

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 2nd, 2025

Hilden & Old Barns Worship Service

Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy

Music provided by - (H & OB) Choir Members

Readers - (H) Gail Sexsmith, (OB) Karen Archibald-Waugh

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.

As in the beginning, we gather together to use our gifts for the benefit of the body and the world.

Come, let us listen to St. Paul.

We seek God's wisdom through the counsel of Paul to the early church.

Come, let us worship and give thanks to God.

Hymn (VU #333) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Story Time (OB - Glenda Kent)

Special Music (H) "God, Whose Love is Always Stronger"

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(OB) "God Gives Us Love" Words by Nancy Price & Don Besig, Music by Don Besig, © 1994, Harold Flammer Music

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

Scripture 1 Corinthians 13

Sermon "Love: The Most Important Gift."

Hymn (VU #372) "Though I May Speak"

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 #603) "In Loving Partnership We Come"

Commissioning / Benediction

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

Postlude

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 2nd - Sunday, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., **Interfaith Expo Public Event**, Celebration of Interfaith Peace & Harmony held at the Truro Fire Hall, 165 Victoria St. See bulletin board poster.

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. in Hilden. **Information meeting with David Hewitt, Regional Minister Bermuda Nova Scotia Regional Council**. Topic, pastoral relations model options and United Church of Canada policy and process. All 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?

- *The people who are still active are burning out; too much structure or responsibility.
- *One "board" structure, without more committees and sub committees.
- *Social needs- connections, caring for each other.
- *Wanting to hear words of inspiration and spiritual guidance; how to cope in a world of violence, war, death, poverty.

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hilden Games & Cards

Feb. 5th (Wed) 10:00a.m.

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

February 2nd, 2025 - Sunday, **Annual Hilden Congregational General Meeting** following the church service. Pot luck between church & meeting.

February 4th - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., **Hilden U.C.W.** will meet at the church hall. Members please remember the auction following our business meeting. Bring some items and a friend if you wish. Always an enjoyable time.

OLD BARNs ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 6th

February 13th

February 5th - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., **Old Barns UCW** meet in the Russell Room.

Lectionary Readings Next Year - February 9th, 2025

Scriptures: Luke 5:1-11

Theme: The Call of the Disciples

Worship Services Schedule

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

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 etransfer 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.