

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

The United Church of Canada

Sunday, July 16th, 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: *“Come and Find the Quiet Centre”*

VU 374

Invitation:

One: We gather this morning, rising from summer sleeping to sacred singing,

All: From weeding gardens to worshipping together,

One: From camping out to sharing community

All: From recreation to re-creation

One: We rise in the light of long summer days

All: And gather in the light of the spirit that is with us now.

One: Let us celebrate this summer Sabbath day.

Welcome



Gathering Prayer:

O God, we come with hearts full of thanksgiving. We give thanks for these moments when we can ease the pace of our lives and listen for the voice of the spirit. May the spirit be alive in us and within us and may it truly draw us toward you and toward our sisters and brothers: a spirit deep, perceptive, gentle and bold. Clear our minds, open our hearts and touch us with your presence. We offer this prayer in the spirit of thanksgiving. Amen.

The Prayer of Jesus

Minute for Mission

Offering our Gifts:

Regular 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: Ruth 1 (selected verses)

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

RRUTH

Hymn: “God Of the Women” (Insert)
(Tune: “Slane” - VU# 642)

Sermon: “The Faithful Foreigner”

Prayers of the People

Hymn: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

VU 288

Benediction

Sending Us Out: “We Wish You The Blessing”
(Words by John Oldham, music by Ron Klusmeier)
 (Copies of music available in the narthex.)

*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

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

Doug Greek
Peggy Greek

GREETERS

Corella Courtney & Helen Bennett

CHURCH SERVICES AT CENTRAL UNITED FOR THE SUMMER

Our last Sunday church Service will be on July 30th, 2017 after which we will join the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in August and on September 3rd, 2017.

Our first church service in September will be on September 10th, 2017.

COMING WEEK

THURSDAY, JULY 20TH

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

SUNDAY, JULY 23RD

10:30 am – Regular Service

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, JULY 30TH

10:30 am – Regular Service
Celebration Sunday

Rev. Grace will be on vacation from Monday, July 31st to Tuesday, September 5th.

Church Office Closed Tuesday, August 1st to Tuesday, September 5th.

The church office will be closed August 1st and will re-open on Tuesday, September 5th.

Sunday, August 6th – Sunday, September 3rd

No Sunday Church Services at Central during this time of summer vacation. **We are invited to attend services at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH

4:30 – 6:30 pm – Central United Chowder Supper
(During Folk Harbour Festival)

Place: **Central United Church Hall**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH**

10:30 am – Regular Service

2:00 pm – Fishermen's Memorial Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

7:00 pm – Stewards' Meeting – Fellowship Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH/THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

Annual floor re-surfacing in the Church Hall – no entrance until Thursday evening

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

7:00 pm – Session Meeting – Fellowship Room

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP – HAVE A LOOK AT THE CATALOGUE**

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.



Entry forms are available on the counter outside the Office door.

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH DIRECTORY, 2017

A **draft copy** of a new **Church Directory** for the congregation of **Central United** (no photos) is sitting on the counter outside the Secretary's office door. Information included (*when available*) includes: *civic address, mailing address, phone number and email address.*

Please look at the entry for your family.

*Cross out any information that you **DO NOT** want to appear in the directory and **ADD** or correct any missing information.*

Please initial your approval.



(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**,

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOXWOOD MUSIC & DANCE WORKSHOPS

July 23 – 29, 2017 – Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

7:30 pm – Saturday July 29th – **Finale Concert!**

Central United Church 136 Cumberland Street, Lunenburg

Featuring: Michael Rooney, Nic Gareiss, June McCormack, Mary Jane Lamond, Lisa Ornstein & Chris Norman & many more!

Tickets: at Shop on the Corner and online

Website: www.boxwood.org

Tel: 902.400.0044



KITCHEN PARTY

When: **Wednesdays**

(**July 5th through September 6th**)

Time: **7:30 to 10:00 pm**

Where: Central United Church Hall

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

