*Clifton Pastoral Charge*
*Old Barns & Hilden United Churches*

We are Affirming Churches in an Affirming Pastoral Charge

Organists: Old Barns – Beckie Burrows; Hilden – Ardith Ross
Bulletin Secretary: Leslie Burrows

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

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**Sunday, November 22, 2026**
**Reign of Christ Sunday**
**Hilden – led by Gail Sexsmith**

**Introit** MV 7 "Gather Us In"

**Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Acknowledgement of Place**

As we gather for worship, let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy.
**May we live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with its people.**

**Call to Worship**

Joining with light and shade, we will praise our God.
**The blue of the sky, the glow of the beckoning dawn, sing God's praises.**
With flowing water and pounding seas, we will praise our God.
**The mighty ocean, the trickling stream, proclaim their Creator's marvelous power.**
With hills and valleys, we will praise our God.
**With dazzling heights, the lowest of valleys,**
With soaring eagle and busy ant, we will praise our God.
**Each bird, each animal, each tiny insect, and each person of humankind makes clear God's creative presence, and so we praise our God.**

**Opening Hymn** VU 574
"Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love"

**Prayer of Confession**

**Musical Response** MV 85 "Take, O Take Me as I Am"

**Anthem** "There Is Power in the Blood" Kris & Vicki

**Scripture** Matthew 2: 31-46 James 2: 14 - 26

**Message** "What is our Image in the Community"

**Hymn** VU 820 "Psalm 100 – Make a Joyful Noise"

**Anthem** "Washed by the Blood of the Lamb" Kris & Vicki

**Affirmation of Faith** VU 918 "A New Creed"

**Focus on Giving**

**Offertory Response** MV 191 "What Can I Do?"

**Our Community Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Hymn** VU 822 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

**Sending Music** VU 579 vs 2
"The Church Is Wherever God's People"

**Worship Services Schedule**

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| November 29 | Advent One – HOPE |
| | 10:00 a.m. in Old Barns with Men's Club |
| | 10:00 a.m. in Hilden with Sylvia Patterson & Arlene Fisher |
| December 6 | Advent Two – PEACE |
| | 10:00 a.m. in Old Barns with UCW |
| | 10:00 a.m. in Hilden with Faye Smith |
| December 13 | Advent Three – JOY |
| | 10:00 a.m. in Old Barns with Karen and 4-H members |
| | 10:00 a.m. in Hilden with UCW |
| December 20 | Advent Four – LOVE |
| | 6:30 p.m. Christmas in the Waugh Barn in Old Barns |
| | 1:00 p.m. in Hilden with Bruce Varner |
| December 24 | Christmas Eve |
| | 7:00 p.m. in Old Barns with Leslie Burrows |
| | 7:00 p.m. in Hilden with Gail Sexsmith |
| December 27 | No Church – pre-taped service on website |

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**Bookings**
**Old Barns** – contact Reg Henderson at 902-895-0740 or rlhenderson8@hotmail.com
**Hilden** – contact Diane Creelman at 902-897-4493 or Sheila Marshall at 902-893-2636

**Bulletin Announcements** - contact Leslie at 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 or Wayne Fisher

**Thank you to all those who have stepped forward to lead worship in our two Communities of Faiths, Old Barns and Hilden, during this time of transition.**

## OLD BARNS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank You to Joe Wynne** who led the services on November 15th and 22nd. You are appreciated and always welcome in this place!

**Donations now being accepted for Food Bank, Christmas Index and Soul's Harbour** – Place in an envelope, and mark it for UCW – cheques to be made out to Old Barns UCW. Place in collection plate or give to Leslie by **December 6th**.

**Looking forward to next November**, the OB Board of Stewards and Trustees would like to honour veterans of our community families by posting their names and/or a picture on our church sign. The picture will need to be of a high quality to be shown on the sign. Please contact Reg Henderson (902-899-9721) or Gordie Miller (902-895-6833)

**December 1 – Tree Lighting and Carol Sing** 6:00 p.m. sponsored by Clifton 4-H Club

**December 2 – UCW Annual Christmas Pot Luck** 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Women from Community invited.

**December 11 – "A Clifton Family Christmas" at 7:00 p.m.**
Old Barns United Church invites you to celebrate the start of the Yuletide season at our annual Christmas concert (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) The evening will feature seasonal music by **Highway 236 & Friends**, along with a special visit from **Santa Claus**. Admission is by free-will offering, with all proceeds for the **Colchester Food Bank**. All are welcome!

**December 14 – Clifton Federation of Agriculture Community Potluck Supper** 6:00 p.m. at the Old Barns School

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## HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**November 27 – Carol Sing and Tree Lighting** 7:00 p.m. at church hall

**November 27 & 28 – Annual Beans and Brown Bread Take-out** from 2 – 5 p.m. in the church hall

**November 29 – Hilden Music Jam** from 2 – 4 p.m. in church hall

**December 1 – UCW** 1:30 p.m. Bring gifts for Food Bank and another wrapped gift

**December 2 – Cards and Games** – 10:00 a.m.

**December 6 – Congregational Meeting** following worship service to discuss up-coming renovations to church lobby

**December 18 – Cards & Games** – 1:00 p.m.

## JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bulletin Secretary** – Leslie will continue to format bulletins, email to individuals, and post to website but will need someone willing to print them off (new copier is in place). If you are willing to copy bulletins each week, please contact Jim Burrows, Chair of M&P.

**December 6 – Official Board** 1:00 p.m. in Old Barns to receive a report from the Search Committee. Representatives from each church/charge committees are encouraged to attend as well as any interested members of our Communities of Faith.

**Water of Life Donations** will be accepted until the end of the year. Mark donation for Water of Life, church treasurer will credit you for donation and turn over to Beckie.

**November 24 – Senior Safety Program** 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Truro Police Service Community Office at the Truro Mall. Presentations on: Electronic devices that help older adults and people with disabilities maintain independence. How to apply for home care services including nursing, long term care, as well as how to make a referral to adult protection services and protection in care. A complimentary lunch will be provided at the end of the sessions. Seats are limited – registration is required. Please call (902) 897-3271 or email thart@truro.ca

**November 25 – Cross Country Check-In at 6:00 p.m. ET**

Join the General Secretary, members of the General Council Executive, and the Moderator for a live conversation with people across the United Church. Listen, ask questions, put faces to names, and share perspectives that can help inform the church's leadership and decision-making.

Go to: https://churchx.ca/local/shop/product.php?id=370

**Volunteers Needed** – the Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to help with their Kettle collections. If you are interested, contact Victoria at 902-893-3042