

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 Loughhead

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

July 31, 2022

**9:30 a.m. Joint Service in Old Barns
Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy**

**Special Music provided by - Members of the Choir
Minute for Mission Reader - Leslie Burrows**

Prelude

Introit (MV)#115 *"Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New"*

Welcome & Life & Work of the Charge

Celebrations and Birthdays

Statement of Reconciliation

Long before those of us who are settlers, and those of us who are descendants of settlers, came to this land, there were already people here. Many Nations of people lived—and still live—on this land we call Canada, given responsibility by the Creator to be the first stewards of this land and all that lives on it. We know these people as Indigenous.

Today, as we remember what it means to live thankfully, let us give thanks for the Indigenous peoples of this land – and let us remember that we worship God on the historic and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. As Christ's people, let us be people of Love, of Truth, and of Reconciliation.

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 body of Christ in this place and time.

Come, let us hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

In scripture and song and prayer, we seek God's Word for our souls.

Come, let us give God thanks and praise.

Hymn (MV) #1 *"Let Us Build a House"*

Especially For Children *"Cautionary Tale"*

Special Music (VU #697) *"O for a World"*

Scripture Luke 12; 13-31

Sermon *"Abundant Life: Possessions or Relationships?"*

Hymn (MV) #143 *"We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky"*

Minute for Mission

Offerings of the People Prayer

A New Creed (VU) #918

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn (MV) #169 *"When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides"*

Commissioning / Benediction

Sung Response (VU) #962 *"May the Blessing of God"*

May the blessing of God go before you. May her grace and peace abound.

May her Spirit live within you. May her love wrap you round.

May her blessing remain with you always. May you walk on Holy ground.

Postlude

Lectionary Readings Next Week - August 7th - *Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy*

Scripture: Hebrews 11: 1-3; 8-16

Sermon: Faith

Worship Services Schedule - In-Person Services

(July & August Services are 9:30 a.m. alternating location Joint Services)

Aug 7 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden - *Rev. Phillip Kennedy*

Aug 14 - 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns - *Led by Reg Henderson and Hwy 236 (outdoors)*

Aug 21 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden - *Led by Rev. John Parsons*

Aug 28 - 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns - *Rev. Phillip Kennedy*

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

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

rhenderson8@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". We now have a Facebook page. Search for Clifton Pastoral Charge. Be sure to select FOLLOW.

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 - Elva Haggarty 902-895-4760

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 Kathie Chisholm at 902-895-0719

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.

OLD BARN ANNOUNCEMENTS

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

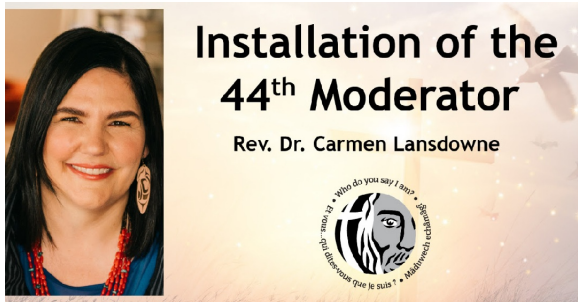
United Way-- *Back-to-School Donations* are accepted until early August at Christmas Discounters at the Truro Mall Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-4:00 or at the office #2-90 Esplanade. Call 902-895-9313 if you have any questions.

Rev. Phillip will be on *vacation* August 8 - 21.

Summer Lunchtime Concerts at First United Church in Truro. See details on the bulletin board.

August 14th - Sunday, 9:30am service in Old Barns led by **Reg Henderson and Hwy 236** will be outside, weather permitting. Please bring a lawn chair.

General Council 44:



The United Church of Canada has elected the Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Kwisa'lakw, 47, as its 44th Moderator. She will be the church's spiritual leader for the next three years.

A Poem

I'm always building bigger barns
to hold resentments,
what I'm sure people owe me,
storehouses of The Way I Want Things To Go,
reputation and pictures of myself—
oh, several silos of those pictures—
and barns, huge barns, of How I Like It,

my securities and assurances.

All built of wax.

But then:

my life is on fire,

all of it, house and barns, going up,

and I have 30 seconds to get out.

What would I grab?

My integrity? My wife? Those pictures?

My sense of humor? My mind?

Yeah, my mind. Or what about my soul?

Of course. My soul.

... Wait...

No,

I'd grab you, God.

Grab you and run.

If you have been raised with Christ
seek the things that are above...

— Colossians 3.1

Steve Garnaas-Holmes Unfolding Light