

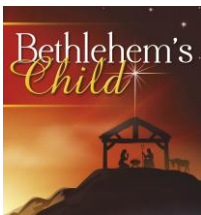
AT CENTRAL THIS WEEK

Sunday **Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
with Nursery & Sunday School
Coffee Hour**

Monday Alanon at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.

FOR THE CHILDREN...We welcome children of all ages to worship with us. We offer nursery care for the young ones and Sunday School for those aged 2 ½ through Grade 6, following Children's Time in the worship service.



OUR ANNUAL ADVENT III CHRISTMAS CANTATA...is being presented today during the morning worship service. Thank you choir and music director Sarah Wyse for giving us "Bethlehem's Child" by Victor C. Johnson and Lloyd Larson.

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



"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 reception desk today and help promote our church as a wonderful place to be!



POINSETTIAS...have been placed in the church for the Christmas season by:



*Ken Barnett, in memory of Norma Barnett
Sheila Campbell, in memory of husband Doug
Mary & Mark Cullen, in memory of their parents
Len & Connie Cullen and John Farintosh
Barbara Davies, in memory of Murray
and other family members with love
Maureen & Dave Dudley, in memory of
Roy & Ruby Lessor and John & Shirley Dudley
Gael Heritage, in memory of
husband John and other family members
The Hoevelmann family,
in memory of Rudi Hoevelmann with love
Wilma Inkpen, in memory of Doug Inkpen
Sharon & Christopher Laird, in memory of
Mom Margaret Service and Grandpa Ben Gayman
Marion & Alastair McCallum, in memory of
George & Alice Guy and James & Mary McCallum
Mark & Pat Ono, in memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Ross Smart and Rev. & Mrs. Y. Ono
Harvey & Marilyn Patterson, in memory of
Lawrie Manson and Evelyn Patterson
Sally Sandiford, in memory of Brian and family members
Wendy Sear, in memory of Harry Sear
Bev & Dan Tooley, in memory of Roy Tooley
The Wetmore Family, in loving memory of
parents & grandparents, Gord & Marlene Hutchinson
and Don & Beth Wetmore
Agi Willerding, in memory of parents
Dave & Joan Wilson, in memory of
their parents Edie & Bill Buchanan and Gord Wilson
Henry Wong & Cynthia Yee, in memory of their fathers
Y.S. Yee and D.H. Wong, and brother Colin
Alice & Robert Woods, in memory of dear ones*

2016 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.



175TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK!...Thanks to the many contributions of recipes from church members, we now have a Central United Cookbook available for sale – cost is \$15. Supplies are limited so be sure to get yours today! We expect this will be a very popular item for church members (and possible Christmas gifts?).



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THE MITTEN TREE...is up in the Friendship Room and your donations of mittens, hats, scarves, etc., are appreciated. **TODAY** is the deadline - so that we can make delivery tomorrow to “360 Kids” (formerly Pathways for Families, Youth and Children of York Region) in time for Christmas.



STUFF A DUFFLE...Today is the last day for donations in support of the youth under the care of the York Region Children’s Aid. If you wish to participate in this Christmas Outreach project, just mark your envelope “stuff a duffle” and place it in the collection plate.

ADVENT IV - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH...this is traditionally known as “Christmas Sunday” and our 10:00 a.m. morning worship service 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. (Special Note: the 7 p.m. service will include a repeat performance of the musical presentation “Bethlehem’s Child”.)

FROM THE “OVER 80 BOARD”...

Congratulations to those celebrating their birthdays this month: Branch Duncan, Olive Graham and Virginia Taylor.



UPDATE - INVEST IN YOUR FAITH CAMPAIGN...Thanks again to those of you who have supported our campaign – we have raised \$12,040 as of November 30th. For those of you who have not yet had a chance to make your contribution...**IT ISN’T TOO LATE!!** The Campaign will continue until we reach our goal of \$20,000 (or December



31st – whichever comes first). In the past we have heard from members of the congregation who would like to receive an update on their total year-to-date givings before the end of the year, to help them determine if they want to increase their contributions before December 31st (which we have done occasionally in the past). In an effort to save on mailing costs we will not be sending out statements to the entire congregation; however, we will be happy to send you a statement if you request one from Sally. Also, we’d like to thank those who have increased/started giving via the PAR (pre-authorized remittance) program. The more participation we get the easier it is to budget our cash flow. Thanks for your continued support.

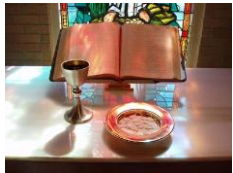
The Finance Committee

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



	Year to Date <u>Actual</u>	Year to Date <u>Budget</u>	Year to Date <u>Last Year</u>
Receipts	\$243,180	\$252,098	\$243,708
Expenditures	\$259,240	\$261,681	\$251,508
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Thank you for your prayerful and continued support to the life and work of your church.



THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION...

will be celebrated on December 20th & 24th and volunteers are required to serve. Please sign up TODAY at Sally's bulletin board.

"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.)



THE BEREAVEMENT CIRCLE...meets monthly with the next session on FRIDAY, JANUARY 8TH at 2:00 p.m. in the Friendship Room. This grief support group is facilitated by Hayward Hann and is available to anyone who would like to attend.



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.



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.

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. (Parking Bylaw Officers are known to patrol our neighbourhood.)

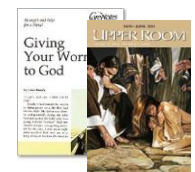


NAME TAGS...So that we may be a welcoming



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.)

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.

