

## *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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**September 19, 2021**

**Led by Kent Loughead & Laurie Sandeson  
Old Barns**

**Music provided by  
Highway 236**

*(Masks must be worn at all times during service  
except by the Leader, Reader and Singers...masks if not singing)*

**Introit- Highway 236** "Ashokan Farewell" (Instrumental)  
Written by Jay Ungar

**Call to Worship**

**Welcome & Life & Work of the Charge**

**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**

**Prayer of Approach** - (from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.)

**Ever present God, you called us to be in relationship with one another and promised to dwell wherever two or three are gathered. In our communities, we are many different people; we come from many different places, have many different cultures. Open our hearts that we may be bold in finding the riches of inclusion and the treasures of diversity among us. We pray in faith. Amen.**

**Musical Selections- Highway 236**

*"I Find Jesus"* by Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

*"Just a Closer Walk"* lyrics by Martha J. Lankton and music by William Kirkpatrick

**Minute for Mission**

**Offerings of the People**

**Musical Selections- Highway 236**

*"Life's Railway to Heaven"* Lyrics by M. E. Abbey and music by Charles D. Tillman

*"It is No Secret"* Written by Stuart Hamblin

**Scripture** James 2: 1-4  
Romans 12: 10

**Message** *Back to Basics*

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

**Musical Selections- Highway 236, Laurie, Kent**

*"Down in the River"* Words & Music by George H. Allan

*"Hallelujah"* Words and Music by Leonard Cohen

**Commissioning**

**Benediction- Highway 236**

*"May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You"* by Meredith Willson

## Lectionary Readings Week of September 26th

**Scripture:** Mark 9: 38-41

**Message:** "Who is Inside and Outside the 'Group'"

## **Worship Services Schedule -**

***For all services and events, you need to be double vaccinated.***

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

Oct 3 - 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns, 11:00 a.m. in Hilden.....World Wide Communion

Oct 10 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns.....Thanksgiving 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". 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](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 etransfer donations contact Bob Francis at [oldbarnstreasurer@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](mailto: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](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.

## OLD BARNs ANNOUNCEMENTS

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Saturday, starting at 7 p.m., the Session and friends are hosting “**Push Back the Darkness**” with an evening of music and a bonfire in the field next to the church. Bring your lawn chair and a friend and, keeping COVID precautions in mind, greet your neighbours and enjoy an evening together. **You need to be double vaccinated** and mask wearing is up to you and your comfort level. Of course, this will all depend on fine weather and the order is in, so let's hope it goes through.

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** - Wednesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m., **Walk with Me: A Spiritual Walk**. Check Oct 10<sup>th</sup> bulletin for location.

## HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

### JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*\*\*For all services and events, you need to be double vaccinated.**

**September 25<sup>th</sup>** - Saturday, 8:00 to noon, **Fall Fun Fair** at McCulloch United Church, Harmony. This includes a large yard sale, new to you, bake table, barbecue and music. Wear a mask while inside and bring your own bag, if possible.

**September 29<sup>th</sup>** - Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. The Official Board of the Clifton Pastoral Charge will meet in the sanctuary of Old Barns United. (*Note, the meeting was previously scheduled for Sept. 22*) This will allow us to be seated in a safe, socially distanced manner. Please wear your mask.

Rev. Phillip Kennedy will be on a *Study Leave* September 19-25 for the Camino Nova Scotia in Cape Breton, a Spiritual Pilgrimage Walk.

**October 14<sup>th</sup>** - Thursday, 9:45-11:15 a.m., **Bible Study on the Book of Mark**, starting in Old Barns and alternating with Hilden.

**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.

(Announcements continued....⇒)

Hi folks,

I'm still getting used to how you do things in Clifton Pastoral charge. You don't know what to expect from me either in all circumstances. So.., FYI, here's the way I am used to beginning with folks *at the time of the death of a loved one*:

1. The person dies or is about to and I am notified. (often I don't hear about it from the family directly but from the funeral director, who is sitting with the family and they are trying to nail down dates and times for the service and my availability). If folks don't have pre arranged funeral commitments with a particular funeral home, and I get to talk to folks before the death, I have some helpful questions and options to suggest. (If the funeral home is not the first to be notified, then the second for sure as the remains need to be moved for cremation or casket)
2. Folks should wait to discuss details of the actual service with me, rather than with the funeral director.
3. I contact the family or they contact me and we set a time to meet as many of the family who would like input into the service.
4. My main focus is on pastoral care for the family and the order of service and its contents. (If I can have a copy of the obituary that is even better, but not essential to bring to this meeting)
5. Folks can be thinking about details for scripture or music or who will speak in addition to me ahead of time, but I will have suggestions and we can finalize when we meet. If a soloist is desired and hasn't already been asked, I can do that.
6. If the person has an affiliation with the church, I like to suggest a church funeral if pandemic restrictions allow.

- Rev. Phillip Kennedy