

Clifton Pastoral Charge

Old Barns and Hilden United Churches

We are Affirming Churches in an Affirming Pastoral Charge

Clergy: Reverend David LeBlanc **Ministers: All of Us!**

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.

March 1, 2020

First Sunday in Lent

*Note: **Bold print** means "in Unison"*

When congregation stands, stand only as you are able

WE GATHER

Introit (VU) #108 vs. 1 *"Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"*

Call to Worship

Our Lenten journey began on Ash Wednesday,

What are we going to learn about ourselves and our faith.

We will learn about faith by listening to faith stories of others.

These will be people who placed their trust in God, like us.

God's presence was their guide and strength.

And this same presence will be with us today.

Prayer of Approach

Lord, it is hard to believe that the Lenten Season is here, where has time gone. Let us begin our Lenten journey by listening to others who like us were on a spiritual journey.

A journey where questions were asked and answered about faith were given. May our Lord's time in the wilderness encourage us today and tomorrow. Amen

Hymn (VU) #113 *"To the Desert Jesus Came"*

Congregational Life and Work

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scriptures Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32 VU 759
Romans 5: 12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Anthem

Message **'Jesus Was Lead To The Wilderness'**

Hymn (VU) #115 *"Jesus, Tempted in the Desert"*

WE RESPOND

Minute for Mission

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Dedication (MV) #136 Vs.5
"When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace"

Offering Prayer

GOING FORTH

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn (MV) #65 *"When We Are Tested"*

Blessing

Choral Benediction (VU) #114 Vs.5
"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Lectionary Readings for Next Week - March 8th - Second Sunday in Lent

Scriptures: Genesis 12: 1-4
Psalm 121 VU p. 842
Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

Message: "No One Ever Spoke the Way this Man does"

Worship Services

Mar 1 - 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns- *Coffee & Conversation*, 11:00 a.m. in Hilden

Mar 8 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Mar 15 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Mar 22 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Mar 29 - 10:00 a.m. Joint Service in Hilden

Children and Youth are welcome to attend our Worship Services but if a parent wishes to take their child out of the Sanctuary, the nursery room in the basement will be warm and welcoming.

Bookings for Hilden – contact Frank Arseneau at 902-897-4080

Bookings for Old Barns – contact Reg Henderson at 902-895-0740 or rlhenderson8@hotmail.com

Bulletin Announcements – contact Judy at 902-895-7243 or lougheadjd@gmail.com by Wednesday evening

Charge Website – cliftonpastoralcharge.ca
Church bulletins are available on the website under the heading "NEWS"

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** -----

Need a Drive to Church (OB) – contact Reg at 902-895-5559 or Gordie at 902-895-6833

Social Committee (OB) – contact Kathie Chisholm at 902-895-0719

The Reverend David LeBlanc can be reach at 902-639-9301 (home) or by email at davidaleblanc1@gmail.com which is connected to his cell phone.

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. David.

OLD BARNs ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 4th - Wednesday, 7:00pm, **Old Barns UCW** will meet in the Russell Room. Guest speakers will be Darwin Carr and Trinia Maby from Friends of the Garden at the DalAC campus. Trinia will also be accepting any items for her Christmas in September sale in support of the Garden. All welcome.

March 17th - Tuesday, 11:30-1:30pm, The Clifton 4H Club will be preparing a St Patrick's Day lunch at the Old Barns United Church. 4H families and members of our community are welcome. Any donations received will be used for community service projects.

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cards and Games Days

March 04 at 10 am (light lunch) March 20 at 1 am (afternoon snack)
Apr. 01 at 10 am (light lunch) April 17 at 1 pm (afternoon snack)

March 3rd - Tuesday, **Hilden UCW** will be held 1:30pm at the church hall. We have two speakers from the Hospice Society coming to speak of the Society, their present and future projects, then a question period. We would love for any members of the congregation to attend so come and bring a friend along. Light lunch following. If deemed necessary a short business will be held after.

March 8th - Sunday, 2:00 p.m., Hilden at Vimy.

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

M&S Report for February is \$1,999 with \$325 is for World Development for a Grand Total of \$3,607 which is UP \$165! ☺

March 1st - Sunday, In Concert - *The Message*, 2:00 p.m. at Valley-Greenfield United Church, 110 Salmon River Rd., Valley, NS. See Bulletin Board.

March 6th - Friday, 7:00 p.m. **World Day of Prayer Service** at McCulloch United Church, corner of Harmony and Camden roads, Truro. Storm date - March 7th at 2:00 p.m. This 2020 service was written by the Prayer Committee Women of Zimbabwe, South Africa.

March 14th - Saturday, **St. Patrick's Day Tea** at McCulloch United Church on the corner of Harmony and Camden roads. Two sittings for 11 to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 and are pre-sold. Sponsored by the Harmony Camden UCW group. You may contact Norma at 902-895-2008 or Pat at 902-895-2966 to purchase a ticket.

I have planned a five week *study on dying and death*. Weather permitting we will meet on Thursdays. The Bible Study is offered at two different times (depending on interest) for we all have busy lives. The study will take place Thursday at 2:00 p.m. at Hilden United Church and 7:00 p.m. at Old Barns United Church. I would expect our time together to be no more than an hour and half.

March 5th - Blessed are those who mourn.

March 12th - Stages of death

March 19th - John 11:38-44

March 26th - A New World

April 2nd - We are an Easter people

Principles of the study: This may, at times be a difficult time for us. It will be ok to take time to be alone or silent. Please respect the privacy of what is shared. We would like this to be a safe space. Please feel free to express your feelings as you wish.

Please feel free to invite friends and/or family members. All are welcome.

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