

CONTACT

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

Dear Central,

My first words in worship last June were intentional: *I loved you before I knew you.*

That is not wishful thinking on my part, but rather reflective of a deep theological truth. Long before the particulars of you came into focus, the Holy Spirit was shaping my life—and I believe yours too—so that we would be brought together for this moment of ministry. God's hand is in this, making such love possible.

A little about me: once upon a time, I was a college cheerleader. While cheerleading may be a bit foreign here, that spirit has shaped who I am as a pastor. I see myself as an encourager, a morale booster, a believer in the impossible, and a champion of the underdog. My deep gladness is to joyfully remind people of the Good News of God's love and to walk alongside a community of faith as we live it out together.

My husband Michael and I are responsible for two beautiful, energetic boys. Jack Finn is 7 and Boaz (or "Bo") is 3. They—like many of us—have a particular fondness for any church gathering that includes cake and cookies! For much of the year, Michael's mother Karen lives with us as well. She keeps us all well-fed.

Though Jack Finn will tell you he was born in Ireland, he was actually born in New Jersey, which has been our home for the last 10 years. Michael and I both carry deep affection for the country we've left behind, and even more gratitude for the wide welcome we are already receiving here in Canada.

With Christian love and fellowship established, I now turn to the second part of that first sentence: *knowing you.* In the months to come, I hope to learn about you—as individuals and as a church. I am here to listen more than to lead, listening especially for where God is already at work so that together we might follow God's call in this new season of ministry.

With joy & thanksgiving,

Rev. Hannah

Your Invitation

To the Lord's Supper



Sunday October 5th, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Also via Livestream at:

<https://www.youtube.com/CentralPresbyterianChurchHamilton>



Rev. Hannah Lovaglio
Minister

From your Interim Moderator – October 2025

To all of you at Central, God's beloved ones, who are called to follow in the footsteps of our dear Lord, Jesus the Christ. Grace to you and may the peace of Christ be with you.

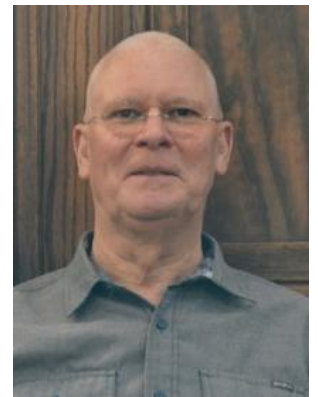
I've been with you now since November of 2023, when Presbytery appointed me to lead you through the process of searching for your new minister. In the Spring of 2024, a Search Committee was commissioned from among you. That amazing and faithful group worked diligently to fulfill their task. As a result, we were led by God's Holy Spirit to the Rev. Hannah Lovaglio - who is now beginning her ministry to and with you. The Search Committee, their task now complete, was decommissioned on September 14th with the thanks of a grateful congregation, for a job well done. Thank you to everyone at Central for your help and prayerful support throughout this whole process.

Now, Central can look forward to bright and faithful future with your new minister at the helm. At the Presbytery meeting on September 9th, Rev. Hannah was officially welcomed into the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and given permission to assume her interim duties here at Central until she fulfills the requirements of our denomination's Education and Reception Committee. Once those requirements have been taken care of, the Presbytery will officially induct Hannah into this pastoral charge. Until that time, I will stay on as your Interim Moderator - just to moderate the Session - Rev. Hannah will take care of everything else.

I encourage everyone to welcome Rev. Hannah and her family to Central - and to get to know them. You're beginning a new and exciting chapter in the life of this congregation, and I'm confident that God will truly bless you all, as you embark on this special journey together.

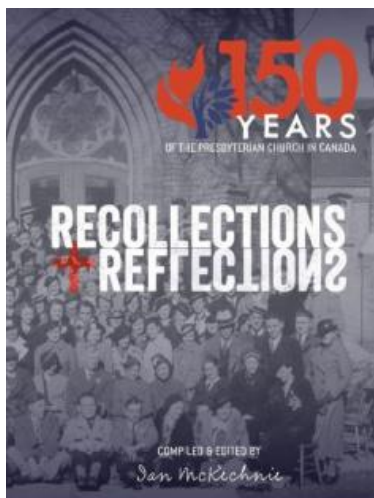
Your brother in Christ,

Philip



Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson,
Interim Moderator

Committee on History - The Presbyterian Church in Canada turns 150



Did you know that the Presbyterian Church in Canada is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year? On June 15, 1875, four different, yet all Presbyterian denominations joined together to form the Presbyterian Church in Canada. To commemorate this anniversary, a book has been compiled entitled ***Recollections and Reflections***. This book, available through the PCC web site, seeks to tell the story of the Presbyterian church from the perspective of those of the past and of the present. As editor Ian McKechnie states "And that story is worth telling – through all of the ups and downs the church has experienced over the last century and a half."

Of particular interest to us at Central is a remembrance from our own Dr. Alan McPherson of his experience when, as Moderator, he visited the

Mistawasis Reserve and read in full the Confession of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to those present, acknowledging the church's participation in residential schools. On a lighter note, there's even a section with recipes - 'cause Presbyterians are excellent cooks!! This book is a compelling read, full of information and insight. Here's to another 150 years.

Beth Mackay Reilly

<https://presbyterian.ca/gao/history/>

Pastoral Care Update from Rev. Lois Whitwell

I've been working and worshipping with the congregation of Central now for three years. I have been slowly getting to know you. I have been hearing your life stories, and I hope supporting you in your faith journey.

The last couple of months in the life of Central Church have been exciting, challenging and sad. We have said goodbye to loved members of the congregation. Some members are facing changes in their lives due to age or illness. We walk with them and pray for them through these changing circumstances.

We are beginning a new chapter with the arrival of our new minister, the Rev. Hannah Lovaglio and her family. It is an exciting time in the life of any congregation when a new minister comes and joins the community. I know from my own experience, that it is scary and exciting at the same time. It can be a little overwhelming as you navigate a new community. For the congregation it is exciting and scary as well, as we begin a new era in the life of Central church.

Paul in the letter to the Philippians 4, we find these words of encouragement to that Christian Community and the Central:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. “

Here in these words Paul is encouraging us to rejoice, to pray, to keep our focus on Christ and know that as we journey together, God is with us.

Together in Christ,

Lois



Rev. Lois Whitwell,
Director of Pastoral Care

Statement of Welcome and Inclusion

Central Presbyterian Church

God's Love Includes Everyone



We strive to be a welcoming, nurturing, loving, and supportive community unified in Jesus Christ. As an inclusive congregation, we joyfully affirm and honour the diversity of God's creation. Our community is richer when we include people of all ages, gender identities, racial and cultural backgrounds, sexual orientations, abilities, economic circumstances and family configurations. We proclaim this statement of inclusion to all who have experienced the pain of exclusion or discrimination by the church and society. All are invited to join a body of believers, to participate fully in the life, leadership, witness and ministry of Central Presbyterian Church. We acknowledge we are imperfect and in different stages of our faith journey.

No matter who you are, how you identify, whom you love, or where you are on life's journey: know you are welcome here, and you are loved by God.

CPC Statement of Welcome: www.cpchamilton.ca/statement-of-welcome-and-inclusion/

Resource Management Committee Report

We are delighted to welcome Reverend Hannah Lovaglio and her family to Central. They have rented a house in the Dundas area and are settling in. Bo, her younger son, reported to me with great glee that “it has a pool!” The moving expenses, deposit and lawyer’s fees have been paid, and we are ready to greet Hannah on September 21 when she preaches for the first time as the minister of Central. This is the beginning of a new era for Central. Let us embrace the change, and give thanks to God for leading us to the minister for Central.

This summer, we said goodbye and thank you to Tom Scott as he left RMC. Tom was not with us for long, but he did add depth to our discussions. We will miss him. Thank you, Tom, for your service.

The Talented Tinkers daycare is closer to opening upstairs. Before they can obtain a licence for the daycare, the playground has to be built and approved by the City of Hamilton and Hamilton Public Health. Adele Pierre has been hired as their landscape architect, and they are in the process of designing the playground with Adele and Derek Sardo. Derek is the head of Rolling Thunder, our technology company, and is well-versed in building playgrounds and fencing. The Resource Management Committee, the Session, and the Trustees will approve the plans for the playground. The playground will be on the north side of the church, along Charlton Avenue. It will be at the east end of the church, but set back from the north-east corner of the building. Everyone is working to ensure that the aesthetic of the playground is congruent with the appearance of Central. We expect to begin construction as soon as approvals are received.

The next step for Talented Tinkers daycare is to do the required renovation upstairs, and then pass inspections from the City of Hamilton, Public Health and the Hamilton Fire Department. Once all permissions and licences are in place, Talented Tinkers will welcome children to the daycare. We look forward to having this space filled with children and families throughout the week.

We have had several changes to our security system. Verkada has been working to update to the system based on user feedback. They allowed us to pilot this system with new equipment, which has been provided to us. You will notice that the “bing-bong” chime no longer sounds every time a door is opened. We are also working on partitioning off security zones, allowing the alarm to be disarmed for one partition, e.g. the Ramp Door hallway, while the remainder of the church is protected. We are working to learn the process of using the new system, which is a trial-and-error process.

At the same time, some of the security equipment that Talented Tinkers requires has been installed. Eventually they aim to have full camera coverage inside the upstairs rooms, as well as two cameras on the playground. We are finding the outside cameras to be very helpful in monitoring the activity outside of the church building.

We look forward to another productive year for our building and congregation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Guise, Secretary, RMC

Donations are welcome in support of the worship and mission of Central

You can support this good work by donating in various means.

You can place a gift on the offering plate, use pre-authorized remittance (PAR), donate online, send money via Interac E-Transfer, to bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca or send a cheque.

Please make sure to include your envelope number or mailing address for tax receipt purposes. For ways to give, visit cpchamilton.ca/giving

Please ensure your information is up-to-date with your elder or the church office, if you have moved, are moving, or have changed any of your contact information.



Revenues and Expenses Year to Date as of August 31, 2025			
	Budget	Actual	Favourable (UnFavourable)
Operating Expenses	\$ 392,343	\$ 358,851	\$ 33,492
Congregational Givings & Rentals	234,672	229,208	(5,464)
Revenues less Expenses	\$ (157,671)	\$ (129,643)	\$ 28,028
Funds from Trustees as Budgeted	30,000	30,000	-
Budgeted Shortfall	\$ (127,671)	\$ (99,643)	\$ 28,028
Additional Funds from Trustees	-	91,248	
Over (Short)	\$ (127,671)	\$ (8,395)	

The 2025 Budget approved at the Congregational meeting had expenses greater than revenues in the amount of \$136,858, and the Trustees have provided temporary funding (over the amounts they had previously committed) by diverting funds normally accumulated for major repairs to the building.

Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*

**Share with God's
people who are
in need. Practice
hospitality.**

Romans 12:13 NIV



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"Central supports Sara Traficante at Knox College"

September 2, 2025

To the Session and Trustees of Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton:

I am writing to share my gratitude for the financial support* for my studies at Knox College. My apologies for my late response with this letter. This has been an intensive period this summer with my counselling placement in London, ON ending on August 15. During this time, I worked with high needs population who have experienced enormous trauma. My hours at the centre more than doubled my expectation. This time allowed for the gift of exponential growth in my personal and professional development. This also meant a huge commitment of energy. I thankfully took a few weeks off at the end of summer to refresh before starting again.

This week, I will begin my second placement at Niagara Health at the St. Catharines Marotta Family Hospital for an eight-month Clinical Psychospiritual Education Unit (hospital chaplaincy). Additionally, I will be taking four courses over this academic year to complete my Master of Psychospiritual Studies degree in April 2026.

To share some learning from my London practicum: I am opening my awareness to the subtle communication of God's presence in healing and growth in our everyday lives. Shining a light and reflecting a mirror with love and genuineness. My sincere hope is to find a way to continue to serve Central after graduation - and with some creativity, to serve the Presbytery of Hamilton.

I am grateful for the community of faith here at Central, for myself, Kirk and Ramona. Thank you for your support and prayer as I continue along this journey.

Sincerely,

Sara Traficante

~ May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)



* The Beatrice McLaren Memorial Fund which supports missionary work, was the source of the funding to support Sara Traficante's continuing education at Knox College.

Central Presbyterian Church – Land Acknowledgement *

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that Central Presbyterian Church is located on the traditional territories of the Anishnaabek and Haudenosaunee peoples. This land is protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to share and care for the lands, air, and waters around the Great Lakes. We further acknowledge this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We recognize that we must learn about the rich history of this land to better understand our role as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers. We are all treaty people.

* Our website has a guide explaining the above Land Acknowledgement <https://www.cpchamilton.ca/land-acknowledgement/>

Discipleship Committee Report

"We have launched our 2025/2026 Faith Finders season. What a joy to bless our backpacks on September 7th with a reminder from Sara Traficante to ***"Continue encouraging one another and building each other up."*** We gave each child a piece of Lego on a keychain to remind them that they are integral pieces of a larger community, and we all play a part.

Our classes continue with our JK-Grade 3 class, and our Grade 4-8 class meeting each week downstairs in the HUB. I want to give a special public thank you to those of you who volunteered to teach again this year. We are so grateful for the love and care you give our youngest members each week, as they grow in their faith. Your guidance and leadership means so much.

Thank you also to Brenda Ziemann who faithfully cares for our littlest members with kindness and gentleness; we are deeply grateful.

I look forward to this Fall and beginning of winter together with our children. We are working toward a revamped Christmas pageant in December, with input and guidance from our Faith Finders. Please mark December 21st on your calendar as it is one of the most special Sundays of our year!

Thank you to all of the congregation who continue to pray for and encourage our Faith Finders children."



Kristel Forcier
Nursery and Faith Finders
Coordinator

Vacation Bible Camp

Chedoke Presbyterian Church, in cooperation with Trinity and Central, hosted another successful day camp this summer! It was an amazing week of great energy and fun that saw 65 campers and 49 volunteers! Many of these campers were young people from our congregation, along with a group of Central youth who volunteered for the week. The theme for the week was **Build Your Kingdom Here**.

Each day started with a large group gathering, and then smaller groups for Bible stories, games, crafts and science, and even a construction project! Afternoons were filled with quiet time, active games, and traditional camp crafts.



Discussion during the week included architecture/God's plan, demolition/starting fresh, firm foundations, building up/missionaries, and continuing renovations in our lives. Community mission was also included this week by making milk bag mats that are provided to our unhoused neighbours in Hamilton. Thank you to our Central community for the generous donations that help make this camp possible!

Camp Kintail

This summer, a number of children and youth from Central attended overnight programs at **Camp Kintail**, located on Lake Huron. Surrounded by nature and grounded in faith, they built friendships, explored their creativity, and deepened their spiritual connection through worship, games, and outdoor adventures. Campfires, swimming, and cabin-bonding created lasting memories. Our young people grew this summer in confidence and compassion, thanks to the supportive and inclusive community at Kintail. We are grateful for the opportunity Camp Kintail provides to nurture young hearts and minds in such a meaningful way, and care for these young people while they were away from home. If you know a young person who would love to experience a classic outdoor camp, watch for Summer 2026 registration info at www.campkintail.ca



Inter-generational Worship Service

Service of Worship led by the youth

Sunday, June 15th 10:30 a.m.

YOUTH SUNDAY, June 15, 2025

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Ramona Starkey

Loving God, we thank you for this opportunity for our youth to lead the worship service on this Trinity Sunday.

We give you thanks for a space where we can learn and grow in your love.

We give thanks for guiding us through General Assembly and helping us to make change for the good of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

We give thanks for helping us uncover old truths so we can pave the way for new beginnings with our indigenous friends, family, colleagues, neighbours, and partners.

We give you thanks for supporting us this school year and guiding us through both the good and the bad, and we ask you to continue doing so to help us make it to the finish line.

We ask you to be with our church community as we continue our work towards calling a new minister.

We pray for those everywhere who are suffering with grief, illness and loneliness, and we ask for you to be with them during these difficult times. Please be with us as we comfort each other, as Jesus taught us that God sends the Holy Spirit to comfort us.

We pray for you to bring peace to all the wars and violence and oppression in the world. We pray for peace in Ukraine, we pray for peace in Palestine-Israel, the Holy Lands and the Middle East.

We pray for peace in Sudan, and so much more.

We also pray for the city of Hamilton, and those struggling to find safe housing.

We pray for the earth, your beautiful creation. Help us to honour and support the Indigenous leaders who protect the land and the waters of Turtle Island.

We pray all of this in the words that Jesus taught us: Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

Land Acknowledgement – Rachel Weresch

We are gathered from Hamilton, Ontario, we pause to acknowledge with humility and deep respect that we are on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabeg, and first nations peoples. This land, now known as Hamilton, is governed by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum, an agreement made between Indigenous nations and settlers to share and care for this land peacefully and sustainably. It is also covered by Treaty 3, the Between the Lakes Purchase — a treaty that, like many others, has been broken or dishonoured.

We acknowledge that we are on stolen land— land taken through colonial violence, broken treaties, and systems of oppression that continue to harm Indigenous peoples today.

We remember, too, the stolen children, taken from their families and communities through the residential school system — including institutions operated by Christian churches, including our own denomination. We grieve this legacy of harm and commit ourselves to the ongoing work of truth, justice, and reconciliation.

We honour the waterfalls, lakes, and flowing waters of this region, sacred to the first peoples of this land. We give thanks for the trees, the plants, and the many animals who have always called this place home. Creation itself speaks of the sacred responsibilities held by Indigenous peoples — responsibilities we must now learn to support, not erase.

We are called not only to acknowledge this truth but to act upon it — to listen, to repair, and to walk in solidarity with Indigenous peoples in the ongoing struggle for justice and healing.

May we tread lightly, speak truthfully, and walk humbly as guests on this land. We are all treaty people.

Reflection on General Assembly – Darragh Patton

Hello, my name is Darragh, and as you may or may not know, I was at the 2025 General Assembly of the PCC as the Young Adult Representative from Hamilton.

My week at the General Assembly was such an incredible experience that I am so extremely grateful to have had. I got to meet fellow young adults from around the country, listen to inspiring speakers from different countries and faiths, hear perspectives from Presbyterians across Canada, and learn about the wonderful work that the PCC is doing at home and abroad. Also, the opening service here at Central was incredible. The sanctuary was so full, and I got goosebumps every time we responded or sang.

Going into the week, I really had no idea what to expect. Thankfully, the YARS were provided with the most amazing advisor possible, Jess Foy, who patiently explained anything and everything for us and arranged conversations with the Clerks of Assembly, Victor Kim and Don Muir, this year's moderator, Jeff Murray, and many other knowledgeable people who were able to guide us in our position this assembly.

The role of a young adult representative is important because we are often hearing about the future of our church, and of our faith, and how the lack of engagement among young people at churches is an issue. But, if you want young people involved, you must involve young people. So, being able to have our voices heard, whether speaking up at the mic, raising our advisory vote cards, or even just talking to some of the commissioners or committee members, is absolutely the way to get us involved. The YARs brought up amendments, gave opinions, did advisory votes, and even put forth motions that both can and will help the PCC in the future, and helped to show the Assembly the issues that we believe are important. One YAR, Jay McDonald-Lee from Kintail, made an amendment that makes any PCC meeting or conference consider Presbyterian camps or other sites as their first choice. Another YAR, Daniel Soloman-Umanzi from Mississauga, put forth a recommendation, seconded by me, that the *change leadership commission* choose someone in the YAR age range to fill an empty space. This motion came about because, if you want young people involved in the future of the church, you must have a young person preparing the church for the future. I hope that the General Assembly continues to value young people's voices, because I think that this year's YARs have shown that we have a lot of good perspectives to bring.

One of the things that I found fascinating was hearing from all the Indigenous commissioners and Indigenous focused committees. I really had no idea of the Indigenous Ministries of the PCC, so hearing from people such as Mary Fontaine, minister at Hummingbird Ministries and former moderator, Yvonne Bearbull, director of the Kenora Fellowship Centre, Margret Mullen, Minister of the Place of Hope Indigenous Church, and Chandler Ginter, fellow YAR from Winnipeg, about their experiences in the PCC and how their churches blend the gospel with traditional Indigenous faith and teachings. I believe that learning how people can blend these two beautiful, but historically opposed faiths is important for my understanding of the Presbyterian Church.

Thank you to everyone who made it possible for me to be able to attend the 2025 General Assembly, I had a truly amazing time, and it was an incredible opportunity to be able to learn more about the Presbyterian Church of Canada

Faith, Hope, Truth, and Peace – Kelvin Olumide

In Romans chapter 5:3-5, it talks about how not only do we boast in glory, but we boast in afflictions. But wait, to boast and praise in times of pain and find joy in times of difficulty is one of the hardest things to do, and I can speak out of experience as almost 2 years ago my mother and I were going through hard times, and it was difficult to talk to God. In my mind, I was wondering why God was doing this to us, it felt unfair. But in the verse, it states that affliction produces endurance. Endurance produces character. Character produces hope. And hope does not disappoint. That statement correlates with how even through me and my family's difficult time, we stayed strong, but not out of human strength, but instead the strength of the Lord working through us. In affliction, we learn to endure not because we are strong, but because Christ is strong in and around us.

Now, in John 16, Jesus said to his disciples that he has many things still left to say to them, but he tells them they cannot bear it yet. The Lord knows when we're not ready and he doesn't shame us for it. Instead, he promises something greater, the spirit of truth. Isn't it reassuring that the Lord's spirit doesn't leave us with silence but with an ever-comforting presence that holds our prayers when we have no words.

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The Spirit who whispers God's love, when all we feel is rejection. Holds our prayers, when we have no words. The Spirit who reminds us that God is not done. That he is still writing our story.

In Romans chapter 5:3-4 it says, "But we also boast in our afflictions knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame." But how do we obtain this endurance, character, and hope this verse talks about? It is forged through the trials and tribulations we walk through every day in life, and sustained and multiplied by the Holy Spirit and through Romans 5 and John 16, there lies a powerful truth, that we are not alone in our struggles of hope in a world of lies and hurt. But do not fear because already in the Bible, God has already stated that when his spirit of truth comes, he will guide us through the lies and deceit people tell others or themselves because of the devil tampering in our lives. The Spirit of God bears fruit in us, and if we chose to accept it, through that shall his spirit shape and empower us.

The Holy Spirit doesn't just guide us, but also pours God's love into our hearts. You may be enduring suffering right now; may it be a physical illness, grief, anxiety, or uncertainty. It may be tempting to think God is far away. But the Bible reminds us that even in the storm, we are standing in grace. We are being held by hope. And we are being filled with love. This is not a passive love but a transforming one. A love that turns affliction into endurance. That builds Christlike character. That leads us to a hope that will never, ever put us to shame. So, remember, no matter how rigorous the flow of life can get, no matter how it feels as if everything good is turning bad, the spirit of God is always with and around us, you may not see it, you may not feel it, but it is there.

Amen

Mission Committee Report

The Mission Committee will be meeting in the fall to review our mandate and discuss past and possible future initiatives. It will be an exciting year working with our new Minister.

View from the Organ from Dr. Marcus Scholtes

After a wonderful summer season, it's great to be back in routine at Central! At the time of writing this article, I've been steadfastly preparing the choir selections for the fall, and as usual we have some excellent anthems coming up.

We've had some amazing soloists leading the music during the summer months, and I would like to give a big thank you to Michael Davis, Alyssa DiMarco, Sue Dunlop, Paula Grove, Emma Reilly-McKay, Deborah Szabo, and Katie Weresch. It's incredible how fast ten weeks can fly by!

We also had a few note-worthy events over the summer: firstly, Central was the host for the Hamilton Children's Choir summer camp: for one week we opened our doors to some of the most talented kids aged 5 - 18 in the city. Over the course of 5 days, each ensemble learned and memorized new choral selections, and came together to perform an entire concert on the Friday afternoon! My son was one of the attendees at this camp, and it was definitely one of the highlights of his summer. (continued on page 12)





Hamilton Children's Choir Summer Camp 2025

Another highlight was inviting Prof. Mark Shapiro from **The Juilliard School in New York City**, along with 25 musicians from all over the GTA, to Central's sanctuary in order that Sharon and I could fulfill our hours for our *1-year Advanced Conducting Essentials Performance Course* at Juilliard. (If you recall from the last Contact Newsletter, Sharon and I had a professional development year and were driving to NYC every Wednesday to attend weekly classes at Juilliard). A huge thank you to the *Canada Council For The Arts*, as well as the *Ontario Arts Council* for making this project possible.



Central's Sanctuary welcomed 25 musicians from the GTA and Prof. Mark Shapiro from **The Juilliard School in New York City** on May 28 & 29, 2025

The Charlton String Quartet performed our 3rd annual ‘Concert on the Steps’ on Thursday July 3rd. We had a hugely successful turn-out from our congregants and also from folks in the neighbourhood. It’s a wonderful opportunity to meet new people, and performing outside is a great way to showcase the talent and quality of music that we have at Central.

The 3rd season of our Music@Central Sunday Afternoon Chamber Music series will also be underway very soon! I’ve expanded the series to 9 concerts throughout the year (up from six concerts for the two previous years). We have some incredible artists coming, and in expanding the series, I’ve added two more family-oriented concerts. I’m also looking forward to the “*Seke and Friends*” concert on May 3rd, featuring our own Seke Fowode (did you know she has 696 subscribers on her YouTube channel??).

Be sure to pick up and check out the season poster that is now in circulation for all the dates and artists.

I am extremely inspired and enthusiastic for the coming year! I know everyone involved in music at Central is excited for Rev. Hannah’s arrival, and what her presence will bring to our faith community. I know we’ll build even more on our choral successes from last year, and overall, I have a feeling it’s going to be a banner year for Central. See you Sunday morning!

Musically Yours,

Marcus



Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Director of Music Ministries

I would also like to acknowledge the passing of Kay Lumsden and Nancy Rundle. They were both huge supporters of the music ministry at Central, and constant attendees at our events. Their passing is not only a loss for our church family, but also a loss to our music ministry.

– Dr. Marcus Scholtes



3rd annual ‘Concert on the Steps’ on
Thursday July 3rd, 2025



The Lovaglio's, a snapshot:

- The “g” in Lovaglio is silent, pronounced *loh-VAH-lee-oh*
- Michael works in education and nonprofit management, though where he works in Canada is still anyone's guess
- Hannah has two MDiv degrees – one from Stellenbosch University in South Africa and one from Union Theological Seminary in New York City
- Their dog is named Tiberius, after James Tiberius Kirk, Captain of the Starship Enterprise.
- Jack Finn was named after Hannah's friend Jack and Huckelberry Finn
- Boaz is named after the Biblical character of the same name. He was Rahab's son and came to be Ruth's husband. The name in Hebrew means swift, which may or may not be a wink to Hannah's favorite female vocal artist.
- Down the road from Hannah's childhood home in the mountains of North Carolina was a trail that led to not 1 but 3 waterfalls. Now, from their home in Dundas, the Lovaglio Family can walk to not 1 but 2 waterfalls.

Minister – The Rev. Hannah Lovaglio
 Interim Moderator – The Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson
 Director of Pastoral Care – The Rev. Lois Whitwell
 Minister Emeritus – The Rev. Dr. Alan M. McPherson
 Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
 Nursery and Faith Finders Coordinator – Kristel Forcier
 Bookkeeper – Michelle Frebold
 Office Administrator – Helena Bootsma
 Custodian – David Lewington
 Nursery Coordinator – Brenda Ziemann
 Sunday & Special Event Custodian – Geoff French



Save the Date

**Truth & Reconciliation Sunday –
 Orange Shirt Day
 Service of Worship
 Sunday, September 28, 2025**

**Communion Sunday
 Worship Service
 Sunday, October 5th 10:30 a.m.**

**Music@Central: Andromeda Duo
 Sunday, October 5, 3:00 p.m.**

**Music@Central: Halloween
 Family Concert
 Sunday, October 26, 3:00 p.m.**

Deaths

Richard Bethune - May 26, 2025

Jack Oosterveld - June 25, 2025

Mary Lou Collett - July 8, 2025

Nancy Rundle - July 26, 2025

Kathleen (Kay) Lumsden - July 29, 2025

Colleen Kurtz - August 5, 2025



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