



NEWS FROM CENTRAL

November/December, 2017

ARE WE COMMITTED?

Most of us believe that commitment and success go together. We applaud those who spend more time and energy at their jobs. We rejoice with those who are able to sustain long and happy relationships. We respect those who regularly go to the gym to maintain their physical health. We commit to those things we value.

But what about our commitment to our faith? How much do we invest of our time, talents and financial resources to help build and sustain our spiritual lives? Central Church has always been there when a crisis arises and we need help. We have been fortunate to have volunteers to teach Sunday school, help with our many outreach programs, and contribute regularly towards staff salaries and upkeep.

When our lives become difficult and we look to Central for spiritual guidance and personal support, it will be because of the commitment of our members that Central is there for us. Can you commit some of your time, talents, or financial resources to help sustain Central?

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Your
Calendar*

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| Cambridge Symphony | Friday, November 17 | 7:30 pm |
| KW Symphony | Saturday, November 25 | 8:00 pm |
| Congregational Christmas Dinner | Sunday, November 26 | 6:00 pm |

PLEASE NOTE: ALL DECEMBER SERVICES ARE AT 10:00 AM

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| Communion Service | Sunday, December 3 | 10:00 am |
| White Gift Sunday | Sunday, December 10 | 10:00 am |
| Christmas Service | Sunday, December 24 | 10:00 am |
| Christmas Eve Service | Sunday, December 24 | 7:00 |

HOW CENTRAL SERVES

Trinity Table

As followers of Jesus, we, like his early disciples, are called to serve. Many members of Central manifest their faith through their volunteer work both in the community, and within Central. This feature will highlight some of Central's volunteers who are doing God's work. One of them is Peter Goudy.

Peter was born and raised in Galt and his family have been members of Central Church for many years. Although Peter had some interactions with deaf people when he was young, he headed to Hamilton Teacher's College intending to teach in a regular public school. Wanting to escape a boring math lecture one day however, he ended up at a hiring presentation by the Ernest C. Drury School for the Deaf and his future was decided.

Eight years ago, when Peter semi-retired, he was approached to join the Board at Trinity Table. His acceptance has directed his retirement in a new direction! As Chair of the Board for Trinity Table, and an active volunteer doing dishes, it is his job to ensure the smooth functioning of the lunch program which regularly feeds 140-160 people Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Trinity Church began the lunch program 26 years ago and it relies entirely on donations and volunteer labour. Trinity Table serves an average of 19,000 meals per year and the largest turn-out is for the Christmas dinner which regularly serves 200. A coffee/tea and pastries program runs from 9:30 am as well. While much of the food comes from the Food Bank, the rest is donated by grocery stores and individuals. Trinity Table fundraises to cover other costs, including electricity, water and other necessities.

The people who come to Trinity Table come for the food but also receive companionship and understanding in a place where they feel comfortable. There are many stories of folks who have "messed up" but gone on to obtain jobs and housing and they often express their thanks for the acceptance and support they received at Trinity Table.

If you feel called to serve in this ministry, please contact Peter either by phone (519-623-6953) or by E-Mail (petergoudy@live.com)



**Jesus Taught
us how to
Serve Others**

