

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT CENTRAL!**

Sunday	<b>Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour</b>
Monday	Alanon at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
Friday	<b>Carol Sing &amp; Goodies after the Parade!!</b>

**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 Johan van't Hof 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.



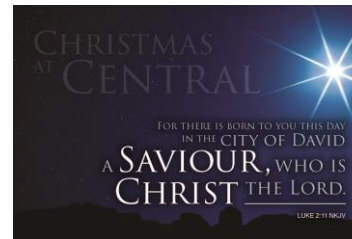
**YOUR CHURCH FINANCES...**A summary of our receipts and expenditures relating to the operations of the church are as follows as of October 31, 2017:



	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
<b>(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$ 24,334)</b>	<b>(\$ 16,472)</b>	<b>(\$ 16,786)</b>

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

**"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 to the community.



**UNIONVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE...**is on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



**CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS NEEDED...**Last Sunday

Rev. Clubine spoke of our need for people to help in the Children's church ministry on Sunday mornings. If you could assist with this important part of our congregation's ministry please sign up on the bulletin board or speak to Rev. Clubine or Karen Coll our Council chair.

**M & P/SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS...**As most of you

know by now, Sally Sandiford is retiring in early 2018. The position, Office Administrator & Communications Coordinator, will now be a part time position and is described on Central United's website. If you are aware of

any qualified candidates that might be interested, they can view the position summary on our website and apply to [ministrypersonnel@centralunitedchurch.com](mailto:ministrypersonnel@centralunitedchurch.com) Your referrals would be appreciated.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>** and make all monetary donations on or before **December 10<sup>th</sup>**. Any questions, please contact Heather Keeling at 416-706-6519 or [heather.keeling@migroup.ca](mailto:heather.keeling@migroup.ca). Thank you.

**OUR ANNUAL COMFORT SERVICE...**will be held on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 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.**

**SOUP LUNCH...**Your Small Groups committee will host a Soup Lunch in the Main Hall on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> 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 3<sup>RD</sup> 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 3<sup>RD</sup> 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 17<sup>TH</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$10 and **deadline for all orders is December 3<sup>rd</sup>**.



**LIVING WATERS PRESBYTERIAL UCW...**is holding their ADVENT CHRISTMAS MEETING at St. Matthews United Church, 333 Crosby Avenue, Richmond Hill on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



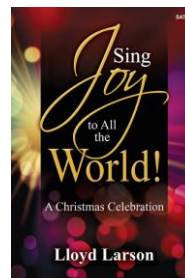
**COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED...**  
Please sign up at Sally’s bulletin board.  
Thank you.



**WHITE GIFT SUNDAY...**will be celebrated on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 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.



**CHRISTMAS BOOKS & DVD'S...**are now on display on the cart in the library. Come and have a look! Feel free to borrow any items anytime!



**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 17<sup>TH</sup> during the morning worship service. (This music will be presented again on Christmas Eve at the 7 p.m. service.)

**“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.)



**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.)



**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.

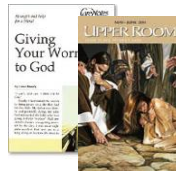


**RIGHT NOW MEDIA!**...We encourage everyone with computer access to enrol in this free service. Just send Sally an email at [sally@centralunitedchurch.com](mailto:sally@centralunitedchurch.com) with Right Now Media in the subject line. Within a few days you will receive an email invitation and instructions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



**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.

**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.

