

Clifton Pastoral Charge
September 27th, 2026
Minister Rev. Dr. Darlene Brewer



The Survivor's Flag

<https://nctr.ca/exhibits/survivors-flag/>

Introit: 'Gather Us In' MV #7

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgement of Place -

As we gather for worship, let us remember that this church is on land that is the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

May we live with respect on this land and strive for peace and friendship with its people.

Call to Worship:

One: Today is a day when we mark the grief and resilience of Indigenous individuals and communities. We recognize in this worship time the legacy of colonization in residential schools. We come with a willingness to learn and mourn along with Indigenous communities.

All: We lift to God the prayers of all, taking moments to be silent, moments to listen, and moments to speak our intentions and actions.

One: The path to reconciliation is one of intention and action. We give thanks to God who shows us the way that is ever unfolding before us.

All: Through his encounters, Jesus teaches us that there are many ways to God, many ways by which God is called and recognized.

One: May this time of worship be a time of reflection, consideration, and intention-making for a better world. Let us listen for what God has to teach us in this worship time. Amen.

Opening Hymn: 'Tree of Life' VU #121

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance: Prayer written by Sara Stratton, *Reconciliation and Indigenous Justice Animator, The United Church of Canada*

Musical Response: 'Don't Be Afraid' MV #90

Time for All Ages – Rev Darlene

Scriptures: Jeremiah 8:18-22, Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon: God Meets Us on the Path to Reconciliation

Hymn: 'God MV #78 Weeps'

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: 'Take, O Take me as I Am' MV #85

Our Community Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: 'Touch the Earth Lightly' VU #307

Benediction/Blessing

Sending Music: 'God's Sheltering Wings' MV #214

AJ Felix, St. Michael's IRS

- Albert D. Marshall Sr., Shubenacadie IRS
- Andrew Carrier, St. Boniface Industrial School
- Arthur Steinhauer, Blue Quills IRS
- Barney Williams, Christie IRS
- Dawn Hill, Mohawk Institute
- Dorene Bernard, Shubenacadie IRS
- Edna Elias, Stringer Hall
- Eugene Arcand, St. Michael's IRS
- Florence Paynter, Sandy Bay IRS
- Garnet Angeconeb, Pelican Residential School
- Irma Pangborn, Camperville IRS/Assiniboia
- Jack Anawak, Chesterfield Inlet
- Janet Longclaws, Brandon IRS
- Jimmy Durocher, Ile-a-la-Cross Boarding School
- John Elliott, Mohawk Institute
- Levinia Brown, Chesterfield Inlet
- Lila Bruyere, St. Margaret's Residential School
- Maata Evaluardjuk-Palmer, Churchill IRS
- Madeleine Basile, Pointe Bleue Residential School
- Philip Paynter, Sandy Bay IRS
- Phyllis Googoo, Shubenacadie IRS
- Phyllis Webstad, St. Joseph Mission (SJM) Residential School
- Richard Kistabish, Amos (Saint-Marc-de-Figuery) Residential School
- Richard Lightning, Ermineskin (Hobbema) IRS
- Roberta Hill, Mohawk Institute

- Roberta Mandamin, Cecilia Jeffrey
- Sherlene Bomberry, Mohawk Institute
- Sylvia Genaille, Various Schools
- Terri Brown, Yukon Hall/Coudert Residence
- Wanbdi Wakita, Birtle IRS (These are the names of survivors who contributed ideas to the creation of the Survivor Flag)

Important Upcoming Dates

September 27 – Craft Fair 1-4pm Old Barns

October 4 – 9:30 Old Barns | 11:00 Hilden

October 11 – 9:30 Hilden | 11:00 Old Barns

THANKSGIVING and COMMUNION

October 18 – 9:30 Hilden | 11:00 Old Barns

October 25 – 10:00 Joint Service in Hilden

** Pot luck sandwiches & sweets to follow. NO FISH OR SEAFOOD*

**This will be Rev. Darlene's last service*

Greetings, your CPC search committee has had several meetings (including with our regional liaison F Smith): to date we have received 4 applications from 4 potential candidates; at present we are doing our due diligence in order to make decisions about interviews; we have become aware of technical issues submitting to ChurchHub, should you be aware of a potential candidate who has been unable to submit please have them contact K Archibald-Waugh using:

chargesearch2026@gmail.com

We have approved a Terms of Reference for the committee and signed confidentiality agreements; our ad appears in the region's weekly Wednesday announcements and ChurchHub; in all our work and meetings we refer to policies and guidelines of the UCC, regional processes and CPC's profile and description of what is required for ministry in our charge as decided; we have extended the deadline to accept applications from Sept 15 to Oct 15 in order to facilitate further applications (given above)

We look forward to providing further updates as we proceed, Thank you for the confidence and trust you have placed in us.

Heather, Karen, Lorne (OB), Trish and Sheila (H)

The Senior Safety Program is inviting you to join them on October 15th, they have partnered with Colchester Adult Learning Association (CALA) to deliver a presentation on frauds and scams, as well as presentations on grants and rebates available to eligible seniors.

A complimentary lunch will be provided.

October 15th at 1pm at the Truro Police Service Community Office Truro Mall.

To register for this event, please call [\(902\) 897-3271](tel:9028973271) or email thart@truro.ca

Old Barns Congregational Meeting for Sept 27, 2026, after 11:00 a.m. church service concerning repairs needed to be done:

- a) Side Steps
- b) Painting of front doors and archway
- c) Replacement of 4 windows on the north side of Fellowship Hall; 1 window in the downstairs kitchen; 1 window by the heat pump

The 2026 Food Bank Garden has been a success to date, with over 10,000 pounds of vegetables grown, harvested and delivered to the Colchester Food Network throughout the summer.

We have had a strong turnout of workers from Old Barns Mens club and the Knights of Columbus of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, and other community members, who have faithfully turned out on Monday mornings to weed, fertilize, and pick the crops, including lettuce, spinach, Swiss chard, beet, kale, cabbage, collard greens, potatoes, turnip, tomatoes, onions, corn, zucchini, squash and cucumber.

The garden will continue through the month of September, winding down in early October.

We give thanks for the many partners who share their talent and time and treasure, to make this garden possible.

-Garry Matthews

The Reverend Doctor Darlene Brewer can be reached by email at dr.dbrewer2008@gmail.com

Bookings

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

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

Bulletin Announcements

OB/H - secretary@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca by Wednesday noon.

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