

THIS WEEK IN ACTIVITIES

- Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.
Coffee Hour between services
- Monday Alanon at 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday Book Club at 10:00 a.m.
 Praise Team Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday Teen Confirmation Class at 4:00 p.m.
 Jr. Choir Rehearsal at 5:30 p.m.
 Advent III Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
 Sr. Choir Rehearsal at 8:00 p.m.
- Friday Markham Prayer Breakfast at 7:00 a.m.
 Council Social at 7:00 p.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. worship 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).

COFFEE HOUR...is being held TODAY between services and hosted by your Small Group Ministry committee. Be sure to stay late or come early to enjoy this time of fellowship and refreshments with your church family!



THE ANNUAL MARKHAM PRAYER BREAKFAST...is on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH at 7:00 a.m. Central has two reserved tables and tickets are available from Valerie Clubine.



THE FOSTER CHILD WISH LISTS...of the York Region Children's Aid are now posted! There are 2 ways you can help: make a financial donation using your offering envelope and/or select a child to buy for specifically from the list posted beside Sally's desk. There are also volunteer opportunities connected with this project – details can be found on the bulletin board. Please try to make your donation by **TODAY** and place the gifts you have purchased & tagged for your chosen child in the outreach cupboard by December 9th. Thank you.



CENTRAL'S BOOK CLUB...will gather on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH at 10:00 a.m. in the Friendship Room to discuss "The Paris Wife" by Paula McLean. All are welcome to attend this time of lively discussion, fellowship and refreshments.

ADVENT ADVENTURE...will be offered again this year on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND. Please join us for an afternoon of crafts and fellowship at "Advent Adventure" from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. All ages are welcome.



Then at 5:00 p.m. we will share in a pot-luck dinner followed by an Olde-Fashioned Carol sing around the piano. Please sign-up on the bulletin board (for afternoon, evening or both) so that we can prepare a place for everyone.



THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION...will be celebrated on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, the first Sunday of Advent. Volunteers are needed to serve for Advent and the Christmas season. Please sign up at Sally's bulletin board.

OUR ANNUAL COMFORT SERVICE... will be offered on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH at 7:30 p.m. This quiet meditative service is open to anyone in the community who find Christmas difficult due to life changes, the absence of loved ones, loneliness or sadness. All are welcome;



feel free to encourage those friends and family who would benefit from such a service to attend.

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY... will be celebrated on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH with the Sunday School participating at the 9:30 a.m. service. Your donations of unwrapped non-perishable food are appreciated. Cash gifts will also be received – special “White Gift” offering envelopes are available from the greeter’s table. Your gifts of food/money will be used to assist the Markham Food Bank.



THE MITTEN TREE... will be up in the narthex soon and your donations of mittens, hats, scarves, etc., are appreciated. Items should be brought to church on or before SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH so that we make delivery to “Pathways for Children, Youth & Families in York Region” well 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 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 13th. Cost is \$10 and deadline for all orders is December 9th.



YOUR CHURCH FINANCES... A summary of our receipts and expenditures relating to the operations of the church are as follows (as of October 31, 2012):

	Year to Date <u>Actual</u>	Year to Date <u>Budget</u>	Year to Date <u>Last Year</u>
Receipts	\$237,199	\$249,428	\$233,270
Expenditures	\$256,658	\$272,053	\$260,099
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Thank you for your prayerful and continued support to the life and work of your church.

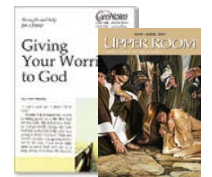
PARISH NURSING... November is Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation Awareness Month. An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) was donated to Central a few years ago. It is located on the west wall of the coat area. While the incidence of a Heart Attack is rare, we should all be aware and prepared to respond immediately, while waiting for the EMS to come. For anyone interested in knowing more about the AED, please contact any member of the Health Cabinet or Sandra Ankles.



SLEEPING CHILDREN TOONIE FUNDRAISER... Help we buy bedkits by purchasing note cards of prints donated by our own Sharon Bright. Packets of 8 cards (2 of each design) are available for \$2 each – see the display in the narthex.



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!



PASTORAL CARE...Should you become aware of any illness, bereavement, hospitalization, etc., among people of our church; please notify the church office as soon as possible.



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Also, please advise us if you wish to be included in Sunday prayers.

YOUR PRAYER CHAIN...would like to support you in prayer. Please contact Sandra Ackles (905-474-1172 or sandra.ackles@rogers.com) with your prayer concerns. Requests are kept confidential within the Prayer Chain.

