

## 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.*

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**March 19, 2023**

**Old Barns & Hilden**

**Lent IV**

**Music provided by** - (OB & H) Choir Members

**Readers** - (OB) Laurie Sandeson

(H)

**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 gather as a community of faith.

**We gather as the body of Christ in this time and place.**

Come, let us try to follow Jesus together.

**We seek to share the same passions as Jesus for the world.**

Come, let us celebrate God's presence.

Let us worship and give thanks to God.

**Hymn (VU #356)** *"Seek Ye First the Kingdom"*

**Story Time (OB)** *(Barb Miller)*

(H) **"The Lord's Prayer Versions"**

**Special Music (OB & H)** (VU#960) *"The Lord's Prayer"*

**Scripture** Luke 11: 2-4

**Sermon** **"The Lord's Prayer"** *The focus of Jesus*

**Hymn (VU #364)** *"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"*

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

**Minute For Mission**

**Offertory Prayer**

**A New Creed (VU #918)**

**Hymn (OB) (VU #507)** *"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"*

(H) (MV #213 X4) *"Take Up His Song"*

**Commissioning / Benediction**

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

**Postlude**

**Lectionary Readings Next Week** - March 19<sup>th</sup> - *Lent IV*

**Scripture:** Ezekiel 37

**Sermon:** The Valley of Dry Bones (Dem Bones Gonna Rise Again)

**Worship Services Schedule**

Mar 19<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns  
Mar 26<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns  
Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns, 11:00 a.m. in Hilden, *Palm/Passion Sunday*  
Apr 6<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m. in Hilden, *Maundy Thursday*  
Apr 7<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 p.m. in Old Barns, *Good Friday*  
Apr 9<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns, *Easter Sunday*

**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](mailto:rhenderson8@hotmail.com)

**Bulletin Announcements** - contact Judy at 902-895-7243 or [lougheadjd@gmail.com](mailto:lougheadjd@gmail.com) by Wednesday evening.

**Charge Website** - [cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](http://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](mailto:phenley@bellaliant.net)

**Minutes for Mission** playlists at [www.youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada](http://www.youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada)  
stories and photos on [www.united-church.ca](http://www.united-church.ca)

**Need a Drive to Church (OB)** - Contact Gordie at 902-895-6833

**Old Barns Treasurer** - regarding church business or e-transfer donations contact Bob Francis at [oldbarnstreasurer@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Matthew 6:9-13 KJV**

**9** After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

**10** Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

**11** Give us this day our daily bread.

**12** And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

**13** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

**Luke 11:2-4 KJV**

**2** And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

**3** Give us day by day our daily bread.

**4** And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

## OLD BARNs ANNOUNCEMENTS

**March 21<sup>st</sup>** - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **Cards and Games** in the Russell Room. Everyone is welcome. Cards and other games will be available, if you have a favorite game feel free to bring it along. Hot chocolate will be provided. Karen and Leslie will be your hosts.

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Thursday, 9:45 a.m. **Bible Study** in Old Barns. All are welcome.

## HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Cards & Games Day**

March 24<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m. (Friday)

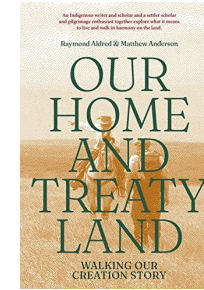
## JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Lenten **“Spare Change to Make a Change”** is underway again this year. Please save your loose change until Easter. Then bring it to church or to Bob Francis. (A cheque for the total would be preferable to a container of loose change.) Thank you for your support. -*The Stewardship Committee*

The **Atlantic Seminar** in Theological Education (A.S.T.E.) Is meeting at Tatamagouche Centre again this year. (June 11-16). The theme is **“Building Respectful Relations”** - The Black Experience in Canada, with an emphasis on the Atlantic Provinces. The presenters are Rev. Brigid Maya Douglas and Dr. Harvey Amani Whitfield. Details will be posted on the bulletin board. More information can be found on the webpage ASTE 2023.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., **Pancake Brunch** at the Old Barns United Church hosted by Old Barns Board of Stewards & Trustees, and Clifton 4H Club. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, baked beans, biscuits, and beverage. (Adults \$12, Age 7 & Under \$8)

Live entertainment: **Highway 236.**



**Our Home and Treaty Land: Walking our Creation Story** by Raymond Aldred & Matthew Anderson is a book in the Old Barns Library that I (Leslie) recently read. I also attended “A Lenten Pilgrimage”, a joint project of Trinity UC, New Glasgow, and Pictou UC where we had the opportunity to meet the authors and to converse with them. It was very educational, very interesting. I have pulled a few comments that I took from the conversations to share with you.

“To make a path, you must first develop relationships.”

“When you walk, you remember place; you develop a relationship with the land.”

“You only possess what you can carry on your back.”

“The land provides for the people.”

“Pilgrimage – the land welcomes you home.”

“Encounter God in Creation. There is no life apart from Creation.”

“Your Creation story tells your story.”

“Communal memory is the passing down of stories.”

“As Adam came from the Virgin Soil, so Jesus came from the Virgin Mary.”

“For God so loved the land, he gave his only Son.”

“We seek the harmony to heal relationships.”

“People do not understand that Canada is a Treaty Nation.”

“A sweetgrass braid, used when Treaty was made, has three strands which represented:

First Nation people, Newcomers, and the Creator.”

“Treaty lasts as long as the river runs, as long as the grass grow, and as long as the sun shines.”

“Treaty is an affirmation that:

1. All should enjoy a peaceful existence
2. All should enjoy access to the land
3. All should have the privilege to live off the bounty of the land
4. All should be able to be who they were created to be