

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.

(Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship and Daring Justice)

September 29th, 2024

Joint Service in Hilden at 10:00 a.m.

Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy

Music provided by - Choir and Congregation

Reader - Arlene Fisher

Prelude

Introit (VU #222 vs 1) "Come, Let Us Sing"

Welcome and Life & Work of the Charge

Celebrations and Birthdays

Greet Your Neighbour

Land Acknowledgment

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.

ALL MY RELATIONS.

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

Call to Worship

Come let us gather as followers of Jesus.

We gather with all who seek to mend the world.

Come, let us hear the wisdom of our faith tradition.

We seek an understanding of the way.

Come, let us celebrate God's presence.

Hymn (VU #299) "Teach Me, God, to Wonder"

Story Time

Anthem "Just Like Salt"

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Prayer for Illumination (MV #21 X2) "Open Our Hearts"

Scriptures Mark 9: 38-40

Sermon "All My Relations"

Hymn (MV # 169) "When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides"

Focus on Giving

Offertory Prayer

Sung Response (VU #537) "Your Work, O God, Needs many Hands"

A New Creed (VU #918)

Music before prayer (MV #14 3xs)

"Where Two or Three Are Gathered"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn (MV #142) "Oh a song Must Rise"

Commissioning/Benediction

Sung Response (VU #481) "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Postlude

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hilden Cards/games -

Oct. 09 (Wed) 10:00 a.m. Oct. 25 (Fri) 1:00 p.m.

October 1st - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., **Hilden UCW** will be held at the church hall.

HILDEN UNITED CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

JUNE - AUGUST

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>
Balance Balance As Of 1st	18211.49	31018.14	29701.55
General Funds	1340.00	1660.00	1310.00
Mission & Service	270.00	330.00	305.00
Games	115.00		
Strawberry Supper	2061.00		
Craft Sale	277.25		
HST Rebate			397.86
Hall Rentals	525.00		
Water Of Life			50.00
Donations	720.00	20.00	
Co-op Insurance	8.00		
Memorials		50.00	200.00
Credit Union	1243.67		
Donations			
Hall & Church Repairs	140.00		
Sun Life	11669.20		
TOTALS	18369.12	2060.00	2262.86
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Allotment	2814.08	2814.08	2814.08
Mission & Services	270.00	330.00	305.00
Nova Scotia Power	1086.13		320.56
Bell Aliant (Phone)	31.01	31.01	31.01
Organist	100.00	200.00	200.00
Bank Fee	1.50	1.50	1.50
Janitor	70.00		
Elva (Fill in for Organist)	300.00		
Millen Farms	200.00		
Strawberry Supper			
Supplies	315.00		
Hall Repairs	300.00		
Water Of Life			50.00
Walmart	9.97		
Dollarama	5.18		
Staples	59.55		
TOTALS	5562.47	3376.59	3722.15
NET TOTAL	12806.65	-1316.59	-1459.29
BANK BALANCE	31018.14	29701.55	28242.26

OLD BARNs ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder - The AED defibrillator machine is located in the back entry of Old Barns church, next to the bathroom door.

October 2nd - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Old Barns UCW will be meeting in the Russell Room.

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in Old Barns.**

FUTURE VISIONING COMMITTEE BULLETS

Sept. 29

- 1. How would you describe our Leadership and enthusiasm? The energy of our membership?**

- 2. A book study recommended by David Hewitt... Undivided Love, Five Dominant Ways to be Christian, by author Janet Gear.**

- 3. How can we best discern what God calls us to do with our finances? Should we be looking into projects that will be an outreach into our communities, and beyond, to make a better world?**

October 20th - Sunday, 11:00 a.m., **The Congregation of Hilden United Church** wishes to extend an open invitation to all, to join us as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our Sanctuary. There will be a Service of Joy followed by a potluck luncheon, dessert provided. A delicious cake will be served in the afternoon, followed by some short remarks from special guests, and a time of Renewal of Commitment to the Praise of God in our beautiful building.

October 23, 2024 - Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., **Official Board meeting** at Old Barns United Church.

October 22nd - Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. (Facilitated by: Treena Duncan, Regional Executive Minister, Pacific Mountain Regional Council) The annual **General Council meeting** is scheduled for October 19. We invite you to join an informal, thoughtful national town hall on **Oct. 22 at 6:00 p.m.** with the *General Secretary, Rev. Michael Blair*, and guests from the GCE – LIVE ONLINE. They want to hear from the church across the country, so they can prepare for the November GCE meetings and beyond.

This personal invitation from General Secretary Rev. Michael Blair is *for you, for staff and congregations*. It is an opportunity to engage with the decisions and dialogue from the annual meeting – right after it happens.

Whether you're a listener or a caller, this check-in is where you can have a conversation with leaders in real time.

The General Secretary and members of GCE are listening. Live. In real time. Everyone is welcome. **Register on CHURCHx.**

A note: This is a pilot project. We hope it will be the first of quarterly check-ins next year. While this live event will not offer interpretation or translation, we are planning to hold one check-in fully in French next year (or as fully as we can, with the help of our bilingual GCE members and Ministries in French staff). Watch for scheduling and updates by subscribing to the General Council website.

Lectionary Readings Next Week - October 6th

Scriptures: John 17:17-23

Theme: World Communion Sunday

Worship Services Schedule

Oct 6 - 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns, 11:00 a.m. in Hilden - *World Communion Sunday*

Oct 13 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns - *Thanksgiving Sunday*

Oct 20 - 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns, 11:00 a.m. in Hilden - *Hilden 100th Anniversary Celebration*

Bookings -

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

rhenderson8@hotmail.com

Hilden - contact George Creelman at 902-897-4493 or

georgecreelman@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 - 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

Hilden - TBA or email hildensession@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

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.

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.

6:32 unitedchurchofcanada.com
Please register by Sept. 30th
Click [here](#) for the event poster.

Discipleship Webinar Series lead by Rev. Dr. I Ross Bartlett

The Faith Formation and Leadership Development Committee of the Bermuda-Nova Scotia Region is pleased to announce a series of weekly Webinars lead by Rev. Bartlett starting on Monday October 21st at 7pm Atlantic through to November 11th; each session will be approximately 1 hour in length with some time following for general discussion afterward. Registration information will be forthcoming, in the meantime the registration fee for the series will be \$40. There is no text book for the series however Rev. Bartlett's book "On Holy Ground – You and Your Faith Story" is a recommended companion/resource for the series; this book may be ordered at the time of registration for \$10 plus \$5 postage and handling or it is readily available, in several formats, from Amazon.ca. A link for registration will be provided in next week's announcements.

Program Overview: For followers and disciples of Jesus Christ, recognizing and understanding the workings of God in our lives and the world is both gift and challenge. The gift of trusting that we are not alone and that this is God's world and the challenge to see the work of God in creating and re-creating our lives, our communities, and all creation. But how do we do celebrate that presence and understand that work? In this four-part series, participants will be introduced to a number of ideas and practices designed to facilitate spiritual reflection on our experiences and events in the world around us. They will gain greater clarity on their spiritual journey to this point and develop a comfort in talking about their faith in gentle and inviting terms. The program will combine small group conversation, opportunities for personal reflection, as well as input, ideas and challenges to grow in our walk as followers of Jesus.