

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

The United Church of Canada

Sunday, June 25th, 2017

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Scent-free Policy at Central United

We encourage everyone to recognize that some members of our Church family are very sensitive to strong odours. There is a designated seating area for this purpose.

The music for the weekly sung responses (e.g. Gathering, Offering) is available on laminated sheets which are located in the Narthex.

Prelude

Greetings

Gathering Music: *Come Touch Our Hearts*

*Come touch us now,
we people who are gathered,
And bless this day,
our sharing and our love.
That we may meet with hearts and souls united,
our fire for life ignited,
come touch and bless us now.*

MV 12



(Words and music: Gordon Light, 2002. Words modified – Rev. Grace Caines-Corkum, 2012.)

Hymn: *“Let There Be Light”*

VU 679

Invitation:

One: Gracious Giver of Our History and Heritage, today is a day to remember.

All: Together we remember remarkable women who changed our world.

One: We remember the heartbreak of Hagar, as she was exiled from her community not once, but twice by a jealous woman and a weak man.

All: God, teach us mercy and care.

One: We remember the courage of Esther, who risked her life to save her community from genocide.

All: God, teach us selflessness and boldness.

One: We remember the excruciating pain of a mother watching a child crucified, only to witness new life in his name!

All: God, teach us hope in the face of hopelessness.

One: We remember so many others,
We remember the challenging call of the indigenous women
Jane Constance Cook (Ga'axstal'as) and Nahnebalwequay.

**All: We remember the powerful actions and words of the abolitionist
Mary Shadd Cary and the courage of Harriet Tubman and
Viola Desmond.**

One: The courage of suffragettes Agnes Macphail and Nellie McClung.

All: The creative spirit of Emily Carr and Lucy Maud Montgomery.

One: The adventurous scientific spirit of Emily Stowe, Jennie Trout and
Roberta Bondar.

All: The faith of Lydia Gruchy.

One: The tenacity and hope of all those who stood on their shoulders – our daughters, our sisters, our spouses, our mothers.

All: Moving forward, clearing the path, inspiring and motivating us – we give thanks for these women and so many more who made a difference and who continue to inspire us.

The Prayer of Jesus

Welcome



Minute for Mission

Offering our Gifts:

Regular Offering

Benevolent Fund Offering

Choral Dedication:

Here We Bring, Small Or Great



*Here we bring, small or great,
gifts to offer on this plate,
what we've earned, what we own,
tithe or token, bread or stone,
Jesus said, "Have a care – your heart will always be
where your riches are, where your riches are".*

(Please stand, as you are able, when the Greeters/Elders bring forward the Offering)

Dedication of Our Offering:

*Wild flowers grow, birds find seed,
God attends to each one's need;
as we share, all can live,
as we love, we learn to give,
Jesus said, "Have a care – your heart will always be
where your riches are, where your riches are."*

Scripture: Genesis 21: 8 - 21

*May we but wait upon Love's word.
Knowing our prayer is heard. (Sing twice)*



Hymn: *"In Star and Crescent"*

MV 159

Sermon: *"A Woman's Story"*

Prayers of the People

Hymn: *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

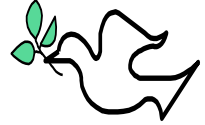
VU 651

Benediction

Sending Us Out: “We Wish You The Blessing”

(Words by John Oldham, music by Ron Klusmeier)

*We wish you the blessing of faith to sustain you,
friends to support you,
challenge to stir you,
songs to empower you,
peace to refresh you,
tears to release you,
laughter to heal you,
love to nurture your soul.*



Postlude

The bulletin cover for this morning’s service is a gift from:

Shirley Zinck & family

“In loving memory of Sherman’s birthday”

WELCOME

Welcome to our Sunday Service. If you are a guest with us, please sign the “Guest Book” at the back of the sanctuary and introduce yourself to our Minister.

ELDERS

Peggy Greek
Charlotte Smith

GREETERS

Carolyn & David Duff

CELEBRATION SUNDAY – Best wishes to everyone who celebrated a birthday in the month of **June**. Celebration names are printed on an insert in the bulletin.



COMING WEEK

SUNDAY, JULY 2nd – CANADA DAY SERVICE

10:30 am – Regular Service



LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, JULY 9TH

10:30 am – Regular Service

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SUNDAY, JULY 16TH

10:30 am – Regular Service

THURSDAY, JULY 20TH

6:00 pm – United Church Service at Harbour View Haven

Everyone is Welcome!

SUNDAY, JULY 23RD

10:30 am – Regular Service

SUNDAY, JULY 30TH

10:30 am – Regular Service

Celebration Sunday & Benevolent Fund Offering



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING CANADA'S 150TH – SUNDAY, JULY 2ND

Rev. Grace is requesting contributions for our “Prayers of the People” for Sunday, July 2nd.

She would like prayers from every member of the congregation; these prayers would express our thanksgiving for living in Canada.

Please email to Rev. Grace or place them in the box on the counter outside the office door which is labelled for that purpose.

Please provide your prayer contributions **on or before Sunday, June 25th**.

Any questions? Contact Rev. Grace



BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP – HAVE A LOOK AT THE CATALOGUE FOR 2018

If you would like to sponsor one of these bulletins for a Sunday Service in 2018, please call the church office (902-634-4035) or **drop in to see the catalogue!**



REQUEST FROM UNITED CHURCH FOR 2019 BULLETIN PHOTOS

Want to see your photos on United Church bulletin covers?

Please consider submitting them!

We especially need symbols of special Sundays and church seasons. Please continue to send us your best photos of Canadian scenery and nature. Special plea to the Prairies and the Maritimes: we'd love to see more from you!

A photo credit will be printed on the bulletin cover, and \$100 will be paid for each photo used.

For entry forms, please contact the church office (902-634-4035).

CHURCH DIRECTORY 2017

The Church Secretary has put together a draft copy of a new Church Directory for the congregation of Central United (no photos).

With concern about personal preference and privacy, the draft copy of this directory is sitting on the counter outside the Secretary's office door.

Please look at the entry for your family and **cross out any information that you DO NOT want to appear in the directory and also, ADD any missing information you would like.**

Please initial your approval in the box indicated and this information will be included in the final copy and distributed to the congregation. (Family names which have not been initialled will be included in the directory with mailing address & local phone number information ONLY).

The deadline for approval of your family information is **Sunday, October 29th**, after which the directory will be finalized, printed and distributed.

The purpose of the directory is for more efficient and convenient communication amongst our congregation. This information has been taken from various lists available in the office. Please help me to make this directory as accurate and helpful as possible.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOXWOOD CANADA

July 23 – 29, 2017; Lunenburg, Nova Scotia –
Celebrating Maritime Canada's Music & Dance Traditions

Boxwood Finale Concert – July 29th – Central United Church – 7:00 pm

Michael Rooney, June McCormack, Lisa Ornstein, Nic Gareiss, Mary Jane Lamond, and more

KITCHEN PARTY

When: Wednesdays

(July 5th through September 13th)

Time: 7:00 to 10:00 pm

Where: Central United Church Hall

Freewill offering – **Open to everyone who loves music!**

