

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT CENTRAL!

Sunday	Worship Service at 10 a.m. Sunday School Soup Lunch
Monday	Alanon at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m. AA Meeting (closed) at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 p.m.
Friday	Good Friday Service at 10:00 a.m.

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.

**JOIN US FOR SOUP LUNCH**

TODAY!...After our worship service this morning, we will celebrate the beginning of Holy Week with a congregational Soup Lunch. All are welcome to join us downstairs in the Main Hall.



LENTEN OUTREACH PROJECT 2017...During the season of Lent, our congregation traditionally supports a particular outreach project and has been very



generous in their support, averaging about \$5,000 a year. This year's project is Ontario Christian Gleaners and financial donations will be accepted up to and

including Easter Sunday. Simply mark your offering envelope "OCG". Cheques are payable to Central United Church. (Coin is also accepted – just drop it down the "pipe" in the narthex.)

OUR 22ND ANNUAL PRIME RIB ROAST BEEF DINNER...

will be held on SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH and many **volunteers** are needed for a number of duties and to provide desserts. Please check out the bulletin board and sign up today! To help us with our planning, **please purchase your tickets early** and invite family and friends to this great event. Tickets are available from Sally in the church office as well as from Don Thomson on Sunday morning.

SUNDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICES...hosted by the Markham-Unionville Ministerial is offered again this year. The final service is this evening at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Church, 32 Main Street North, Markham. Rev. Marty Molengraaf will be the guest speaker.



EASTER FLOWERS...Thanks to the efforts of Maureen



Dudley and our Decorating Committee, Easter plants will be delivered again this year to our shut-ins during Holy Week. Donations in support of this project are appreciated; just mark your offering envelope "flowers". If you wish to make your donation in memory of a

loved one – just email or give a handwritten note to Sally no later than **today** with the wording you wish used for the Easter Sunday bulletin.

COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED...for various services during Holy Week. Please sign up at Sally's bulletin board today!



HOLY WEEK SERVICES...**Maundy Thursday, April 13th**

7:30 p.m. TENEBRAE SERVICE with Special Choir Music and Communion

Good Friday, April 14th

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE

**Easter Sunday, April 16th**

SUNRISE SERVICE at 8:00 a.m. with Communion (outdoors, weather permitting) followed by a light breakfast

CELEBRATION SERVICE at 10:00 a.m. with Communion



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM... will be celebrated later this Spring and any parents interested in exploring this Sacrament for their children are asked to speak to Rev. Dr. James Clubine by **today** please.

FROM OUR "OVER 80" BOARD...

Congratulations to all who are celebrated birthdays this month: Marein Newnham, Shirley Alton and Mary Taylor.



UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER... To initiate or renew an annual subscription to this monthly United Church of Canada magazine, please pick up an "Observer" envelope from the table in the narthex and return same to Sally directly with your \$25 **no later than May 15th**. (If

paying by cheque, please make it payable to Central United Church.) Thank you.

OUR NEXT QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER... will be published in early May; announcements and articles are welcome. Please email sally@centralunitedchurch.com no later than May 1st. Thank you.

**SEALED BID SILENT AUCTION AT THE ROAST BEEF DINNER...**

A few of the items in the Sealed Bid, Silent Auction include: one of Rev. Jim's famous cheesecakes (you choose the flavour from his repertoire), Toronto Maple Leaf tickets, an al Fresco Prime Rib dinner for 4 - 6, an authentic Japanese Dinner for 4 -6, new Crystal glasses, 6 of Wilma's pies, to name just a few. Bidding will start on Sunday April 23rd and end after coffee

Silent Auction

hour on Sunday, April 30th. Funds raised will be directed to the Capital Fund for the continuing refurbishment of Central United Church's historical building and some upcoming initiatives of an online directory of church members and adding video recording capabilities to the sanctuary. Do you have something to donate? Please contact any of the committee members with question and/or donations: Linda Patterson lindapatt@sympatico.ca; Scott Wetmore swetmore@rogers.com; Gary Crosby gary.crosby@tepp.ca; Ruth Duffield regduffield@gmail.com Last year, the auction raised just under \$6,000 and an anonymous Church member has stepped forward and offered to match the funds raised this year, dollar for dollar, up to a maximum of \$6,000. We are very motivated that together, we will have a successful Silent Auction again this year!

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.



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

	Year to Date <u>Actual</u>	Year to Date <u>Budget</u>	Year to Date <u>Last Year</u>
Receipts	\$ 58,571	\$ 63,683	\$ 60,517
Expenditures	\$ 67,451	\$ 73,871	\$ 71,443
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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.)



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.



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.



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.

