

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.

February 19, 2023

Old Barns & Hilden

Music provided by - (OB) Gail Sexsmith, Choir Members

(H) Choir Members

Readers - (OB) Laurie Sandeson

(H) Elva Haggarty

Prelude

Introit (X1) *“Christ, Be Our Light!”* Words and Music by Bernadette Farrell, setting by Joel Raney, © 1993 and this Arr. © 2013 Bernadette Farrell, Published by OCP, 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213.

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 followers.

Let us join each other in this symphony of faith.

Come, hear the ancient story inspiring us today.

We long for the spirit's harmony, even when we sing different tunes.

Come, let us worship God, who makes us one.

Hymn (VU #603) *“In Loving Partnership We Come”*

Special Music (OB) (VU#356) *“Seek Ye First the Kingdom”*

(H) (Soloist - Gail Sexsmith) *“There is Your Heart”*

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Scripture Matthew 6: 24-33
Acts 4: 32-37

Sermon **“God and Money”**

Hymn (MV #127) *“I Saw the Rich Ones”*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Prayer

Hymn (VU #575) *“I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”*

Commissioning / Benediction

Sung Response (VU #84 Vs 4) *“O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word”*

Postlude

Lectionary Readings Next Week - February 26th *First Sunday of Lent*

Scripture: Matthew 4: 1-11

Sermon:

Worship Services Schedule

Feb 22nd - Ash Wednesday (pre-taped service from Old Barns)

Feb 26th - 9:30 a.m. Joint Service in Old Barns followed by Pastoral Charge AGM

Mar 5th - 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns, 11:00 a.m. in Hilden

Mar 12th - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Mar 19th - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Mar 26th - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

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". **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

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 e-transfer donations

contact Bob Francis at 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

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 BARNs ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 23th – Thursday, 9:45 a.m. **Bible Study** in Old Barns. All are welcome.

February 25th - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Old Barns United Church Group “**MOMS AND TOTS PLAY AND SOCIAL**” for ages 5 and under. Location – Old Barns United Church – *Fellowship Hall*. For more information contact Tiffany Rudderham-Yuill –telephone 1 (902) 324-2078 or email Tiffany.Rudderham@dal.ca

With the rising cost of living, **SchoolsPlus and Cobequid Consolidated Elementary** are working together to start the “**Cobequid Cubby**” - a Food Pantry program to support their students and families. We are asking for your support by bringing an item to Church each week to place in our box at the front of the Church. Also, you may contact any member of the Board of Steward & Trustees who will arrange to pick up your donation. (“*Cobequid Cubby item list*” is on the Bulletin Board or you may print off the list from Feb 12th's bulletin on the website”).

Cards and Games - 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (*Tuesdays*)

February 21/28 – in the Russell Room. Everyone welcome. Organized by Gordie & Barb, they will bring cards and a couple of other games, if you have a favorite game feel free to bring it along. Warm cider will be provided, please bring your own mug. If you prefer another beverage, feel free to bring it along in your mug. Any questions, call 902-895-6833 (the Millers).

March 1st - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., UCW meet in the Russell Room.

March 3rd - Friday, 9:30 a.m. Old Barns Choir practice prior to World Day of Prayer meeting at 10:00 a.m.

March 3rd – Friday, **World Day of Prayer** – 10:00 a.m. at Old Barns in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to attend. (Storm date is Saturday, March 4th at 10:00 a.m.)

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's prayers and other liturgy was created by a group of local United Church Clergy on the theme of Forbidden topics. Today's topic is MONEY.

Theme statement

We so often use images of feasting together to speak of ourselves as a community. We find our connection as we gather with Christ around a great table of grace. And yet, even at this table, there are some topics that are taboo. Polite company does not speak of money, politics, sex or religion. And yet, each of these forbidden subjects is central to our lives, and should be connected to our life of faith. There is a time for everything, a time to speak, and a time to remain silent. Today, we speak.

How much time to you spend thinking about money – how to acquire it, how to spend it, and how to protect it? Jesus says our treasure and our hearts are deeply connected. I invite you to join with me with a wide open heart, as we consider our money through the eyes of faith.

February 22nd - Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the 40 days of Lent (not including the Sundays). On Ash Wednesday, there will be a short worship service on line (our website, and YouTube). If you plan to watch this, please prepare by having some ashes to put on your wrist or forehead during the service.

February 26th - Sunday, Pastoral Charge AGM following the 9:30 a.m. Joint Worship Service.

Our Home and Treaty Land - Matthew Anderson is the new Director of Camino Nova Scotia. *Please see the bulletin board for more information.*

March 4th - Saturday, 7:00pm, **FIDDLES & FEET** in concert at Knox United Church, Brookfield. Tickets: \$20 available at the door (space permitting). For advance tickets call Rob at 902-956-0310.

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cards & Games Day

February 24th 1:00 p.m. (Friday) March 8th 10:00 a.m. (Wednesday)
March 24th 1:00 p.m. (Friday)