

*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 – Edith Selwyn-Smith
Bulletin Secretary: Leslie Burrows

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

**Sunday, October 11, 2026
Happy Thanksgiving**

Introit VU # 520 vs 1 + ch We Plough the Fields

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

We come with thankful hearts, to praise God and offer gratitude for this opportunity to gather in Jesus' name.

We are a people of thanksgiving, uplifted with the music and words of worship and the rhythms of the earth, all of which belong to God.

In this gathering of Thanksgiving and Communion, we gather at this place and around the table to sing and to pray, to rejoice in the Spirit who fills our lives with love. Come, let us worship God!

Opening Hymn VU # 236. Now Thank We All Our God

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance * (South Africa)

For our failure to feel the sufferings of others, and our tendency to live comfortably with injustice,
God forgive us.

For the self-righteousness which denies guilt, and the self-interest which strangles compassion,

God forgive us.

For those who live their lives in careless unconcern, who cry 'Peace, peace' when there is no peace,

We ask your mercy.

For our failings in community, our lack of understanding,

We ask your mercy.

For the times when we are too eager to be better than others, when we are too rushed to care, when we are too tired to bother, when we don't really listen, when we are too quick to act from motives other than love,

God forgive us.

Assurance of Pardon * (Bangladesh)

Know that God loves you. From the very beginning God's loving mercy has been poured out upon you. God loves you like a parent embracing you. God watches over you, guiding you each day. On behalf of Jesus Christ, our Savior: you are forgiven; forgive others. You are restored; restore others. You are reconciled with God; be reconciled with others, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen

Musical Response MV # 6233 Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope

Time for All Ages

Scriptures Isaiah 25:1-9
Luke 17: 11-19

Sermon "Marvellously Blessed"

Hymn VU # 468 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Choir Anthem

Old Barns Octavo Anthem Thanks Be to God!

Words and Music by Don Besig and Nancy Price. Music by Nancy Price. 1998. Glory Sound

Hilden TLUS # 58 Sing, Thanks to our God

Minute for Mission/Focus on Giving

Offering Prayer

Musical Response VU # 541 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Communion Hymn TLUS # 22 Build a longer table

Communion Liturgy including Community Prayers *

Call to Communion *

From every corner of the earth, Christ calls us to the table.

We come from many peoples, many places, many traditions.

We come with the songs of our ancestors and the prayers of those who came before us.

We come carrying stories of faith, struggle, hope, and joy.

From the villages of Africa and the islands of the Pacific, from the mountains of Asia and the cities of the Americas, from the churches of Europe and the Middle East —

We come as one people, gathered in Christ.

Some come to this table with abundance. Some come longing for daily bread.

Christ welcomes us all.

Some come singing. Some come grieving. Some come with questions. Some come with gratitude.

Christ welcomes us all.

Today, the walls that divide us do not have the final word. Language does not divide us. Geography does not divide us. Culture does not divide us.

At Christ's table, there is room for all.

Come, people of God. Come with open hands and open hearts.

We come to receive. We come to remember. We come to share. We come to be made one.

Words of Institution

On the night before he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his friends. He took the cup and shared it as a sign of a new covenant— a promise of love stronger than violence, hope stronger than despair, and life stronger than death.

Holy Spirit, breathe upon this bread and this cup and upon all who receive them. As Christians around the world gather today, make us mindful of one another: of those who worship in

crowded churches and those who gather in small communities; of those who celebrate with joyful music and dancing and those whose worship is quiet and contemplative; of those who have enough to eat and those who cry out for bread; of those who worship in freedom and those who gather amid conflict, displacement, or persecution. Make us one in the love of Christ. As this bread is broken and this cup is shared, teach us that communion is more than what happens here. Make us people who share what we have, who welcome the stranger, who seek reconciliation, who stand with those who suffer, and who work for the peace and flourishing of all creation.

Sharing the Meal *The bread and cup are shared*

The bread of life, given for all.

We receive with gratitude.

The cup of blessing, shared for all.

We receive with gratitude.

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Thanksgiving After Communion

God of every nation and generation, gather us into the great company of your people — those who have gone before us, those who worship beside us, and those we may never meet in this life. *(Amended slightly from the original)*

Send us from this table as people of Christ's peace.

One body. One Spirit. One Lord. One faith. One hope.

One table. Amen.

Closing Hymn VU # 517 vs 1,3,5 Praise God for the Harvest

Benediction * (Cuba)

Sending Music VU # 518 vs 3

As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought

Note: Items with an asterisk are taken from the resource 'A Global Table of Grace', Global Ministries, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ, 2026. Used with permission.

Worship Services Schedule

Oct 18 9:30 a.m. in Hilden; 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns
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; TBA 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 15 and November 12 – Dementia Friendly Connections Café

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

October 16 – Immanuel Baptist Church, 295 Young street, is hosting the **Canadian Food Grains Bank live on-line ecumenical service** from St. Matthews Lutheran church in Kitchener Ontario, 7:30 pm. All are welcome to join others across the country as we simultaneously pray for peace.

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.

UCC Head Staff – Effective January 1, 2027 – the next General Secretary will be the Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly, the first Francophone to serve as General Secretary. Eric was born to an Acadian family and has roots in Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick.

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENT

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