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 – Ardith Ross
Bulletin Secretary: Leslie Burrows

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

Sunday, October 25, 2026 – Joint Service in Hilden
Reformation Sunday

Introit VU # 392 How Sacred is this Place

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

God sends us prophets, wise ones, people who lead us in new and challenging times, as they seek to follow Jesus. Today we recognize those voices of the Reformation Movement.

So, in the steps of Jesus, we seek to be a movement; offering grace, making whole again the people of God. With God's help and Jesus' vision, and our community all around us, may it be so!

In this worship we become aware of what needs to move forward, what may need to be left behind, and what is our foundation as God shapes and reshapes us for the good of the gospel, in justice and mercy and compassion.

We seek to follow those who embody the spirit of Jesus; to always encounter others with an open connection, with a spirit of learning and listening throughout our worship together.

May we rejoice in God for this community time together!!

Amen.

Opening Hymn MV # 30 It's a song of Praise to the Maker

*** Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance**

Musical Response MV # 7 Gather Us In

Time for All Ages – Barb Miller

Scriptures 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-40

Sermon: Travelling the Road Ahead with Love and Openness:
Pondering the Reformation Movement for Our Times.

Hymn: MV # 154 Deep in our Hearts

Choir Anthem: MV # 161 I Have Called You by Your Name

Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Offering Prayer
Musical Response VU # 400 Lord, Listen to your Children Playing

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

Closing Hymn MV # 150 Spirit God, Be Our Breath

Benediction/Blessing

Sending Music VU # 454 May God Who Creates You

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Worship Services Schedule

Nov 1	10:00 a.m. in Old Barns; 10:00 a.m. in Hilden
Nov 8	Remembrance Sunday 10:00 a.m. in Old Barns; 10:00 a.m. in Hilden
Nov 15	10:00 a.m. in Old Barns; Hilden TBA
Nov 22	10:00 a.m. in Old Barns; Hilden TBA
Nov 29	10:00 a.m. in Old Barns; Hilden TBA

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: 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

NOTE: Copier in Old Barns Office has reached the end of its life. Ralph is looking for a replacement but it may take a couple weeks. Meanwhile, bulletins in Old Barns will be emailed out. Sylvia is printing for Hilden.

OLD BARNS ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 4 – UCW 9:30 a.m. in Russel Room

November 1 – All Saints Service: We will be remembering and honoring people who have passed away, who have positively influenced our faith life in the past. You are invited to bring a framed picture of someone that you wish to remember, to display during the service. We will also have name tag ornaments available at the door and encourage you to write the names of people who have been active in this church, or in your faith journey, and have now moved on to their heavenly home.

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 3 – UCW 1:30 p.m. in church hall

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary option has not worked out – for remainder of the year, Leslie will format bulletins but will need someone willing to print them off once a new copier is in place. If you are willing to copy bulletins each week, please contact Jim Burrows, Chair of M&P.

November 12 – Dementia Friendly Connections Café
Truro Library at 1:30 p.m.
Dementia Friendly Connections Cafés are designed to provide a social opportunity, and build meaningful community connections among people living with dementia, their care partners, and the wider community.
Community members are invited to connect with their neighbours at these lightly structured social programs, with refreshments, snacks, and ice breakers provided to help get the conversation flowing.
Sponsored by: Societe Alzheimer Society Nova Scotia

October 30 – Community UC Baked Beans & Brown Bread Take-Out Suppers. We do the cooking – 1 litre of home-made baked beans and a half loaf of freshly baked brown bread for $20 (no taxes or gratuities). Pickup will take place between 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. on each date at Community UC, 250 Brunswick Street. Advance tickets required for either or both dates - contact Brenda Ryan at 902-899-6390.