

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.

April 6th, 2025

Worship Service

Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy

LENT 5

Music provided by - (OB&H) Choir Members

Reader - (OB) Karen Archibald-Waugh, (H) April Canton-Austin

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)

ALL MY RELATIONS.

Introit (VU #114, Vs 1 & 5) "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

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 prepare ourselves for Holy Week.

We continue to examine our discipleship.

Come, let us revisit the story of Jesus.

We try to understand our story in the story of faith.

Come, let us give thanks to Jesus and celebrate God's presence.

Hymn (VU #574) "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love"

Story Time (OB-Glenda Kent)

Special Music (OB - Cindy Gilbert & Madi Stewart) "Teach Me"
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Prayer of Illumination (MV #15) "Holy Sacred Sprit"

Scripture Deuteronomy 15: 7-11
John 12: 1-11

Anthem (OB, H) "Said Judas to Mary" (VU #129)

Sermon "Judas and Mary: Contrasting Disciples"

Hymn (VU #590) "A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar"

Centering Prayer (VU #664 Vs 1) "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Focus on Giving

Offertory Prayer

Musical Response (VU #417 Vs 3) "God, as We Rise to Leave"

A New Creed (VU #918)

Hymn (VU #121) "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"

Commissioning / Benediction

Sung Response (MV #214) "May God's Sheltering Wings"

Postlude

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hilden Cards and Games: (all are welcomed)

April 25 (Fri) @ 1:00 p.m.

OLD BARNs ANNOUNCEMENTS

Old Barns Session is inviting interested folks to become part of a **'Visiting Team'** to check in on *community/church members* who may enjoy a visit from time to time. Please contact a session member (Laurie Sandeson, Karen Archibald-Waugh, Barb Miller, Phillip Kennedy) to add your name to this list. When we have some interested people, we will meet to go over the details.

March 2025 Financial Report

Old Barns United Church

Bank Balance Feb 28,2025		24,324.25
Receipts	7,682.70	
Expenses	11,056.28	
Bank Balance Mar 31,2025		20,950.67
M&S	963.00	
World Development	245.00	

April 10th - Thursday, 9:45 - 11:15 a.m., Bible study in Old Barns.

Lent has begun and we invite you to be part of our Lenten **"Spare Change to Make a Change"** project. Please put your spare change in the pill bottle during lent and put it in the offering on Easter Sunday. (The Treasurers would prefer a cheque to a bottle of change) Let's see how much our "leftovers" multiply. Thank you for your support.

-The Stewardship Committee

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 7th - Monday, **6:30 p.m.**, There will be a **special meeting of the Clifton Pastoral Charge** in Old Barns United Church. In communication with David Hewitt, the decision has been made to form a committee to create a Profile (Needs Assessment) of our pastoral charge. Following the formation of this committee, the Region will appoint a representative to help with the process. *We encourage all those who are interested in the future of our churches to attend.*

M&S Report for March is \$1,528 which includes \$245 World Development & Relief and \$75 U.C.W. A Total of \$4,799 which is down \$601 from last year. We received \$481 in special donations last March, so our regular givings are down only \$120. Please remember your Lenten "spare change" donation this month. Thanks for your support. - *The Stewardship Committee*

The Book - *"How We Learn to Be Brave"* by Mariann Edgar Budde.

For those who may want to purchase this book, it can be found through **Indigo** (a Canadian company). There will be one book available in the church library.

May 12-15 - Atlantic Seminar in Theological Education 2025, Tatamagouche Centre, Nova Scotia, **Coming Home to Earth: Embracing Kinship, Creation, and Community.** See bulletin board for more information.

Lectionary Readings Next Year - April 13th , 2025 Palm Sunday,

Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy

Scriptures:

Theme:

Worship Services Schedule

Apr 13 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns- *Palm Sunday*

Apr 17 - **7:00 p.m.** in Hilden, *Maundy Thursday Service*

Apr 18 - **11:00 a.m.** in Old Barns, *Good Friday Service*

Apr 20 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns - *Easter Sunday*

Apr 27 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Bookings -

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

rhenderson8@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.