old Barns United Church

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

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

February 11th - 10:00am

February 27th - 1:00pm

M&S Report for January was \$1,158.00; WD was \$245

*While this is a fantastic start, the amount for January 2026 is down \$400 from the money collected in January 2025.