

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT CENTRAL!

Sunday	Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
Monday	Alanon at 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Worship Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Book Club at 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
Saturday	Christmas Choir Rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. Small Groups this week!

FOR THE CHILDREN...We welcome children of all ages to worship with us. We offer **Sunday School** for those aged 2 ½ through Grade 6, following Children's Time in the worship service. Although not staffed, we also have a nursery room available for parents and their younger children should they find they need to leave the service.



THANK YOU AND WELCOME...to William Goodfellow who is our guest organist this morning.

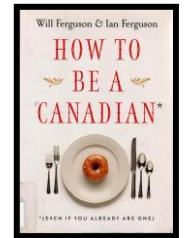


JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR...after worship today. All are welcome to stay for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

INVEST IN YOUR FAITH CAMPAIGN...Financial results to date have been less than budgeted, so the Finance Committee is initiating the "Invest in Your Faith" campaign that was part of the budget presented last January. Please read the letter emailed/mailed to your recently and pick up an "Invest in Your Faith" envelope from the narthex. Thanks in advance for your support.



CENTRAL'S BOOK CLUB...meets at 10:00 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd in the Friendship Room to discuss "How to Be a Canadian" by Will & Ian Ferguson. All are welcome for discussion, fellowship & refreshments.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD...A big thank you to the congregation for your participation in our "shoebox" outreach project. **You donated 116 boxes!!** (39 more than last year!)

YOUR CHURCH FINANCES...A summary of our receipts and expenditures relating to the operations of the church are as follows as of October 31, 2017:



	Year to Date <u>Actual</u>	Year to Date <u>Budget</u>	Year to Date <u>Last Year</u>
Receipts	\$209,469	\$231,417	\$217,396
Expenditures	\$233,803	\$247,889	\$234,182
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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.)

FOSTER YOUTH...The wish lists of the York Region Children's Aid are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. As well as these youth in need, there are over 25 infants/toddlers, so diapers of all sizes are most welcome. To make a donation, please mark your envelope "**stuff a duffle**" and place it in the collection plate. We are expecting a few last minute youth to purchase for and hope to supply some dinners for some of the 5,000 families helped by the York Region Children's Aid. Please leave gift donations in the **outreach cupboards** by **December 3rd** and make all monetary donations on or before **December 10th**. Any questions, please contact Heather Keeling at 416-706-6519 or heather.keeling@migroup.ca. Thank you.



OUR ANNUAL COMFORT SERVICE...will be held on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend and invite family and friends who may benefit from such a service. Also, we are looking for some of our congregation to assist with various duties, including greeting, preparing and serving light refreshments and participating with Rev. Clubine in the worship service. **Please sign up at Sally's bulletin board to volunteer your help.**



UNIONVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE...is on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1st starting at 7:00 p.m. Join other members of your church family in hosting our community to a carol sing and hot chocolate at the church after the parade. This is a great way to connect with old friends, meet some new ones and let the community know what a wonderful church we are! Please plan to attend.



SOUP LUNCH...Your Small Groups committee will host a Soup Lunch in the Main Hall on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD right after the worship service. Everyone is welcome to join us as we celebrate the beginning of Advent! (If you can make a crockpot of soup, please sign up at the bulletin board.)



CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS...will be for sale on DECEMBER 3RD with all proceeds used to support the Markham Food Bank. Bags, which include a tree ornament, cost \$20 and are a perfect gift for a gift exchange, teacher, hostess, etc.

THE MITTEN TREE...will be up on DECEMBER 3RD and we appreciate your donations of **hats, toques, scarves and gloves for all ages**. Items should be brought to church on or before SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH so that we make delivery to "Salvation Army" before Christmas.



POINSETTIAS...If you wish to buy a red or white poinsettia to place in the church at Christmas time in memory of a loved one, please pick up an envelope from the table in the narthex and return same to the marked red basket. (Please do not put on offering plate). You may also pre-order plants for your home – they will be available for pick up on Thursday, December 7th. Cost is \$10 and deadline for all orders is December 3rd.



LIVING WATERS PRESBYTERIAL UCW...is holding their ADVENT CHRISTMAS MEETING at St.

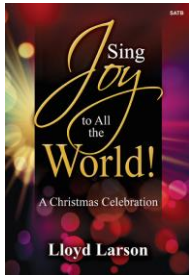


Matthews United Church, 333 Crosby Avenue, Richmond Hill on Monday, November 27th at 9:30 a.m. for "Bethlehem Re-Visited", an outstanding, worshipful programme. All women of Central are invited to attend. For more details, please call Joan Wilson, 905-201-1441 or Shirley Thomson, 905-294-2197.

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY...will be celebrated on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH during the morning worship service. Your donations of unwrapped non-perishable food are appreciated. Cash gifts will also be received – special "White Gift" offering envelopes will be made available. Your gifts of food/money will be used to assist the Markham Food Bank.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MUSICAL...Under the leadership of Sarah Wyse, your choir will once again present an Advent III Musical entitled "Sing Joy to All the World" on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH during the morning worship service. (This music will be presented again on Christmas Eve at the 7 p.m. service.)



NAME TAGS...So that we may be a welcoming congregation we remind you to wear your name tag. 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.)



COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED...

Please sign up at Sally's bulletin board. Thank you.



A FRIENDLY REMINDER...Please **do not park** in the church driveway – it is a fire route! Also, when parking on local streets, you will want to be aware of the parking signs and Highway Traffic Act regulations.

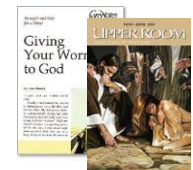
HELP FILL OUR WATER JUG...Feel free to donate your loose change (including pennies!) to help purchase bedkits provided by Sleeping Children Around the World to needy children in developing countries. You can also donate via your offering envelope any time – just mark the "other" section "SCAW". Check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



RIGHT NOW MEDIA!...We encourage everyone with computer access to enrol in this free service. Just send Sally an email at sally@centralunitedchurch.com with Right Now Media in the subject line. Within a few days you will receive an email invitation and instructions on opening a user account.



UPPER ROOM & CARE NOTES...Check out the shelves in the narthex for a variety of Care Notes. Also, the current issue of the Upper Room is available from the literature table – help yourselves.



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.

