

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

The United Church of Canada
Sunday, November 12, 2017

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Scent-free Policy at Central United

We encourage everyone to recognize that some members of our Church family are very sensitive to strong odours. There is a designated seating area for this purpose.

The music for the weekly sung responses (e.g. Gathering, Offering) is available on laminated sheets which are located in the Narthex.

Prelude

Greetings

Gathering Music: *Come Touch Our Hearts*

MV 12

*Come touch us now,
we people who are gathered,
And bless this day,
our sharing and our love.
That we may meet with hearts and souls united,
our fire for life ignited,
come touch and bless us now.*



(Words and music: Gordon Light, 2002. Words modified – Rev. Grace Caines-Corkum, 2012.)

Hymn: *“Spirit God, Be Our Breath”*

MV #150

Invitation:

One: It is another Sunday – another Sabbath

And as we greet and chat with friends, share a cup of coffee or tea – we might ask ourselves why we come to this place.

All: We come together knowing that our lives are filled with good intentions. We gather together knowing that we have many talents and gifts to share. We bring these to our Sunday thoughts and prayers.

One: But we struggle to live out the challenge of the gospel. Like the workers in the vineyard we grumble and complain that our life of faith is not all that we want it to be.

We would touch the world with goodness,

All: but often we withdraw in anxiety and self-concern.

One: We would live with integrity

All: but we are torn with uncertainties.

One: We would warm the lives of others with our love,

All: but we hesitate, wondering if they will love us in return.

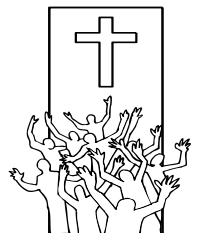
One: We would go about our daily tasks with confidence and joy,

All: but find ourselves struggling with self-doubt.

One: In this time together may we find renewal and courage so that we might go out with joy and be led forth in peace and love.

The Prayer of Jesus

Welcome



Minute for Mission



Offering our Gifts:

Regular Offering

Choral Dedication:

Here We Bring, Small Or Great

*Here we bring, small or great,
gifts to offer on this plate,
what we've earned, what we own,
tithe or token, bread or stone,
Jesus said, "Have a care – your heart will always be
where your riches are, where your riches are".*

(Please stand, as you are able, when the Greeters/Elders bring forward the Offering)

Dedication of Our Offering:

*Wild flowers grow, birds find seed,
God attends to each one's need;
as we share, all can live,
as we love, we learn to give,
Jesus said, "Have a care – your heart will always be
where your riches are, where your riches are."*

Scripture: Matthew 20: 1 - 16

*May we but wait upon Love's word.
Knowing our prayer is heard. (Sing twice)*

 MATTHEW

Gift of Music: Solo – Brittany Francis

Time of Quiet Reflection and Introduction to Hymn:

Hymn: *“I Saw the Rich Ones”*

MV #127

Sermon: **“Who’s the Boss?”**

Prayers of the People

Hymn: *“Deep in Our Hearts”*

MV #154

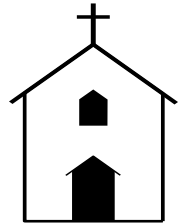
Benediction

Sending Us Out: *“We Wish You The Blessing”*

(Words by John Oldham, music by Ron Klusmeier)

(Copies of music available in the narthex.)

*We wish you the blessing of faith to sustain you,
friends to support you,
challenge to stir you,
songs to empower you,
peace to refresh you,
tears to release you,
laughter to heal you,
love to nurture your soul.*



Postlude

WELCOME

Welcome to our Sunday Service. If you are a guest with us, please sign the "Guest Book" at the back of the sanctuary and introduce yourself to our Minister.

ELDERS

Jamesie Mayo
Diane Macdonald

GREETERS

Peggy & Doug Greek

TODAY – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

The Remit # 6 Workshop that was scheduled for today has been postponed to Sunday, January 14, 2018 (Storm date – Sunday, January 21, 2018).

The funeral for Anne Ihasz is this afternoon at 3:00pm – Bethany United Church, Halifax.

COMING WEEK

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

6:00 pm – United Church Service at Harbour View Haven. Everyone is Welcome!
7:30 pm – Board Meeting – Fellowship Room

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

6:00 pm – United Church Potluck – Central United Church Hall

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH – Central United's 132nd Anniversary

9:30 am – Handbell Choir practice
10:30 am – Regular Service

LOOKING AHEAD

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

1:30 pm – UCW Meeting – League Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH/SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

CENTRAL'S CHRISTMAS SALE

Place: Central United Church Hall

Time(s): Friday, November 24th, 1 – 8 pm

Saturday, November 25th, 9 am start-

*Bandstand Christmas Tree Lighting –
Saturday, November 25th @ 7:00*



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMIT #6 - WORKSHOP

This Workshop has been postponed until Sunday – January 14, 2018
(Storm date – Sunday, January 21st).

GIFTS WITH VISION CATALOGUES

The United Church of Canada provides Mission and Service support to partners all year long for their vital work in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, and right here in Canada.

Catalogues are available at the back of the church.



CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH ANNIVERSARY POTLUCK

Date: Saturday, November 18th

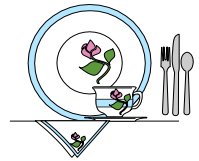
Time: 6:00 pm

On Saturday, November 18th, there will be a *potluck* dinner to celebrate the Anniversary of Central United.

Please bring an item for the main course and your own dishes.

Dessert will be provided. Celebration activities are planned. So let's have a party!

Anyone who wishes a drive, please call the church office to make arrangements. (902-634-4035)



ADVENT NEWSLETTER FOR CENTRAL UNITED

We are seeking contributions (**Christmas recipes, Christmas poems, stories, articles, book reviews etc.**) for our Advent Newsletter which will be available on Sunday, **December 3rd**.



Please email contributions to the church office at:

centralsecretary@bellaliant.com or put in **the secretary's box**, just outside the office door, and *Thank you!*

This Week at Central United:		
Wednesday, November 15 th	11:00 am	“Living the Questions” study group
Wednesday, November 15 th	6:30 pm	Choir practice – Fellowship Room
Wednesday, November 15 th	7:45 pm	Handbell Choir practice –Sanctuary
Friday, November 17 th	10:00 am	Adult Study Group

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIORS SAFETY ACADEMY

Date: November 21st – December 19th, Tuesdays, 1:30 – 4:00 pm

Location: St. John’s Church Hall, #64 Townsend Street, Lunenburg

Cost: *FREE*

Register by calling: Chris Acomb, Seniors’ Safety Coordinator: **902-543-3567**

The Seniors Safety Academy is a program designed to give seniors an opportunity to learn hands-on about crime prevention, personal safety, and other issues important to seniors’ health. Over five sessions, seniors participate in a number of workshop-style presentations. To participate in the Seniors Safety Academy, participants must be age 55 or over.

There is no charge to attend the Seniors Safety Academy. All handouts and supplies are provided. Hosted by the Lunenburg County Seniors’ Safety Program and supported by Bridgewater Police Service and the Lunenburg County RCMP.

10TH ANNUAL LUNENBURG COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Date & time: Monday, December 25th at 1:00 pm

Place: Lunenburg Fire Hall

Come join us at our Christmas dinner for 2 hours of festivities. All are welcome! Bring happy thoughts and a big appetite and a small donation of dried or canned goods for the Food Bank. Traditional turkey, served with all the trimmings ... plus entertainment. For those needing transportation, please refer to the details on the tickets. **\$10 a ticket** ... seating strictly limited ... don’t miss out!

Tickets are available at “**Shop on the Corner**” after Nov. 11th.
Additional information phone: **Debra Hofrichter at 902-523-5552.**

