

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 Loughead

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

(Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship and Daring Justice)

June 24, 2024

JOINT SERVICE in Old Barns

Old Barns & Hilden

Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy

Special Guest: Rev. Sharon Ballantyne

Music provided by - Choir Members

Readers - Barb Miller

Prelude

Introit (VU #376) *"Spirit of the Living God"*

Welcome & Life & Work of the Charge

Celebrations and Birthdays

Greeting 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, Prayer

Call to Worship

Come let us gather together as people of faith.

We gather as the Risen Body of Christ in this time and place.

Come, let us recommit ourselves to God's will and WAY.

We seek renewed vision and the power of the Spirit.

Come let us worship and celebrate God's presence!

Hymn (VU #642) *"Be Thou My Vision"*

Story Time - (by Gary Saunders)

Special Music *"She Comes Sailing on the Wind"* (VU #380)

Prayer for Illumination (MV #21, 2x) *"Open our Hearts"*

Scriptures John 11: 32-44

Sermon *"Unbinding New Things"* - Rev. Sharon Ballantyne

Hymn (VU #375) *"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"*

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 X3)

"Where Two or Three Are Gathered"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn (VU #639) *"One More Step Along the world I Go"*

Commissioning / Benediction

Sung Response (VU #575) *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*

Postlude

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 29th & 30th - Friday & Saturday, 2:00pm to 5:00pm, **Brown Bread and Baked Beans Take-out** will be held at the Hilden Church Hall.

OLD BARNS ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 6th - Friday, 7:00pm, (Doors 6:30pm) Old Barns United Church presents - "A **CLIFTON FAMILY CHRISTMAS**". A great way to kick off the Yuletide Season, once again featuring **Highway 236 & Friends!** Free-will offering plus a "*Christmas Goodie Auction*" with all proceeds donated to the Colchester Food Bank and the Atlantic Community Shelters Society. We are very excited that **Santa Claus** has agreed to make a special appearance once again this year. Special Guests will include Kent Loughead, Rachael Henderson, Garry Matthews, Laurie Sandeson, Gary Saunders, Madelyn Stewart & The Mitchells. (Dale, Katherine & Terry "Animal")

December 14th - Saturday, *UCW is asking for 2 doz. crisp cookies* for the *Christmas Cookies trays*. Please leave the cookies in the Bayview Room by noon on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Thank you.

The **UCW** is once again collecting donations for the **Christmas Index Program and the Colchester Food Bank**. Donations should be placed in an envelope with your name on it and indicating it is for the UCW. Place in collection plate or get to Leslie Burrows on or before December 8th. Thank you to all those who support these Christmas donations.

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 29th - Friday, 7:00pm, **The Hilden Garden Club, Hilden United Church and Hilden Community Association** invite you to their annual **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING** at the Hilden church hall. Join us for cookies, hot chocolate, carol singing, and a very special visitor.

November 30th - Saturday, 3:00 to 7:30 p.m. - **A Craft and Bake Sale** will be held in Knox Church Hall, Brookfield. Tables are free. Call Nancy to book a table: 902-843-3321.

November 30th - Saturday, 5:00 p.m. at Knox United, Brookfield - **Roast Pork Loin Dinner and Strawberry Shortcake dessert**. Adults \$20, under 10 years \$5. Eat-in or Take-out. Call Terri to reserve: 1-902-673-2815 or 1-902-471-2677. Please indicate if you'll be eating in or taking out. Proceeds for the upkeep of the Historic Brookfield Train Station!

December 4th - Wednesday, 5:30 for 6:00 p.m., **UCW Christmas Pot Luck Supper** will be held in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the community and Hilden UCW members are welcome.

December 7th - Saturday, 7:00 p.m., First United Church (Truro) **Annual Christmas Candlelight Concert** Featuring the Church Choir, Handbell Ensemble, and friends.

Lectionary Readings Next Week - December 1st - Advent 1

Scriptures:

Theme:

Worship Services Schedule

- Dec 1 - 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns (*Led by Leslie Burrows*), 11:00 a.m. in Hilden (*led by Sylvia Patterson*) - 1 Advent
- Dec 8 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns - 2 Advent, *White Gift Service*
- Dec 15 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns - 3 Advent
- Dec 22 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns - 4 Advent
- Dec 24 - 7:00 p.m. in Hilden - *Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy - Christmas Eve*
- Dec 24 - 7:00 p.m. in Old Barns - *Led by Kent Loughhead - Christmas Eve*
- Dec 29 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, Old Barns *is a pre-taped service on the website*

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 - *Pam Henley* 902-953-1107 or email phenley@bellaliant.net

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.