

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

The United Church of Canada

Sunday, January 14, 2018

Epiphany II

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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.

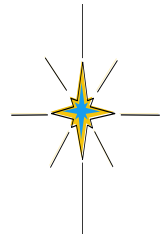
Prelude

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: *“When the Wind of Winter Blows”*

MV #71

Invitation:

One: Out of our busyness

All: The spirit calls us to stillness

One: Out of our fear

All: The spirit calls us to hope

One: Out of our despair

All: The spirit calls us to joy

One: Out of the darkness

All: The spirit calls us by name

One: Out of our ordinary lives

All: The spirit calls us to lives of service and mission

One: The spirit calls to us and we respond,

All: “Here I am – send me.”

Welcome



Gathering Prayer:

O God, we come together this morning with the struggles of the past week and the hopes for the one about to start. All around us are the signs of the spirit living in us and living in others. We want to be open to the mystery of the spirit, but we are afraid that it might demand more of us than we are prepared to give. May we not be timid in our faith walk but step out from this place eager to – love extravagantly, speak courageously, and share the message of Jesus in words and actions of gentleness and respect. Amen.

The Prayer of Jesus**Minute for Mission****Offering our Gifts:****Regular Offering*****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: I Samuel 3: 1 - 10

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



Hymn: *"I Have Called You by Your Name"*

MV #161

Sermon: *"The Art of Listening"*

Prayers of the People

Hymn: *"Christ Has No Body Now But Ours"*

MV #171

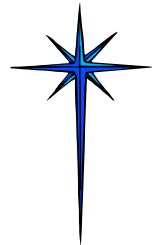
Benediction

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

The bulletin today is a gift of sponsorship from
Colin & Shelley Mann
“In celebration of our church family”

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

Earl Bachman
Janet Mason

GREETERS

Peggy & Doug Greek

THANK YOU to everyone who helped “un-decorate” our Sanctuary on Saturday!

Today, immediately following the service, Workshop for Remit #6 – “**One Order of Ministry**” will be held in the church hall. Tea and coffee will be provided.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The deadline for submitting Annual Reports (in preparation for the Annual Meeting) is **Friday, January 26th**.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on:

Sunday, Feb. 11th, 2018.



COFFEE CORNER FUND

Report from the Coffee Corner Fund: \$100 was donated to the “Shoes for Kids” program in December as well as \$80 was given to support our Christmas families! Thank you for your support!



SUNDAY SCHOOL TO RESUME ON FEBRUARY 4th, 2018

Please note that there will be NO Sunday School until Sunday, February 4th.

**Storm Cancellation Notification**

Notification about cancelled church services due to inclement weather can be found:

1. By listening to the CKBW radio station (on your dial at **98.1 FM**) although announcements will only be read once an hour. Cancellations are also posted on the CKBW website: **www.ckbw.ca**
2. Cancellation of our church service can also be found on our church website:
www.centralunitedlunenburg.ca

You can also phone the church office (**902-634-4035**), for information on our Voicemail, which will announce our cancelled service for that week, due to stormy weather.

Please note: Whether Church Service is cancelled or not, members and friends are encouraged to use their own discretion as to whether they can or should be attending Sunday Service.

COMING WEEK**MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH**

1:30 pm – UCW Meeting – League Room

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST

10:30 am – Regular Service



This Week at Central United:

Wed., January 17 th	11:00 am	'Living the Questions" Study Group – Fellowship Room
Wed., January 17 th	6:45 pm	Choir practice – Fellowship Room
Wed., January 17 th	7:45 pm	Handbell Choir practice – Sanctuary
Friday, January 19 th	10:00 am	Adult Study Group – Fellowship Room



LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH

10:30 am – Regular Service

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

10:30 am – Regular Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

7:00 pm – Stewards' Meeting – Fellowship Room

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

10:30 am – Regular Service

12 noon – Annual General Meeting, following Church Service.