

Clifton Pastoral Charge

Old Barns and Hilden United Churches

We are Affirming Churches in an Affirming Pastoral Charge

Clergy: Reverend Phillip Kennedy **Ministers: All of Us!**

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 4, 2021

Music provided by - (OB) Garry Matthews

(H) Keith Selwyn-Smith & Ron Patterson

Reader - (OB) Leslie Burrows

(H) Marnie Smith

*(Masks must be worn at all times during service
except by the Minister and Reader)*

Prelude

Introit (MV) #130 "Rise Up, Rise Up"

Welcome & Life & Work of the Charge

Celebrations and Birthdays

Statement of Reconciliation

As we gather in this place, we remember with gratitude that we live and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Mi'kmaq.

May we live with respect on this land, and in peace and friendship with its people.

Lighting of the Unity Candle, Christ Candle, Silence, Prayer

Call to Worship

Come, let us gather as church in this time and place.

We gather as the body of Christ seeking guidance from the Spirit.

Come, let us hear and comprehend the Word of God.

We seek connections between our story and the story of faith.

Come let us sing and pray to the One who is in all that we do and are.

Let us worship God.

Hymn (VU) #578 "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

Story Time "I Chose Miriam"

Special Music (OB) (VU #626) "I Heard the Voice of Jesus"
(H) (MV #176 Vs 1,3,4,6) "Three Things I Promise"

Scriptures Ezekiel 2: 1-5
Mark 6: 1-13

Sermon "All, Many or Just Some? - Keeping it Real"

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

Minute for Mission

Offerings of the People

A New Creed (VU #918)

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.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn (MV) #212 "Sent Out in Jesus' Name"

Commissioning / Benediction

Sung Response (MV) #150 Vs.4 "Spirit God, Be Our Breath"

OLD BARN ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Session would like to thank all those who made donations to the “Remember Our Mothers and Fathers” on May 9th and June 20th. \$1810 was raised for the church through these Remembrances.

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

M&S Report for June is \$1,823 with \$245 Word Development for a total of \$13,263.50 which is up \$705.50 from this time last year.

Church Services Resume - Book your Seat in order to attend a service as we are limited in the number of people allowed. To book a seat, please call the Clerk of Session: (OB) Leslie 902-890-4682, (H) Sylvia 902-897-4536 any day from Tuesday to Saturday the week preceding the service you want to attend.

We mourn and acknowledge....

With aching hearts, we will continue to mourn and remember with our Indigenous friends, neighbours, and relatives touched by the 215 children's remains found, and those not yet found.

It is common to want to rush to "do something", to fix and make better. An Elder from the Indigenous Ministries and Justice in the United Church says, *"We understand the desire to do 'something' that will make this right. But we ask you, right now, to come together as people of the United Church and take the first step of mourning and remembering."*

So, for now, let's tie ribbons, light candles, sing and pray, make offerings...and keep our hearts open, be present to the pain, and let it change us.

Catherine MacDonald, of Region 15, posted a challenge/invitation for people, groups, Communities of Faith, to join her in donating to the Healing Fund of the United Church of Canada with a suggested amount of \$215 – in memory and acknowledgement of the children and their families' grief, and our commitment to tell the true history.

You can donate by either sending in to the church, noting that it is for the UCC Healing Fund, or by going to UCC Healing Fund to donate on-line.

<https://www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?ID=1955&AID=1729>

Lectionary Readings Next Week

Scripture: Mark 6: 14-29

Message: The Political Assassination of John the Baptist

Story: Delilah

Worship Services Schedule -

All services will be videotaped and available on the website – cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

In-person worship services resume

July 4 - 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns, 11:00 a.m. in Hilden

July 11 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

July 18 - 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". 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 902-818-4727 (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.

June 29, 2021

Friends,



It's starting to feel like we have always been in a pandemic. We're well into the second year of COVID-19, and we're used to things like wearing masks, curbside grocery pickup, and of course, online worship services.

But for us here in Canada, hope is on the horizon. I've had my first vaccination and I expect to get my second one soon. My boys will be going back to their school building in the fall. If things go well, our congregation—and yours—may even be able to celebrate Christmas in person.

As I'm sure you know, though, things are not going well in many other parts of the world, and we're asking for your help to change that.

First, let me say that we're very grateful for the gifts we have received for our Mission & Service partners in the global South and East. Because of the generosity of compassionate members of the United Church of Canada family, our partners have been able to provide desperately needed help to people who were already living with hunger, lack of access to water, crowded living conditions, and limited healthcare even before the devastating effects of COVID-19.

But experts are predicting that the pandemic may continue in some places until 2024. The UN World Food Program estimates that because of COVID-19, the number of people needing urgent food assistance globally will more than double. And now, as the more transmissible Delta variant becomes the primary global strain of the virus, the number of people in need of assistance of all kinds will almost certainly increase.

So we're not in a sprint, we're in a marathon. Our partners are going to continue to need our help.

On July 5, we're launching an appeal that aims to provide support for our Mission & Service partners who serve people across the world who see no end in sight to the effects of the pandemic. We're asking for help to make sure that COVID-19 doesn't completely reverse the development gains the world has made in the past decade—to help people in the global South and East hold on to the stability they've achieved through hard work.

Would you help our partners by sharing our appeal with your congregation? As we did for our Mother's Day appeal, we've created resources that you can use, in worship and elsewhere, to get the word out.

Video message from Moderator Richard Bott (live July 5)

A Prayer for a World in Pandemic

A Prayer for a World in Pandemic PDF (see Downloads on this page)

Gift of a COVID vaccine shot through Gifts with Vision

Note the donation page is COVID-19 Global Response. Your congregation can give in other ways as well. If your congregation members give online, please tell them to credit your congregation so their donation will be added to your church's Mission & Service total.

As urgent as the need to stop COVID-19 is, it is far more urgent in countries that are experiencing economic crisis, unrest, and climate disaster. Please share this message with your congregation and your community so our Mission & Service partners can continue to help the people who feel the impact of the pandemic the most.

Because this isn't going to be all over until it's over for all.

Thank you so much!

In Christ,

Sarah Charters

Acting Director of Philanthropy

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