

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.

January 26th, 2025

Hilden & Old Barns Worship Service

Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy

Music provided by - (H & OB) Choir Members

Readers - (H) Edith Selwyn-Smith, (OB) Bob Francis

“Contrasting Manifestos”

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 #82, Chorus, Vs 1 and Chorus) “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 like Jesus in his hometown worship space.

We gather as His risen body in this place.

Come let us hear his call to mission and ministry.

As we look forward to the year ahead, may the spirit help us discern the way.

Come, let us worship and celebrate God's presence!

Hymn (VU #343) “I Love to Tell the Story”

Story Time (OB - Gary Saunders)

**Special Music (H) “Leaning On The Everlasting Arms” Public Domain
(OB) “Deep in Our Hearts” Words by John Oldham, Music by Ron Klusmeier, © 1999 by Musiklus and Spiritual Arts Society.**

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

Scripture Luke 4: 14-30

Sermon “Contrasting Manifestos”

Hymn (VU #358) “When Jesus the Healer”

Centering Prayer (VU #948) “O God, Hear My Prayer”

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Focus on Giving

**Offertory Prayer and Musical Response (VU #81 Vs 3)
“As with Gladness Men of Old”**

The New Creed (VU #918)

Hymn (VU #589) “Lord, Speak to Me”

Commissioning / Benediction

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

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. Lets try sandwiches and sweets. No hot dishes. Tea and coffee provided.

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

January 26th - Sunday, *Annual Old Barns Congregational General Meeting* following the church service.

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

The **Old Barns Session** is in need of ***filling two upcoming vacancies***; one as of Jan. 1, 2025 and one as of May 31, 2025. Please contact a member of Session (Leslie Burrows, Karen Archibald-Waugh, Laurie Sandeson, Barb Miller) if you can offer to serve our church family in this way. Thank you.

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

It has been suggested to folks they go on YouTube and request the video of Rt Rev Marion Budde, Washington cathedral preaching to Trump the day after inauguration. It's powerful.

The United Church of Canada is offering an opportunity to United Church connected individuals to learn from and about global partners and the Global Partnership program through visits to four different partnership regions in 2025. (*See bulletin board for more information*) Deadline to apply is January 31st.

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, 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.

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

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

- *A path forward that is optimistic, sustainable.
- *Stop thinking Them and Us; those who are not showing up at events.
- *Find a sense of purpose which will re-energize it.

Lectionary Readings Next Year - February 2nd, 2025

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 13

Theme: The well known passage used a lot at weddings about LOVE

Worship Services Schedule

Feb 2 - 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns, 11:00 a.m. in Hilden

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

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.