

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.

February 26, 2023

Old Barns & Hilden (Joint Service)

First Sunday of Lent

Music provided by - (OB & H) Choir Members

Reader - (OB) Trudy Johnson

Prelude

Introit (VU #108 Vs.1) *“Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights”*

Welcome & Life & Work of the Charge

Celebrations and Birthdays

Congregational Greetings

Truth Telling

Long before settlers came to this land from Europe, renaming it Acadia and Nova Scotia, there was already a nation of people here who called it Mi'kma'ki. We settlers didn't really recognize them as persons, declared the land vacant and colonized it. Even though the indigenous people thought of the land as the Creator's, our treaties with them acknowledged their prior stewardship and claim to it. Our ancestors signed peace and friendship treaties only; no land was ceded, given or sold. Later, as we grew in numbers and power, we were neither peaceful nor friendly. We acknowledge and apologize for this, even as we resolve anew to seek reconciliation.

We commit to the process of truth and reconciliation, to live with respect and friendship with the Mi'kmaq and to the full vision of ALL MY RELATIONS. We too are a treaty people.

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

Call To Worship

Come, let us discern our mission together.

We join Jesus in the wilderness to struggle with temptations and choices.

Come, let us ask the Spirit and angels for wisdom and guidance.

As always, we seek the word that God would have us hear.

Despite our struggles, let us worship and give thanks to God.

Hymn (VU #113) *“To the Desert Jesus Came”*

Special Music (MV#65) *“When We Are Tested”*

Scripture Matthew 4: 1-11

Sermon **“Desert, Not Dessert, Temptations”**

Hymn (VU #115) *“Jesus, Tempted in the Desert”*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Minute For Mission

Offertory Prayer

A New Creed (VU #918)

Hymn (VU #114) *“Forty Days and Forty Nights”*

Commissioning / Benediction

Sung Response (MV #95) *“How Deep the Peace”*

Postlude

OLD BARNs ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lectionary Readings Next Week - March 5th *Second Sunday of Lent*

Scripture: John 3:1-8

Sermon: Born Again

Worship Services Schedule

Feb 26th - 9:30 a.m. Joint Service in Old Barns followed by Pastoral Charge AGM

Mar 5th - 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns, 11:00 a.m. in Hilden

Mar 12th - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Mar 19th - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Mar 26th - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Bookings for Hilden - contact Frank Arseneau at 902-897-4080

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

rlhenderson8@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 - if you need 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 902-895-4008

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 Leslie Burrows at 902-890-4682

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.

March 2nd – Thursday, 9:45 a.m. **Bible Study** in Old Barns. All are welcome.

With the rising cost of living, **SchoolsPlus and Cobequid Consolidated Elementary** are working together to start the "**Cobequid Cubby**" - a Food Pantry program to support their students and families. We are asking for your support by bringing an item to Church each week to place in our box at the front of the Church. Also, you may contact any member of the Board of Steward & Trustees who will arrange to pick up your donation. ("*Cobequid Cubby item list*" is on the Bulletin Board or you may print off the list from Feb 12th's bulletin on the website").

Cards and Games - 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (*Tuesdays*)

February 28 – in the Russell Room. Everyone welcome. Organized by Gordie & Barb, they will bring cards and a couple of other games, if you have a favorite game feel free to bring it along. Warm cider will be provided, please bring your own mug. If you prefer another beverage, feel free to bring it along in your mug. Any questions, call 902-895-6833 (the Millers).

March 1st - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., O.B.UCW meet in the Russell Room.

March 3rd - Friday, 9:30 a.m. Old Barns Choir practice prior to World Day of Prayer meeting at 10:00 a.m.

March 3rd – Friday, **World Day of Prayer** – 10:00 a.m. at Old Barns in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to attend. (Storm date is Saturday, March 4th at 10:00 a.m.)

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 26th - Sunday, Pastoral Charge AGM following the 9:30 a.m. Joint Worship Service.

Our Home and Treaty Land - Matthew Anderson is the new Director of Camino Nova Scotia. *Please see the bulletin board for more information.*

March 4th - Saturday, 7:00pm, **FIDDLES & FEET** in concert at Knox United Church, Brookfield. Tickets: \$20 available at the door (space permitting). For advance tickets call Rob at 902-956-0310.

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cards & Games Day

March 8th 10:00 a.m. (Wednesday) March 24th 1:00 p.m. (Friday)

March 7th - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Hilden UCW at Diane Creelman's home.