

*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, August 23, 2026

Joint Service in Hilden

Led by Bruce Varner

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

Lighting of the Christ and Diversity Candles

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.

Psalm 136 VU 857 “We Give Thanks Unto You”
Congregational Response **“for your love is never ending”**

Opening Hymn VU # 333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Call to Worship “Rooted in Love”

God's steadfast love reaches to the heavens, and his faithfulness stretches to the skies.

We come into this space wrapped in a love that never lets us go.

While we were still far off, God met us with open arms and endless grace.

We open our hearts to receive the love that heals our brokenness.

Let us worship the God who first loved us.
Together, let us pour out our praise in love and joy.

Prayer of Renewal

Lord, You are mighty in me. You made me. You put every cell together and created me. You are the Lord of my life, and You are the Lord of my mind. Lord, I have believed untrue things, said things I didn't mean to say, and had thoughts that I shouldn't have had. I'm sorry. Lord, because You are good, please let the ways I used to think die off and then blaze a new trail in my mind. Thank you for Your forgiveness and for the miraculous way You made me. Please remake my mind to be more like Yours. Fill my mind with Your Word. Help me to think about what is true, honorable, right, and pure. Let Your truth be the filter for every thought I have. Give me a calm and quiet spirit that rests in You amidst any chaos. Guard my heart and my mind with Your perfect peace, and help me to walk in the confidence of who I am in Christ. Amen

Hymn VU # 389 God Is Here

Scripture Readings Romans 8: 38-39
1 John 4: 9-10, 16
1 Corinthians 13 (selected verses)

Message “God is Present All Around Us ... All the Time”

Offering Prayer/Giving Thanks

Prayers for the Community

Hymn VU # 337 Blessed Assurance

Benediction

Worship Services Schedule –

August 30 Old Barns – Joint Service at 10:00 a.m.
Sept 6 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns; 11:00 a.m. in Hilden
Sept 13/20/27 9:30 a.m. in Hilden; 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns
Oct 4 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns; 11:00 a.m. in Hilden
Oct 11 9:30 a.m. in Hilden; 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns
Thanksgiving and Communion
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 & Sweets following for
Rev. Darlene's last service

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

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

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Sympathy of the Pastoral Charge is extended to Vicki, family and friends of **April Canton-Austin**. April passed away on August 10, 2026.

Rev Darlene is away from August 20th to 27th for a week of study leave. Please contact Barb if there are any pastoral emergencies during this time.

Clifton Pastoral Charge Secretary position is open, if you are interested in this position, please contact Jim Burrows jimaburrows@gmail.com for more information.

Tuesday, September 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Guided Tour of the Millbrook Cultural & Heritage Centre

Cost \$5.00 per person if group of 20 or more

\$6.00 per person if fewer than 20

If you would like to join the group for this tour, please let Rev. Darlene know by August 31st by emailing her:

dr.dbrewer2008@gail.com

OLD BARNS ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 02 – UCW will meet at the home of Leslie Burrows at 10:00 a.m. followed by a pot luck lunch

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 01 – UCW start-up for Fall season with pot luck before the meeting held at Arlene Fisher home. We will meet at the church parking lot for car-pooling at 12 noon.