

THE WEEK IN ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Worship Services at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.
Monday	Sandwich Making Ministry at 9:30 a.m. Alanon at 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	Choir Rehearsals Advent III Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Advent III Choir Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m.

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 High School, following Children's Time in the 9:30 a.m. 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).



TODAY IS WHITE GIFT SUNDAY...and we will receive your gifts of food or money, with thanks, during the "Passing of the Peace" this morning. (Special White Gift envelopes are available on the Greeter's Table.) Your gifts will be used to assist Markham Food Bank. Also, a very special thank you to the Sunday School for their participation in the early service.



2014 OFFERING ENVELOPES...are now available from the narthex. Be sure to pick up your box today. If we have missed your name and you would like a set of envelopes, please ask Sally and she will be happy to prepare a box for you next week.



THE MITTEN TREE...is up in the narthex now and your donations of mittens, hats, scarves, etc., are appreciated. The delivery date has been extended to **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH** after which we will make delivery to "Pathways for Children, Youth & Families in York Region" in time for Christmas.



"CHRISTMAS WITH CENTRAL" POSTCARDS...have been prepared so that you may invite family, friends, neighbours, work associates, etc., to Central for any or all of our Christmas services. Please pick up a supply from the narthex today and help promote our church as a wonderful place to be!



POINSETTIAS...Today is the deadline. 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 Sally's desk 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 12th. Cost is \$10.



OUR ANNUAL ADVENT III CHRISTMAS CANTATA...will be presented on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH** during both morning worship services. Be sure to attend and enjoy our choirs and orchestra as they offer "Let Heaven and Nature Sing Gloria" by Mark Hayes. A traditional highlight of our Advent season!

STUFF A DUFFLE THANK YOU... Thank you to everyone who helped support the youth in the care of the York Region Children's Aid. We provided gifts for 17 on the neediest youth in their care and 15 Christmas dinners. Over the past 12 years we have helped over 1,117 children and youth in the care of the Children's Aid. Thank you to all our volunteers, especially Kathy Hoy, Eilis Wu and Barb Davies.

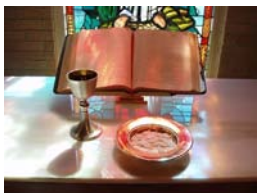


ADVENT IV - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd...this is traditionally known as "Christmas Sunday" and our morning worship services (9:30 & 11:15 a.m.) will include the Sacrament of Communion.



CHRISTMAS EVE – DECEMBER 24TH...We will celebrate with three "Lessons and Carols" services at 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. The early service will include a special children's feature while the two latter services will include the Sacrament of Communion and congregational candle lighting.

AFTER CHRISTMAS...On December 29th, we will gather for **one service at 10:00 a.m.** (Please note that this is the final Sunday for 2013 offerings.) We will return to our two service format on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH**.



THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION... Volunteers are needed to serve for December 22nd and 24th. Please sign up at Sally's bulletin board.

FROM THE "OVER 80 BOARD"...



Congratulations to those celebrating their birthdays this month: Branch Duncan, Olive Graham (who will be 100 years young!), and Virginia Taylor.

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.)

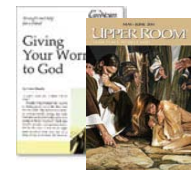


YOUR CHURCH FINANCES...A summary of our receipts and expenditures relating to the operations of the church are as follows as of November 30, 2013:

	Year to Date <u>Actual</u>	Year to Date <u>Budget</u>	Year to Date <u>Last Year</u>
Receipts	\$255,610	\$282,626	\$266,095
Expenditures	\$271,160	\$312,104	\$283,121
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Thank you for your prayerful and continued support to the life and work of your church.

UPPER ROOM & CARE NOTES...Check out our literature table for the latest issue of the Upper Room daily devotional guide and a selection of Care Notes. Help yourselves!



“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 or by sending an email to Sally. (Then simply return completed forms to Sally who will process on your behalf.)

WE WILL TAKE YOUR UNROLLED PENNIES!...(and other

loose change) to help fill our water jug located in the narthex! Money collected is used to help purchase bedkits provided by Sleeping Children Around the World to needy children in developing countries. This charity uses 100% of all donations to purchase items necessary for a good night's sleep, better health and hygiene, and materials needed to attend school.



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 and placement on the Prayer



Chain. (Should you have a confidential request and wish to inform the Prayer Chain directly, please contact Sandra Ackles by email or phone 905-474-1172.)