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# CONTACT

To worship God, grow as Jesus' disciples,  
care for one another, and take God's love to the world.



Games night with other youth at 541 Eatery and Exchange

Each year as we light the Advent candles in worship, we remember Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. But what are these, from a particularly Christian perspective? We will explore them together this Advent, as we prepare for the Coming of our Saviour.

Were earth a thousand times as fair  
Beset with gold and jewels rare  
She yet were far too poor to be  
A narrow cradle, Lord, for Thee.

~Martin Luther

Wishing everyone a blessed Advent Season.

~ Greg



**Your invitation to the Lord's Supper  
Sunday, December 3, 2017  
10:30 a.m.**

## Around and About with our Youth



Children singing during a  
Sunday service



Our youth getting active



Joseph's amazing coat

## *From the Interim Director of Discipleship Ministries - Eric O'Neil*

Fall 2017 has been a very joyful and full season at Central. Here are some of the highlights:

### **Tuesday Youth Nights**

Every Tuesday evening Central's teens gather for an evening of games, fellowship, scripture study and discussion. This fall we have been working through the book of Acts and exploring such themes as justice, boldness, integrity, discipleship and taking a closer look at the Christian practices of Sabbath, and Communion. With Hallowe'en being a Tuesday this year, the group suggested hosting a games night at 541 Eatery & Exchange which turned out to be a ton of fun and a great way to include a larger group of youth.

### **Faith Finders**

This Fall in Faith Finders we have been following along with the rest of the congregation through the book of Genesis, looking at Creation, the Garden of Eden, Noah, Abraham and the Covenant, Isaac, and Jacob & Esau. The twice/month teen class has been an exciting addition to Sunday mornings. A big thank you to all the incredible volunteers at Central that help out to make our youth and children's discipleship program an amazing one!

### **Faith & Family Nights**

This fall we have already host two Faith & Family evenings, one on September 29 and the other on November 3rd. Both were a great time as we spent some time singing together, playing games, building arks out of lego and blocks, sharing a meal, playing soccer, making some crafts and learning about scripture. Each event also included a prayer room to guide both kids and adults through prayers of confession, forgiveness, thanksgiving, and request. Our final 2017 Faith & Family Night will be on Friday December 1st. This picture is a group craft of Joseph's amazing coat, created by putting together squares uniquely coloured by everyone present. The stars are from the prayer room that night and represent things we are thankful for.

## Baptisms



Emery James Elyse Dutchak  
Daughter of  
Nicole & Ben Dutchak  
September 24, 2017

## Deaths

Shannon Smith – September 16  
Nelson Denton – September 19

## *Candlelight Carol Service*

One of the yearly musical events at Central is the choir's Candlelight Carol Service. This first of these services was sung here in 1935 and was modelled on one at Yorkminster Park Baptist in Toronto. This service attracts not only the Central congregation, but many people from Hamilton and beyond. It is often the first contact that outsiders have with Central Presbyterian. If you have friends who are musical, or who would just enjoy singing carols with a full congregation, why not invite them to join you? This is the biggest crowd we see every year, so get there early!

This year, we are singing music by Victoria, Poulenc, Mack Wilberg and John Tavener, as well as a perennial favourite 'Past Three O'clock'. There are familiar hymns and carols too. Joining the choir that evening, as they do every year, will be a terrific brass quintet and drums, to add to the impact of the carol singing for the congregation.

The date this year is **Sunday December 10** at 7:30 p.m.

## *News from the Raw Carrot*

Unfortunately, the Raw Carrot soup will no longer be sold after church. But don't despair, you can order soup on-line at [www.therawcarrot.com](http://www.therawcarrot.com). We want to thank Central for their support of this ministry, and hope that you will continue to make a difference in the lives of our employees by enjoying our healthy gourmet soup.

## Thank you

To all of the members of the Central Presbyterian Church, the family of the late Shannon Smith cannot begin to express our sincere appreciation for the beautiful service, but most of all, for being Shannon's friends. May her commitment to her faith and her kind and gentle spirit give us all strength when we remember Shannon.

Forever grateful, John and Barb Smith.



## CPC Book Club News

*"I cannot remember the books I've read any more than the meals I have eaten; even so, they have made me." - Ralph Waldo Emerson*

### December 3 - How to Read Literature Like a Professor

Our next book club get-together is on the horizon: **Sunday, December 3 at 7 p.m. in the Allan Room.** Our book for review and discussion is a New York Times bestseller by Thomas C. Foster, *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*, that was published in 2003. Wikipedia quotes: "The author suggests interpretations of themes, motifs, and possible symbols commonly found in literature. The book brands itself as *A Lively and Entertaining Guide to Reading Between the Lines.*" Gwynneth Simpson will be leading us in the review and discussion. Gwynneth recommends that we just read and enjoy the book without spending too much time trying to comprehend it as the author has a great deal to say about literature and our discussion could follow a lighter mode.

Date	Title & Author	Facilitator
January 28, 2018	To Be Announced	Colleen & Larry Kurtz
March 25, 2018	<i>The Bees</i> Laline Paull	Beth MacKay Reilly
May 27, 2018	<i>Playing with Fire</i> Tess Gerritsen	TBA

Everyone is welcome to join this congenial group of readers in the Allan Room from 7 to 9 p.m. Refreshments are served.



## God Answers Prayers!

The Prayer Team is composed of several people who pray regularly, in their own homes, for the list of people who have requested prayer. We have experienced some wonderful answers to prayer in recent months and give praise to God for His faithfulness. If you are interested in being a part of this important ministry speak to Donna Thomas, 905-664-8107.

## Argyll Book Presentation

### Around and About

Getting ready for the Inner-city outreach barbeque



Art Sykes (R) is the grandson of Lt. Col. McLaren who served with the Argyll Sutherlands in WW1.



On Sunday November 4th, the Argylls participated in the launch of the book "It Can't Last Forever", by Doug Hunter. The book is a history of the 19th Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force during The First World War. The 91st Battalion was staffed by many soldiers and officers from the 91st Canadian Highlanders, later renamed the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada. The publication of the book sheds substantial light on an important and previously untold piece of our history.

### November 12 Remembrance Day Service



Stephen Officer, Officer Cadet (OCdt), The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada, The Rev. Dr. Greg Davidson, Dennis Floresco CD, Chief Warrant Officer (Retired), The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada (Princess Louise's)

## The Cornerstone Project

The Durand Market provided a friendly meeting place for our neighbourhood throughout summer and fall as people walked weekly to the market to do their shopping. The open doors of Central encouraged many people to enter the beauty and calm of the sanctuary where they were welcomed by members of the congregation. As a special event we are thrilled to be presenting a Christmas Market on Saturday, December 9 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the church hall. A number of artisans will be joining the market vendors, and members of Central's Fellowship Committee will be hosting a tea room in the Guild Room.

Thank you to the many volunteers who have helped make the market a success, and we look forward both to the Christmas Market as well as the regular market next spring.



## *Update from the Fellowship Committee*

### **Shuttle Service**

Our shuttle service, provided by Hamilton Cab, continues successfully with the ridership growing. Our driver is Shawn and he is very friendly and accommodating to our passengers. The taxi is a seven-passenger van. Shawn can accommodate walkers in the back of the van. The shuttle is funded for the year by a donation and will continue every Sunday to the end of June. It leaves from the **lower** parking lot at City Hall, with the entrance off Bay Street. Shawn meets his passengers at the west end of the lot, directly adjacent to Bay Street.

Service to the church leaves from the parking lot at 9:50 a.m.; 10:05 a.m. and 10:20 a.m. Park your car, without charge, in the City Hall lot. If Shawn is not there, he will be back shortly as it takes less than 10 minutes for a round trip. You will be dropped at the front door of the church. After the last trip at 10:20 a.m., he leaves for other work, returning at 11:50 a.m. so please be there prior to the last trip. Rides back to your car begin at 11:50 a.m.; 12:05 p.m. and 12:20 p.m. Meet the van in front of the church. Should there be too many people for the one vehicle to manage, another driver and van will be called in right away. You do not need to indicate to anyone that you are going to use the service, or be away if you have been using it. Shawn takes those who show up.

The Fellowship Luncheons are held on the second Wednesday of the month, following the Communion Service at 12:10 p.m. We have enjoyed homemade soups and sandwiches followed by dessert squares and cookies. An increasing number of people are joining us. It is a great social time especially for those who may not get out now that the weather is turning. We welcome everyone to join us. If you need a ride to come to the service and luncheon, please contact Mary Guise at 905-389-7573.

We are still taking photographs of the congregation for the Central Family bulletin board. Pictures are taken with an instant camera. Most Sundays, Beth Carey and Jean Williams are taking photos in the Guild Room following the service. They are then posted on the portable bulletin board in the gym. Come and have your photograph taken!

## ***Congratulations!***

**Dr. Mary Guise** received the Mission and Legacy Award from St. Joseph's Home Care on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The community of St. Joseph's Home Care shares a deep belief in the values that the founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Hamilton instilled in the organization: that it is an honour to serve - and in particular to ensure that those most vulnerable and marginalized have access to compassionate, high-quality care. The prestigious Mission Legacy Award recognizes extraordinary individuals who have made an exceptional contribution to the health care ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Hamilton, St. Joseph's Home Care (SJHC), and/or St. Joseph's Health System (SJHS). St. Joseph's Home Care also provides foot care to our Hamilton Out of the Cold guests at no cost as part of their mission. Fifty-eight subsidized foot care visits were provided in the 2016-17 year of Hamilton Out of the Cold at Central Presbyterian Church.

A group of McMaster Engineering graduates recently won the prestigious, international James Dyson Award, for a "low cost and non-invasive device that can detect skin cancer" (BBC News). Congratulations to **Dr. Hubert de Bruin**, who worked closely with the team as mentor and project supervisor.

Congratulations to **Adele Pierre** for receiving a 2017 City of Hamilton Art and Architecture Award for her proposed design for Ottawa Street North. The project demonstrates stormwater management through the use of bioswales, and invites the municipality to consider alternative ways to deal with flooding and runoff as part of a broader climate change strategy.



## ***Nota Bene***

Due to volunteer fatigue, we are in need of HELP for HOOTC. If you have the inclination and energy to join the HOOTC team, the following vacancies need to be filled: floor moppers; dishwashers; food servers; and clean-up crew. Please call me at 905-648-4584 or email me at [de\\_bruin@sympatico.ca](mailto:de_bruin@sympatico.ca). Thank you!

Johanna de Bruin, Central's Site Coordinator




## Financial Vital Signs

As at October 31, 2017

	31-Oct-17	YTD 2017
Income	\$37,273	\$361,148
Expenses	\$34,128	\$372,150
<b>Surplus / (Shortfall)</b>	\$3,145	(\$11,002)

*Thank you for your generosity!*



### *News from the Mission Committee*

This fall has been a very busy time for the Mission Committee. On October 19 dinner was served to the Inner-City Outreach Moms to Moms group and their children. The menu was shepherds pie, Caesar salad, soft rolls and cookies. Our cooks and servers were Magda Wiersma, Valerie Dunlop, Iris Hoytema and Gloria Gavin. On November 30, the Mission Committee will be cooking and serving a traditional Christmas dinner to this group. Gwynneth Simpson and Kathy Barnard will be helping with dessert and set up. December 14 the committee will have an evening with finger foods finishing with cake and ice cream.

The Moms to Moms group are in NEED of diapers sizes 2, 3, 4; girls and boys pull ups 3T-4T; girls Good Nites all sizes; wipes and toilet paper. If you are able to help in supplying any of these articles, please label them for the Moms to Moms group, and place them on the stage in the Gym. Gloria Gavin will make sure it gets to the right destination.

We are pleased to say we reached our fundraising target of \$500.00 dollars by making and selling dish cloths at \$5.00 a set. Last year in December 2016 we gave \$300.00 to the general fund for expenses and this year we have given the fund \$200.00 dollars completing our commitment. I would like to thank all who supported this fund raiser.

On Mission Sunday, October 22, 2017 Jackie Bannerman was our guest speaker. She had just returned from a six months mission service in Budapest, Hungary. Jackie participated in our service and mingled with the congregation in the hall following the service. She had pizza lunch with the youth group enlightening them on her experiences and mission possibilities.



## Around and About



The cooks



....and servers at the moms to moms dinner.



Moms and children enjoying dinner!



Phillipa Ashby counting boxes. We're almost there!

We have handed out 100 Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child Boxes and 90 to date have been returned. WAY TO GO CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!!!! Thank-you!! Thank-you!! Thank-you!!

We are continually collecting gently used, clean clothes for Eva Rothwell's clothing store. This time of year, winter jackets, snow suits of all sizes and boots will be needed. If you can help please label your package, for Eva Rothwell clothing store, and put it on the stage in the gym.

Every year at Central we have a WHITE GIFT SUNDAY of unwrapped toys which for years have been given to the Inner City Outreach Christmas Program. These gifts are given to less fortunate children during the Christmas season, some at the Inner-City Outreach Christmas dinner, some for Christmas day. THE NEED IS AS GREAT AS EVER!!! So mark your calendar, as a reminder to yourself, that on Sunday, December 10, 2017 to bring a gift to church to put under the Christmas tree for a child of any age. \$10.00 gift certificates for the 12, 13 and 14 year olds is also welcome. Tim Horton gift cards are also given out over the Christmas season.

The Mission Committee would like to extend a huge THANK-YOU to Central Presbyterian's entire congregation for their continuing support, generosity and faith in the projects that the Mission Committee takes on. It is only with your help and the grace of God that we can continue to reach out in needed mission work. I am so grateful in being part of the Mission Committee and a member of Central Presbyterian Church.

Blessings to all, Gloria Gavin



## Cookie Walk and Christmas Puddings

Central Connections invites one and all to participate in our Christmas Cookie Walk on Sunday December 3. Come to the Guild Room following the service, help yourself to a box and fill it with delicious, home-made cookies. Then, make a donation! We will also have our yummy Christmas puddings and sauce for sale - \$9 for a pudding and \$3 for the sauce. First come, first served! A great opportunity to enjoy some treats and support the work of this group.



# Durand Christmas Market

**Saturday, December 9**  
**1:00 pm - 5:00 pm**



**at CPC Hamilton, 165 Charlton Avenue W.**  
**(corner of Charlton and Caroline)**



Central's Fellowship Committee  
will be hosting a tea room in the Guild Room.



# Save the Date



## **Friday December 1**

5:30 p.m. Faith and Family Night

## **Sunday December 3**

10:30 a.m. Communion Sunday – We Welcome New Members

Cookie Walk after the Service – Christmas puddings for sale!

7:00 p.m. CPC Book Club

## **Saturday December 9**

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Christmas Market

## **Sunday December 10**

10:30 a.m. White Gift Sunday

7:30 p.m. Christmas Candlelight Service

## **Wednesday December 13**

12:10 p.m. Holy Communion

12:30 p.m. Fellowship and Prime Time Christmas Luncheon

## **Sunday December 17**

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

## **Thursday December 21**

7:30 p.m. Longest Night of the Year Service,  
for those who find the Christmas season difficult

## **Sunday December 24**

10:30 a.m. – Sunday Service

4 p.m. Christmas Pageant

8 p.m. Christmas Eve Service with Communion

## **Sunday December 31**

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship



## Bible Cake

Prepare a loaf pan. Pre-heat oven to 325 degrees.

Cream together

¾ cup Judges 5:25

¾ cup Jeremiah 6:20

Beat in

3 Jeremiah 17:11

Stir in

2 ¼ cups 1 Kings 4:22

1 cup 1 Samuel 30:12

½ cup Nahum 3:12 (chopped)

¼ cup Numbers 17:8

1 tsp 1 Samuel 14:25

Season to taste 2 Chronicles 9:9

Pinch of Leviticus 2:13

1 ½ tsp Amos 4:5

¼ cup Judges 4:19

Follow King Solomon's prescription for making a good boy and you will make a good cake.  
Proverbs 23:14.

Mix well. Bake, in loaf pan, for 1 ½ hours.

### Answers

Judges 5	butter
Jeremiah 6	sugar
Jeremiah 17	eggs
1 Kings 4	flour
1 Samuel 30	raisins
Nahum 3	figs
Numbers 17	almonds
1 Samuel 14	honey
2 Chronicles 9	spice (cinnamon, clove, nutmeg)
Leviticus 2	salt
Amos 4	baking powder
Judges 4	milk
Proverbs 23	beat well

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Thanks to Mary Edwards for sharing!