

*Clifton Pastoral Charge
Old Barns & Hilden United Churches*

We are Affirming Churches in an Affirming Pastoral Charge

Clergy: The Reverend Doctor Darlene Brewer
Organists: Old Barns – Beckie Burrows; Hilden – Ardith Ross
Bulletin Secretary: Jackie Waugh

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

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Introit MV # 14 Where Two or Three are Gathered

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgement of Place

As we gather for worship, let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy.

May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people.

Call to Worship

In God we find courage and inspiration, in this place we find a home in one another and in Christ.

In the Christ, we, too, are anointed in the mission of faith and good works.

These are joyful times in the Spirit; times of possibility in the Body of Christ, even when we don't know exactly where the road leads. Jesus accompanies us.

We are open to the work of the Spirit, who dances among us to create anew!

May God bring us together in this worship. In praise and thanksgiving let us worship God, Our Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer. Amen.

Opening Hymn VU # 361 Small Things Count

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Musical Response MV # 85 Take, O Take me as I Am

Time for All Ages

Scriptures Isaiah 43: 1-7
Acts 2: 43-47

Sermon “The Blessings of Being a Small Church”

Hymn MV # 106 I Am the Dream

Choir Anthem

Old Barns TLUS # 157 Where the Green Will Rise Again
Hilden The Church in the Wildwood
Words and Music by Dr. William S. Pitts, 1857

Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Minute for Mission/Focus on Giving

Offering Prayer

Musical Response MV # 62 There is Room for All

Our Community Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn VU # 602 vs 1,4 Blessed Be the Tie that Binds

Benediction/Blessing

Sending Music VU # 579 The Church is Wherever God's People

Worship Services Schedule

Oct 25	10:00 a.m. Joint Service in Hilden Pot Luck Sandwiches (no fish or seafood) & Sweets following worship for Rev. Darlene's last service
Nov 1	10:00 a.m. in Old Barns; 10:00 a.m. in Hilden
Nov 8	Remembrance Sunday 10:00 a.m. in Old Barns; 10:00 a.m. in Hilden

The Reverend Doctor Darlene Brewer can be reached by email at
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Bookings

Old Barns – contact Reg Henderson at 902-895-0740 or
rlhenderson8@hotmail.com

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

Bulletin Announcements - contact Leslie at 902-890-4682 or
secretary@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca 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 – 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 – Barb Miller 902-895-6833
Hilden – TBA

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 Julia Blois at 902-893-2641
(H) – contact Glenda MacDonald at 902-897-6123

Visitation - If you, or someone you know, want or need a pastoral care visit, please contact (OB) Karen Archibald-Waugh or Barb Miller
(H) Sheila Marshall or Wayne Fisher

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 23 and 30 – Community UC Baked Beans & Brown Bread Take-Out Suppers. We do the cooking – 1 litre of home-made baked beans and a half loaf of freshly baked brown bread for \$20 (no taxes or gratuities). Pickup will take place between 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. on each date at Community UC, 250 Brunswick Street. Advance tickets required for either or both dates - contact Brenda Ryan at 902-899-6390.

October 24 – Cantabile Choral Society 7:00 p.m. at First UC, Soundscape Singers and Young Soundscapes. Tickets \$25 general; \$5 students

November 12 – Dementia Friendly Connections Café

Truro Library at 1:30 p.m.

Dementia Friendly Connections Cafés are designed to provide a social opportunity, and build meaningful community connections among people living with dementia, their care partners, and the wider community.

Community members are invited to connect with their neighbours at these lightly structured social programs, with refreshments, snacks, and ice breakers provided to help get the conversation flowing.

Sponsored by: Societe Alzheimer Society Nova Scotia

OLD BARNS ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 4 – UCW 9:30 a.m. in Russel Room

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENT

November 3 – UCW 1:30 p.m. in church hall

October 23 – Cards and Games 1:00 p.m. in church hall