

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 8, 2020

Second 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

On this second Sunday of Lent we come seeking God.

We come wondering where to put our trust.

The journey of our faith can leave us to ask questions of God.

That is ok, for God is there and will give us assurance about our faith.

Prayer of Approach

Gracious and glorious Lord, we come to you today, just like Nicodemus did so long ago. We bring to you our pain, our wonderment, and our questions. Bring your presence to us as mightily as you did for Nicodemus. Help us to place our trust in you as we journey through Lent. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Hymn (MV) #148 *"Hope of Abraham and Sarah"*

Congregational Life and Work

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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

Anthem

Message **'No One Ever Spoke the Way this Man Does'**

Hymn (VU) #681 *"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"*

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 (VU) #663 *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

Blessing

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

Lectionary Readings for Next Week - March 15th - Third Sunday in Lent

Scriptures: Exodus 17: 1-7
Psalm 95: VU p. 814
Romans 5: 1-11
John 4: 5-42

Message: "Will He Get You?"

Worship Services

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-*Coffee & Conversation*

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 rhenderson8@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

February 2020 Financial Report

Old Barns United Church

Bank Balance Jan 31, 2020	16,483.79
Receipts	6,601.44
Expenses	5,928.52
Bank Balance Feb 29, 2020	17,156.71
M&S	1,289.00
World Development	325.00

March 9th - Monday, 1:00 p.m., **Old Barns Progressive Club** will be hosted by Mildred McKim. Be *Irish* and wear something green!!

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 20 at 1 am (afternoon snack)

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

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

March 8th - Sunday, 2:00-4:00pm, **Jam Session**. Come and "*make music with my friends*". Join in or just listen. Freewill offering and 50/50 draw. Coffee, tea and cookies available. Proceeds for church expenses.

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 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.

March 17th - Tuesday, 10:00 to 12 noon - **St. Patrick's Day Coffee Party** at Knox United Church, Brookfield. Freewill Offering.

March 21st - Saturday, 8:00am-12:00 Noon, **ANNUAL SPRING YARD SALE SATURDAY** at Valley-Greenfield United Church 110 Salmon River Road, Valley, NS "everything but the kitchen sink for sale!" For info or donations of items (except clothing) contact Mary Lou at 902-897-4117

March 22nd - Sunday, 2:00pm, Rescheduled....The Gospel Concert featuring the music of "The Message" that was scheduled at Valley-Greenfield United Church on March 1st had to be cancelled due to weather.

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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