

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

The United Church of Canada

Sunday, July 23rd, 2017

Minister: Rev. Grace Caines-Corkum
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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: *“Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind”*

VU 608

Invitation:

One: Every Sunday we pray “forgive us ... as we forgive others” – but we struggle to know what that means.

Does it mean that we do not defend ourselves?

All: If “defending” means that we are always in conflict

One: Does it mean that we have no moral compass?

All: If “morality” means that we can feel superior to one another

One: Does it mean that we permit hurtful words and actions to go unchallenged?

All: If “challenged” means that we see everyone as the enemy

One: Does it mean that everyone is our friend?

All: If it means that a “friend” is the person that we see with the eyes of Jesus

One: Does it mean that forgiveness is easy?

All: No, it means that forgiveness is necessary – for us and for the world.

Welcome



Gathering Prayer:

Look patiently, Holy Friend, on all of us gathered, who find it easier to bear a grudge than to practice the liberty of love. Remind us of the love and generosity of Jesus who gave forgiveness – even on the cross.

Through the spirit may we find openness for our reluctant minds and softness for our stony hearts. May we be enabled to both give and receive forgiveness without numbering the times or counting the cost.

For the healing of the world and the peace of our own hearts.

Amen.

The Prayer of Jesus:

God, who cares for us,
The wonder of whose presence fills us with awe.

Let kindness, justice and love shine in our world.
Let your secrets be known here as they are in heaven.

Give us the food and the hope we need for today.
Forgive us our wrongdoing
as we forgive the wrongs done to us.

Protect us from pride and from despair
and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.

In you is truth, meaning, glory and power,
while worlds come and go.

Amen.

Monica Furlong

The New Women Included – A Book of Services and Prayers. Published in The St Hilda Community. (1996). London, UK. SPCK

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: Judges 16: 4 – 20 & John 8: 1 - 11

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



Gift of Music: Adrienne Greenbaum & Andra Bohnet

Time of Quiet Reflection and Introduction to Hymn:

Hymn: "Christ Would Not Cast the Judgment Stone" (Insert)
(Tune: "Fulda" - VU #681)

Sermon: "The Wicked Woman"

Prayers of the People

Hymn: "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

VU 364

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**

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

Carolyn Tanner

*“In loving memory of
 my mother, Charlotte”*

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

Carolyn & Oliver Levy, Jr.

MANY THANKS to Adrienne Greenbaum and Andra Bohnet for their gifts of music this morning!

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FALL NEWSLETTER

We are seeking articles, stories, poems or recipes for our *Fall Newsletter* which will be available on

Sunday, September 24th, 2017.

Please drop off your contributions to the office (or email: centralunitedch@bellaliant.com) no later than Thursday, September 21st.

Newsletter

Thank you!

COMING WEEK**SUNDAY, JULY 30TH**

10:30 am – Regular Service
Celebration Sunday

LOOKING AHEAD

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.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH

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

**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!

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

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH DIRECTORY, 2017

A copy of a **new Church Directory** for **Central United** is sitting on the counter outside the Secretary's office door.

Please look at the entry for your family and make any changes you would like. **Entries not initialled will include mailing address & phone number only.**



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOXWOOD MUSIC & DANCE WORKSHOPS & CONCERTS:

July 23 – 29, 2017 – Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

CELEBRATING MARITIME CANADA'S MUSIC & DANCE TRADITIONS



BOXWOOD OPENING CONCERT

Magnus Holmstrom, Eamon O'Leary, Tony McManus, Fintan Vallely, Tomas Lindberg

Sunday, July 23rd – 7:30 pm – Zion Lutheran Church – Fox Street

Tix @ Shop on the Corner

BOXWOOD BAROQUE CONCERT

Rachel Brown, Adrian Butterfield, Adrienne Greenbaum, Rachel Johnston, Marie Bouchard & more!

Wednesday, July 26th – 7:30 pm – St. John's Anglican Church – 74 Townsend St

BOXWOOD FINALE CONCERT

Michael Rooney, June McCormack, Mary Jane Lamond, Lisa Ornstein, Nic Gareiss, Nick Halley, Chris Norman, Boxwood Flute Choir & more!

Saturday, July 29th – 7:30 pm – Central United Church, 136 Cumberland

Inshallah: Songs of Faith from around the World



A 65-member group of **Inshallah**, a 100-voice choir based in Waterloo, Ontario, is coming East to celebrate Canada 150+ and the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Through worship and workshop, storytelling and personal encounter, Inshallah invites people of all faiths, cultures and nationalities to open themselves to the stories of others.

Friday, July 28th

4:00 pm

The Blessing and Celebration of Song

Celebrating 500th Anniversary of the Reformation & Canada 150+
**On the grounds of the Lunenburg Academy
(near the gardens)**

Saturday, July 29th

9:30 to 2:30 pm

(9:30 to 12:00 – Workshops; 1:30 to 2:30 – Concert)

Sing global song, try a Djembe,
Come and play with the Band,
Stories from our Neighbours

Bring a lunch, bring an instrument, All Ages Welcome!

Zion Lutheran Church, 65 Fox Street, Lunenburg

Sunday, July 30th

3:00 pm

Community Concert, "Sing the Circle Wide"

St. John' Lutheran Church, in Mahone Bay

You are invited to bring an instrument (percussion items, ukulele, etc.), a spoken word piece, poem, or line from a hymn on the theme of ***Ocean***.

Please bring your lunch. All ages are welcome.

Free admission.

The day begins and ends in worship, around the East Coast theme of water. Participants will explore singing global song, one-line group singing (no books or screens required), learning rhythm, a "kitchen party" instrument band, and spoken word.

Questions can be directed to the Rev. Kimber at:

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