

Clifton Pastoral Charge

Old Barns and Hilden United Churches

We are Affirming Churches in an Affirming Pastoral Charge

Clergy: Reverend Phillip Kennedy

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.

February 9th, 2025

Hilden & Old Barns Worship Service

Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy

Music provided by - (H & OB) Choir Members

Readers - (H) , (OB) Donna Yuill

Prelude

Welcome

As we begin, we acknowledge that the first peoples to pray and sing songs, to craft rituals and share stories, to worship and celebrate the presence of the Creator in this beautiful land are the Wabanaki peoples, for us the lands of the Mi'kmaq.

We gather on land that is, by law, their unceded territory. With gratitude, we acknowledge the elders, past, present and emerging. We seek to live in right relationship with our neighbors and to walk with respect in creation. (Regions East)

Introit (VU #82, Chorus, Vs 1 and Chorus only) "A Light is Gleaming"

Lighting of the Unity Candle, Christ Candle, Silence, Centering Prayer

Life & Work of the Charge

Celebrations and Birthdays

Greetings

Call to Worship

Come, let us gather together as church.

We gather like the crowds to see and hear Jesus.

Come, let us understand our story in the story of faith.

We hear and respond to the call to discipleship.

Come let us give thanks and praise to God!

Hymn (VU #509) "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

Story Time (OB - Barb Miller)

Special Music (H) "I Surrender All" Public Domain

(OB) "Whisper to My Heart"

Words and David Angerman and Joseph M. Martin

Prayer for Illumination (VU #815 Vs 4) "Come, Worship God"

Scripture Luke 5: 1-11

Sermon "The Rewards of Going Deeper"

Hymn (VU #507) "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

Centering Prayer (VU #400) "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Focus on Giving

Offertory Prayer and Musical Response (VU #417 Vs 3)

"God, as We Rise to Leave"

A New Creed (VU #918)

Hymn (VU #562) "Jesus Calls Us"

Commissioning / Benediction

Sung Response (VU #87, Ch, vs1, Ch) "I Am the Light of the World"

Postlude

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hilden Games & Cards

Feb. 21st (Fri) 1:00 p.m.

OLD BARNs ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 2025 Financial Report

Old Barns United Church

Bank Balance Jan 1,2025		38,294.16
Receipts	3,879.39	
Expenses	14,035.84	
Bank Balance Jan 31,2025		28,137.71
M&S	1,008.00	
World Development	245.00	

The Session of Old Barns is looking for **volunteers** to read *Scripture and Focus on Giving* each week. The sign-up sheet is in the front entrance of the church. If you are interested, please fill your name in for a Sunday, or two or three, and a Session member will let you know what the readings are or how to access them if you have a computer.

Old Barns Bible Study on Thursdays 9:45 a.m.

February 13th

M&S Report for January is \$1,568 (\$245 World Development & Relief) which is down \$80 from last year. We are off to a good start!

February 9th - Sunday, 2:00pm, **Joint Annual Clifton Pastoral Charge Meeting** in Old Barns.

February 15th - Saturday, 1:00 p.m., **Soup Luncheon and Cake Auction** at McCulloch United Church - Harmony-Camden. Free will donation for the luncheon consisting of homemade soup, crackers, biscuits and dessert. Following the meal there will be a cake auction. Any questions, please contact Norma at 902-895-2008 or Pat at 902-895-2966.

February 15th - Saturday, 7:00 p.m., **Valentine Extravaganza** at Knox United Church, Brookfield. **Entertainment by Chillin' Sound**; delicious appetizers and desserts; silent auction; door prizes. Advance tickets only, \$20 - at MacQuarrie's Pharmasave, Brookfield or by calling Erin at 902-673-2707.

February 20th - Thursday, 1:30 p.m. at the Hilden Church Hall. *The Future Visioning committee* has invited **David Hewitt, Regional Minister**, Bermuda Nova Scotia Region, to present information and discuss different models of Pastoral charge relations for Clifton Pastoral Charge. Please note this is for information and discussion only. No decisions regarding Pastoral relations will be made at this meeting. All are welcome to attend and participate.

From the *Future Vision Workshop*: Here's what **you** said:

What is a hope or wish you have for this community of faith?

- *No trained lay ministers, but those who step up are doing wonderful work.
- *Lacking a common vision, church structure needs more balance between needs of members and policies of UCC
- *Positivity, spark of Hope

February 23rd - Sunday, **Soup Drive** - \$12 litre, Hamburger, Pea Soup, Apple Squash and Corn Chowder. **Prepaid only**, please order by *February 19th* with the Truro First United Church Office. (902) 895-8098

March 4th - Tuesday, **Shrove Tuesday, Pancake lunch/supper** at the Truro First United Church Memorial Hall! \$12 for adults; \$6 for children and Take-Out too! - **Pre Order with Church Office** – tickets available from the Church Office. (902) 895-8098

Lectionary Readings Next Year - February 16th, 2025

Scriptures: Luke 6: 17-26

Theme: The Sermon on the Plain

Worship Services Schedule

Feb 16 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Feb 23 - 10:00 a.m. **Joint Service** in Old Barns *led by Bruce Varner*

Mar 2 - 10:00 a.m. **Joint Service** in Hilden *led by Rev. Larry Harrison*

Mar 9 - 10:00 a.m. **Joint Service** in Old Barns *led by Rev. Larry Harrison*

Bookings -

Old Barns - contact Reg Henderson at 902-895-0740 or

rlhenderson8@hotmail.com

Hilden - contact George Creelman at 902-897-4493 or

georgecreelman@hotmail.com

Bulletin Announcements - contact Judy at 902-895-7243 or

lougheadjd@gmail.com by Wednesday evening.

Charge Website - cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

Church bulletins & video of services are available on the website under the heading "Worship". **All Policies** - (*Funerals, Marriages, Baptisms or Blessings*) are located under the heading "About Us".

Clerks of Sessions - 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 - *Position to be filled.*

Hilden - *Position to be filled.*

Minutes for Mission playlists at www.youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada

stories and photos on www.united-church.ca

Need a Drive to Church (OB) - Contact Gordie at 902-895-6833

Old Barns Treasurer - regarding church business or e-transfer donations contact Bob Francis at oldbarnstreasurer@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

Social Committee (OB) - contact Julia Blois at 902-893-2641.

The Reverend Phillip Kennedy can be reached at 902-957-4727 (cell) or by email at phillip.kennedy@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

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. Phillip Kennedy.