

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

- Sunday Prayer Time at 9:40 a.m.  
**Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.**  
Coffee Hour
- Monday Lenten Study at 7:30 p.m. (dinner at 6:00 p.m.)  
Alanon at 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday Worship Committee at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday Book Club at 10:00 a.m.  
Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

**TODAY WE ARE PLEASED TO CELEBRATE TEEN CONFIRMATION SUNDAY...**and welcome the following into the fellowship of the United Church of Canada and our congregation by Profession of Faith:

KATHRYN MARIE CROSBY  
CLAIRE OLIVIA FREEMAN  
RUTH GADELRAB McGUIRE  
MEGAN ELIZABETH MOORE



**FOR THE CHILDREN...**We welcome children of all ages to worship with us. We offer Sunday School for children and youth, from age 2 ½ through Grade 6, following Children's Time in the worship service. Younger children are welcome to remain with their parents during the service, or families may use the unstaffed nursery (toy room) found on the main floor, which includes audio for hearing the service. A change table is also available (in the main floor washroom).

**JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR TODAY...** after worship. All are welcome to stay for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

***THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH***

**TODAY...**have been placed by Christopher Laird in honour of all his mothers, mums and grandmothers.



**LENTEN "SMALL GROUPS" BIBLE STUDY...**Rev. Dr. Jim Clubine will offer a study during Lent titled "God ... are you listening?: Prayer changes everything" The study will explore the subject of prayer and continues for 5 consecutive Monday evenings beginning February 23 to March 23

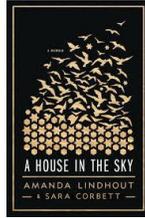


with plenary session at 7:30 p.m. and then break out into small groups for discussion concluding at 9:00 p.m. The small group team will offer a light meal before the study. **Please sign up** at Sally's bulletin board. Thank you.

**LENTEN OUTREACH PROJECT 2015...**During the Season of Lent, our Congregation traditionally supports a particular Outreach Project. This year is SHARE, which stands for Sending Help and Resources Everywhere and provides funding, guidance, and expertise to agriculturally-based communities in third world developing countries, with a focus on Central and South America. Their projects are in the poorest, most isolated communities where they will have the greatest impact. SHARE is based on the principle of a "hand-up" rather than a "hand-out". The focus is on sustainable projects that increase a community's capacity to care for itself. Our own Mark Cullen is heavily involved with the work of this charity. Mark will be here to "share" more information about this important work during our worship service on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Brochures are also available in the narthex. Financial donations in support of SHARE will be accepted throughout the season of Lent up to and including Easter Sunday. Simply use a pew envelope or mark your own offering envelope "Share". Cheques are payable to Central United Church.



**CENTRAL'S BOOK CLUB...** will meet on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Friendship Room to discuss "House in the Sky" by Amanda Lindhout and Sara Corbett Scribner. All are welcome to join in on the discussion, fellowship and refreshments.



**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION...** will be celebrated at various times during Lent and Holy Week. Servers are still needed for Easter Sunday – just sign up on Sally's bulletin board. Thank you.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER...** This annual service, presented by 5 area churches, will be held on FRIDAY, MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grace Anglican Church, 19 Parkway Avenue in Markham. All are welcome to join our neighbours in celebrating in this worship service.



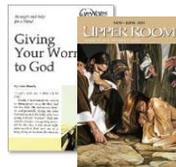
**OUR 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PRIME RIB ROAST BEEF DINNER...** will be held on **SATURDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>**. Be



sure to set aside the date and watch for tickets to be available soon at the church. A delicious full course meal is served and continues to be very popular in our community. Lots of volunteers will be

needed, so be sure to sign up at Sally's bulletin board and participate in on the fun!

**UPPER ROOM & CARE NOTES...** Check out our literature table for a variety of Care Notes **(there are many new ones available)** and the current issue of the Upper Room – help yourselves.



**HELP FILL OUR WATER JUG...** Feel free to donate your loose change (including pennies!) to help purchase bedkits provided by Sleeping Children Around the World to needy children in developing countries. You can also donate via your offering envelope any time – just mark the "other" section "SCAW". Check out the narthex for pictures of children who have benefitted from our support.



**YOUR CHURCH FINANCES...** A summary of our receipts and expenditures relating to the operations of the church are as follows as of January 31st:



	Year to Date <u>Actual</u>	Year to Date <u>Budget</u>	Year to Date <u>Last Year</u>
Receipts	\$ 17,777	\$ 18,926	\$ 19,560
Expenditures	\$ 21,090	\$ 22,600	\$ 21,912
<b>(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$ 3,313)</b>	<b>(\$ 3,674)</b>	<b>(\$ 2,352)</b>

Thank you for your prayerful and continued support to the life and work of your church.

**"PAR" (PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE)...** is available to help you contribute to your church on a regular basis. It also helps the church maintain a regular and dependable flow of contributions to support its ongoing commitments. If you are not already on PAR, please consider making your offering in this way. Enrollment forms are available from the literature table in the narthex. (Then simply return completed forms with a void cheque to Sally who will process on your behalf.)



**INTERESTED IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE?...Are you** interested in helping your Church? Your Church Council is looking forward to 2015 and beyond and need to identify others who are willing to assist in any small way in the various activities of our Church. If you are interested in helping out in council or committee work, please let us know by speaking to Linda Patterson, Scott Wetmore, or Rev. Jim Clubine. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



**HELP US RECORD THE HISTORY OF CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH...**

This being the year we celebrate the 175th year of our congregation, it has been thought appropriate that a commemorative book be prepared to record the story of Central United Church and its members. With this in mind, we are asking for your help. Please send Rev. Karl Burden ([knburden@rogers.com](mailto:knburden@rogers.com)) stories of the events and special moments that you remember, and also stories about the people who have been members and adherents over the years. If you have pictures, these too would be welcome. (We will make digital copies and return them to you promptly.) It is our plan that at the conclusion of the year, a book will be produced and made available to those who would like to purchase copies. Thank you for helping us remember the history of Central United in Unionville.



**A FRIENDLY REMINDER...**When parking in the church neighbourhood, you will want to be aware of the parking signs and Highway Traffic Act regulations. (Markham Parking Bylaw Officers are known to patrol our neighbourhood on Sunday mornings.)



**GIVE TO THE FOOD BANK...**We encourage you to donate non-perishable food items throughout the year. You may deliver food to any local fire hall, many grocery stores and to our donation basket here at the church.

**NAME TAGS...**So that we may be a welcoming congregation we remind you to wear your name tag on Sunday mornings. For those of you who don't yet have one, just let Sally know and she will make one up for you for next Sunday. (Name tags can be found in the file boxes in the display cabinet in the narthex.)



**CENTRAL'S PRAYER CHAIN...**would like to support you, your friends and family in prayer. Please submit prayer requests to this group via Sally in the church office and/or to Rev. Karl Burden. All requests remain confidential amongst the church staff and prayer chain.



**PASTORAL CARE...** Should you become aware of any illness, bereavement, hospitalization, etc., among people of our church; please notify the minister and/or church office by email or phone (905-474-0183) as soon as possible so that we may respond with pastoral care, and, if desired, Sunday prayers.

