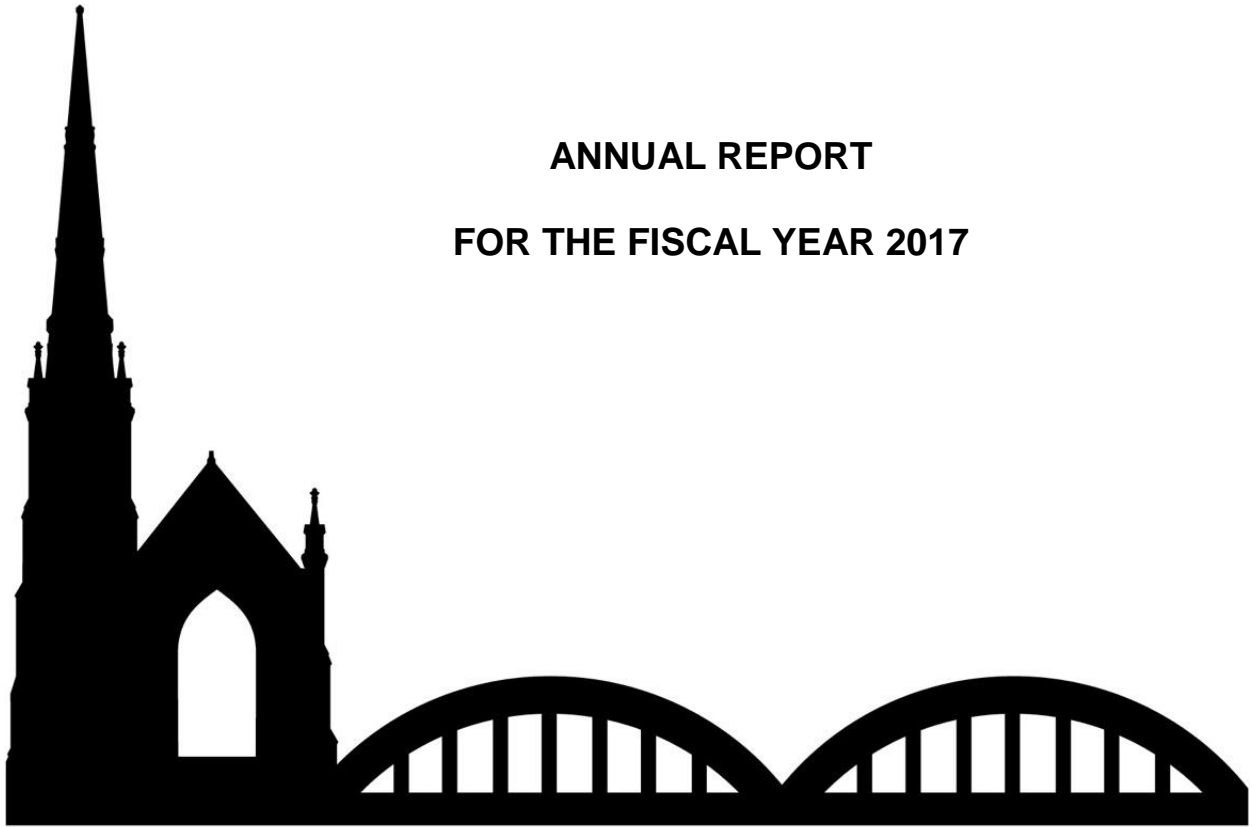


ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017



Central Presbyterian Church  
Celebrating 135 Years

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## GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS-ADMINISTRATION

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Church website [www.centralchurchcambridge.ca](http://www.centralchurchcambridge.ca)

Teaching Elder: Rev. Dr. Aubrey Botha 519- 620-4415  
Director of Music: Brad Paddock 519-740-1524  
Family Pastor: Timothy Gibb 519-505-2396  
Administrative Secretary: Lyanne Lynch  
Custodian: Barry Bethley Sunday Custodian: Don Willis  
Session, monthly, first Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Clerk: Dr. Lynda Pinnington 519-622-2157  
Management Committee: first Monday, 7:00 p.m.  
Worship: third Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.  
Board of Managers, monthly, fourth Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Mission & Outreach, monthly, second Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

### MUSIC

Senior Choir, weekly, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. President: Elizabeth Cresswell  
Praise Team, weekly, Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Nursery, Sundays during worship, Nursery Co-Ordinator:  
Kidzone: Sunday mornings at 10:00 am  
Youth Group: Wednesdays, at 6:30 pm  
Wave: Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

### LIBRARY

Open weekdays 9:00 - 12:00 noon and on Sundays

### ADULT ACTIVITIES

Prayer Group meets every Tuesday evening @7:30 in the parlour.

Redwood Bible Study meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evening @7:30  
Contact: Denise McClellan 519-658-5857

Nairn/Taylor Circle  
President: Roberta Dedman 519-623-8228

Men's Club meets third Saturday every month, 8:30 a.m. for breakfast.  
Contact: Peter Hood 621-3048 or George Knight 267-2962

LOTO-(Ladies on their own) meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, 7:00 @1916 Coronation Blvd.

Women's Bible Study meets Friday mornings, 10:00 a.m.  
Contact: Carolyn Witzke 519-620-7346

Rugged Hands Men's Group  
Contact: Scott McHardy 519-624-0502

"To God be the glory, great things He has done..." We have sung these words so many times and how true they are as we look back on 135 years of Christian witness in downtown Galt. To think that, although we are but a small cog in the big wheel of God's work and plans, God considers us worthy to be his servants is a humbling experience.

Looking back over the year there were many amazing moments, like our 135<sup>th</sup> worship celebration and being able to share that with past ministers as well as dignitaries from our community. Building new bridges with our community at large. There were moments of having to say good-bye as our Children's ministry leader moved on to a new chapter in her life. We thank God for the work that Stacey did with our children and families and pray for God's continued blessing in her life. Good-bye moments are often accompanied by welcoming moments. After much prayer the session decided to create a new position, that of Family Pastor, and in July of 2017 Timothy Gibb and his family joined our family to start this ministry.

We started a new strategy with our Kids Zone ministry in which we bring church and home together and not as two different entities. There is a new vibrancy in our youth ministry with the help of the students from Heritage College serving in ministry.

Through God's grace and your faithfulness, we were able to end the year on a positive note as we met our budget. Thank you for being good stewards. The new year will bring new challenges and changes and my prayer is that we will continue to grow and become more of what God wants us to be. If we face the challenges and opportunities together as God's people, the possibilities are endless.

### **Psalm 23**

*<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.*

*<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,*

*<sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul.*

*He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.*

*<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,<sup>[a]</sup>*

*I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.*

*<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.*

*You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.*

*<sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,*

*and I will dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.*

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**February 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Election of Secretary
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Minutes of the 2017 Meeting
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
6. Minister's Remarks
7. **2017 Group Reports**
  - A. Session, Statistical Report, Staff Reports
  - B. Session Committee Reports
  - C. Board of Managers Report
  - D. Group Reports
8. **2017 Financial Reports**
  - A. Group Financial Reports
  - B. Treasurer's Report
  - C. Auditor's Statement
9. 2017 Budget
10. Appointment of Auditor for 2018
12. Report of the Board of Managers Nominating Committee
13. New Business
14. Adjournment
15. Closing Prayer

**Minutes**  
**2017 Annual meeting**

February 24, 2017

The congregation met in Central Church, Cambridge. The moderator, Rev. Dr. Aubrey J. Botha, opened the meeting with a reading from Psalm 27 and prayer.

Moved by Alan Sutton, seconded by Joan Bell, that Alexander McIlwraith be appointed as secretary. CARRIED.

Moved by Alan Sutton, seconded by Carolyn Mulder-Sutton, that we adopt the agenda as printed. CARRIED.

Moved by Gary Bell, seconded by Sandy Barrie, that we adopt the Minutes of the 2016 annual meeting as printed. CARRIED.

### **Staff reports**

Aubrey said thank you for 135 years and shared the passage from Isaiah 40:31, which was included in his report.

Aubrey asked Peter Goudy to give thanks for the work of the staff of the church.

### **Group reports**

Moved by Alan Sutton, seconded by Greg Gowing, that we approve the group reports. CARRIED.

### **Discussion**

Aubrey thanked Cindy Vizi, Alistair McIlwraith and Greg Gowing for helping with the youth group. There will be a report at the upcoming session meeting, coming out of the strategic plan, about the direction of this ministry.

The Communications Committee and others are working very hard on some of the new initiatives for our 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Greg Gowing needs help with maintaining the website. Please pray that God will raise up people to help with this part of our ministry.

Aubrey thanked the ladies of WinGS and shared that the group has disbanded. There is an opportunity for women to start something new.

Alan Robertson shared an update about the refugee family sponsorship. They have received our package and our family now has a reference number. We have also received money from the Presbytery for this initiative.

Aubrey shared that there are now people from outside the church who are interested in Alpha.

Aubrey thanked Jack Kok for his work maintaining our facility. The stewardship committee is also looking at ways that we can get people involved in caring for our building.

Jane Marshall apologized for the lack of a report from the board of managers and asked if it could be added later. Alan Sutton will prepare something to be appended to the annual report to supplement the property and personnel reports.

### **Group financial reports**

Moved by Shelley Joiner, seconded by Andrea VanDongen, that we approve the group financial reports as presented. CARRIED.

### **Discussion**

There were a few spelling mistakes in the Rachel's Home and youth financial reports that we will correct. Lynn Pinnington pointed out that the Education Credit Union doesn't charge churches if they maintain a balance over \$1,000. The youth may wish consider moving their accounts.

Aubrey asked Alexander McIlwraith to pray for the group reports and Alejandro Ortiz to pray for the financial reports.

### **Congregational financial reports**

Moved by Shelley Joiner, seconded by Alan Sutton, that we approve the church financial report. CARRIED.

### **Discussion**

Aubrey thanked Shelley Joiner for her service as treasurer. Shelley and Rod will be leaving our congregation to move to Seaforth.

Shelley stated that good systems are now in place for managing our finances. We had about \$40,000 in the bank throughout the year ensuring we could meet our expenses including payroll. Givings are still under budget for the year, but our expenses were also under as well. We had significant income from the movie industry over the past year.

Aubrey pointed out that none of the United churches in the area have been able to sustain themselves based on their offerings. We should thank God that we are able to do that.

Jan Sparrow asked if many people used pre-authorized remittance (PAR). The information provided, from a number of people, showed that the number of people using PAR is rather low. We don't have specifics for this meeting as the Lyanne tracks this information in the church office. Electronic donations tend to be for special offerings. Aubrey doesn't believe we get more than about 5 per cent through PAR. In spite of not using PAR, many people do make up their givings when they are away.

### **Auditor's report**

I have completed an audit of the books of Central Presbyterian Church Cambridge Ontario. In my opinion, the financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Church as of December 31, 2016, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Graham Poll CGA CPA

Moved by Gary Bell, seconded by Alan Sutton, that we accept the Auditor's report. CARRIED.

### **Treasurer**

Moved by Shelley Joiner, seconded by John Saliba, that we appoint Graham Poll as treasurer. CARRIED.

### **2017 Budget**

Moved by Sandy Barrie, seconded by Irene MacDonald, that we discuss the 2017 budget as printed. CARRIED.

### **Discussion**

Graham Poll expressed concern that membership is down, but that the budget is up.

Jan Sparrow pointed out that this number doesn't include adherents. We need to make sure that we work hard to end in a positive budget position.

Shelley Joiner noted that there are two new line items under other. These are honorariums for the treasurer and the music ministry assistant who assists with the choir.

Graham Poll asked that we remove the \$1,200 honorarium for the treasurer, and reduce the offering revenue by the same amount.

Joan Bell asked about insurance. In 2016, it seemed like our insurance premium dropped. This was due to the payment schedule. One insurance payment fell into the previous fiscal year. This year it was cheaper for us to pay the whole expense in one lump sum payment. At this time, we have paid the entire insurance amount. The rate has also gone up due to an increase in claims by churches. The insurance

company recommended we increase the insured value of the church, but the board decided that we should not do this at this time.

Shelley thanked all the board members and session members that she has served with and thanked the Lord for the opportunities to serve. She also asked that we pray for her and Rod as they leave us.

Moved by Gary Bell, second by Alan Sutton, that we accept the budget as amended. CARRIED.

### **2017 Auditor**

Moved by Jack Kok, seconded by Alistair McIlwraith, that we approach Tim Hopper to be our auditor for 2017.

### **Supplement to the Buchner fund**

Moved by Shelley Joiner, seconded by Doris Taylor, that we use part of the \$19,000 surplus from last year's income to supplement the Buchner fund. CARRIED.

### **Discussion**

The expense for the construction of the stage exceeded the amount in the Buchner account because of asbestos and the organ. It caused cost overruns by about \$10,000.

Aubrey stated that this is just stuff that happens. You cannot see any problems until things open things up. The organ console was held up by two 2x6's. When the engineer inspected, there were additional changes, which created additional cost. The overage is because of unexpected things.

While it looks like there is money in the Buchner fund, the fund is depleted. The figure in the Buchner fund is the collateral for the loan from Presbytery. We are only allowed to spend a portion of it each year. As we are able to take money out of the fund, we use it to pay down the interest free loan from Presbytery.

### **Appointment of trustees**

We did not need to appoint new trustees. The current trustees are John Saliba, Jim Mattear and Peter Hood.

### **Report of the board of managers nominating committee**

There are no nominations from the nominating committee in spite of their work to find nominees. Nominees from the floor were proposed.

Moved by Gary Bell, seconded by Kay Mattear, that we accept Alan Sutton, John Saliba, Jeramie Nelson, Adolph Baier, Dan Goertz and Ted Brown to the board. CARRIED.

The treasurer is also ex officio to the board.

Aubrey thanked Jack Kok, Lawrence Creswell, and Jane Marshall for their service. Their terms of office are up and they are leaving the board.

### **New business**

#### **Evaluation of the two services**

Moved by Linda Foster, seconded by Kohar Kilejian, that we should discuss the congregation's feelings about the move to two services. WITHDRAWN.

### **Discussion**

Peter Goudy responded that numbers are good and that we have been steadily increasing the number in the 9:15 service. There has not been a decrease in numbers. There is a good cross section in both services. Sunday school has been moved to 9:15 as running it at the 11:00 service was not working. Numbers-wise, we are doing better than other churches with more worship services.



Kohar Kilejian stated that she's missing friends by having two services.

Greg Gowing noted that we don't have a large membership. By moving to one service we narrow our focus to one group of people, creating a challenge to both increase in numbers and to meet our commission to witness to all people. Numbers at the services are up. Additionally, part of the reduction of numbers has to do with a purging of the Roll.

Aubrey asked us to consider the state of other congregations. We called him to help us vision for the congregation. Trying two services is looking long-term; thus, it needs to be a five or longer year project. Forward threw out their traditional service and lost a lot of people before they started to grow again. He noted that we did not do this on a whim.

Gary Bell spoke about how there was a lot of prayerful thought put into this decision and this was not on a whim. He stands behind sessions decision to have two services. He asked if this concern meant a that the congregation had lost faith in its leadership.

Lyn Pinnington stated that there is already something in place when we moved to two services to ensure that there is proper evaluation of our two services.

### **Membership**

John Van Dongen asked a question about how we can say that we are growing when there aren't new members.

### **Discussion**

Aubrey clarified that much of the growth is in adherents. People who don't see the need for a formal membership. John expressed that in the new world it is more like people living common-law. Aubrey said that the ministry he was prepared for is not what it was they prepared him for because of the way things have changed. People now also now don't do a marathon, but they do sprints.

### **Motion to adjourn**

Moved by Shelley Joiner that we adjourn. CARRIED.

The moderator thanked George O'Neil for doing sound and closed the meeting with prayer.

## SESSION REPORT 2017

The highlight of the year was our Anniversary service on Sunday March 5 where we celebrated the 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first worship service held in what was then the brand new Central Presbyterian Church by the Grand River. During those 135 years, Central has had 7 ministers and we were very fortunate to have all the living ministers with us that day. The Rev. Bill Nicholson and the Rev. Angus Sutherland both participated in the service with our current minister, the Rev. Dr. Aubrey J. Botha, who led our worship. We were also honoured to have with us MP Brian May, MPP Kathryn McGarry, Regional Councillor Helen Jowitt and Cambridge Mayor Doug Craig, all of whom brought certificates of recognition and greetings from all levels of government. It was a joyful service attended by current and former members, as well as our friends from Knox's Galt, followed by a reception and luncheon.

In March we received the resignation of our Children's and Family Ministry Co-ordinator, Stacey Yale. Stacey was in the position for eight years and we want to thank her for her dedication and hard work during that time.

With both Children's and Family Ministry and the Youth Ministry Co-ordinators' positions vacant, after much prayer and thoughtful discussion, the session decided to combine the two roles into one full time Family Pastor position. After reviewing applications from a number of candidates, in July we welcomed Timothy Gibb as our new Family Pastor. We pray for God's blessing for Timothy as he works to build God's Kingdom with our children, youth and families.

We wish to extend our sympathies to the family of Gord Gittings, an elder at Central, who passed away this year. Gord was a wonderful, kindly man with a heart for the Lord. We shall all miss him very much.

We want to express our deepest appreciation to Brad Paddock, our Music Director, and to Gwen Darling, our Choir Director, who have worked so hard in the Lord's service in our congregation during the past year and whose work contributes so much to our worship services. We also want to express our most sincere thanks to our Minister, the Rev. Dr. Aubrey J. Botha, whose leadership, teaching, pastoral care and compassion have enriched and strengthened this congregation immeasurably. We pray for God's blessing on each of them as they continue in His service.

### **Elders on Session Committees as of December 31, 2017**

<b>Care Groups</b>	Bruce Jones, Alexander McIlwraith
<b>Central Cares</b>	John Saliba, Doris Taylor
<b>Communications</b>	Greg Gowing, Alexander McIlwraith, Sharon Wohlgemut
<b>Missions/Outreach</b>	Denise McClellan, Sandy Barrie, Greg Gowing, Alexander McIlwraith, Alejandro Ortiz,
<b>Pastoral Relations</b>	Pat Couttie, Andrew Foster, Jim Mattear, Lynda Pinnington
<b>Personnel</b>	Horst Wohlgemut, Scott McHardy
<b>Presbytery Rep</b>	Andrew Foster; alternate: David Couttie, Peter Goudy
<b>Standards</b>	Pat Couttie, Dawn McIlwraith
<b>Stewardship</b>	George Barrie, Andrew Foster, Lynda Pinnington
<b>Use of Church</b>	Jim Mattear
<b>Worship</b>	Peter Goudy, David Couttie, Andrew Foster, Garry Bell, Lorna From, Dawn McIlwraith, Henk Oudshoorn
<b>Clerk of Session</b>	Lynda Pinnington
<b>Visiting Elder</b>	Margaret Macnamara

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MEMBERSHIP STATISTICAL REPORT**

January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

Communicant Members as of December, 2016	313
New Members 2017	<u>3</u>
Sub Total	316
Deaths	7
Transfers	3
Removed	<u>2</u>
Communicant members as of December 31, 2017	304

We are sorry to report that during the past year we lost the following members: Marjorie Souder, May McKenzie, Helen Knight, Alice Becker, Barbara Roos, Gordon Gittings and Isabella Silver. The church offers their condolences to the families and friends of those members.

Again this year we are identifying the 191 adherents that worship with us.

Respectfully submitted by the Standards Committee      *Pat Couttie*

**5 YEAR COMPARISON STATISTICAL REPORT**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<i>Communicant Members</i>	354	344	342	341	313
<i>New Members</i>	8	3	5	2	3
<i>Re-Instated</i>					
<i>Transfer Out</i>		2		2	3
<i>Removals</i>	0	1	8	22	2
<i>Deaths</i>	7	3	5	4	7
<i>Year End Member Total</i>	343	342	341	313	304
<i>Sunday School</i>	50	55		30 attend	20

**Baptisms for 2017:** Bronwyn Baxter, Hazel Peart, Jaxon Sousa, William Goudy, Sybil Johnson and Poppy McLeman

**Funerals for 2017:** Barbara Roos and Donald Peck

## Central Church Family Ministries 2017

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.”

Our lives are dedicated to the praise and worship of God. Our purpose is in glorifying Him and reveling in Him, the God of creation, of salvation and Lord of our hearts and souls. This is the very thing that we want to instill in our families, our students, and our children.

Over the past six months our ministries to children and youth have undergone significant changes. Although these two ministries do not reflect the complete spectrum of what family ministries engage in a congregation like Central, they were the our initial priorities to support growth and vibrancy.

In Children’s Ministry (Central Kids) attention was given first to the Sunday morning experience. We prioritized the re-establishment of a nursery schedule. Additionally, with the help of several of our youth and college students we have just finished a full paint of the nursery room and began refreshing furnishings and toys.

The KidZone Ministry replaced our previous Sunday school program in July. KidZone is a ministry that is focused on our children age 3-10 (up to grade 5) and is led by a ministry team during the last two-thirds of our 9:15am service. KidZone itself made several changes as we reflected on how we wanted to minister to our children and what we wanted that ministry to look like. Over the summer months we anticipated what we do in the fall and improvised with week-to-week lessons and tailored a VBS program for the remainder of the Sunday mornings. In the fall we began our journey with Orange Strategies. This has been a wonderful addition to our KidZone ministries on Sunday morning. Over the past few months we have worked through what it means to minister to our children’s hearts, souls and minds during the Sunday morning experience. We established a new and relevant schedule for people serving in this exciting ministry, and began to incorporate small group ministries for our children as our numbers have grown. Our Cenral Kids ministry (from infant to grade 5) has grown from 8 children in July to an average of 12 in September and 35 children in December. We look forward with excitement to seeing what God is going to do in the lives of the children that He brings us each week.

We began working on our youth ministry in September with the establishment of a brand new youth group. We held our first Wednesday evening meeting with 3 students. In the past few months God has brought along over 20 new faces and an average attendance of 15 students ranging from grade 6 to gap year. We have also seen our first conversion in this ministry! God has been incredibly good to us by giving us a pastoral intern and several field education students from Heritage to support this ministries new life.

In addition to our Wednesday night meetings we are encouraging our students to be involved in leadership development through the ministries of the church, specifically our children’ ministries.

Our Family Fall Festival and Family Christmas Service were great opportunities to involve our families, children and youth in singular focused events. Both of these events were extremely successful. We saw several new families come and join us for our Family Fall Festival that was very exciting.

The goal of all that we do in these ministries is to bring praise and glory to God and I continue to pray that we would be successful in achieving this goal week by week. Thank you to all who serve and dedicate their time and energy to engage our families and next generation leaders in the church. Please continue to pray that God would bring glory to Himself through the work of Central Church!

In Service,

Timothy

## MISSIONS and OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT for 2017

Throughout the year our committee is always impressed by how generous and loving our congregation is towards our missions and outreach projects. God continues to work in your hearts as we serve our local and global community. You show His love as you share your time, talent and treasures and we thank you sincerely for that! We know that many in our congregation often go unrecognized as they contribute in so many ways to other needy causes outside of Central. We pray for God's steadfast love and guidance as we do His work.

We continue to faithfully support our international mission at Rachel's Home, a Christian AIDS orphanage and community school managed by Hilda, the "house-mother". She recently posted on our Rachel's Home Facebook page – "Rachel's Home is my life. I see God everyday through the work that every one of you guys are doing in Lesotho. Thank you so much." Central is essentially the only regular sponsor although Hilda may receive one-time donations occasionally from within and outside Lesotho. There is no government support to date. We provide salaries directly to two care-givers and two teachers at the community school. Hilda picks up the food purchased from a grocery store in Ficksburg, across the border in South Africa. At Christmas we provide a special meal, a gift and some new clothes to the children of the orphanage and school. Our cost is estimated at ~\$11,000 for 2017. We wish to say a special thank you to Johann and his team in the Emergency Ward at CMH who, along with a team from Central, raised a very significant portion of the funds to support Rachel's Home. We thank Elsie for all her efforts managing the project.

Alexander McIlwraith, Chair of our Alpha Subcommittee, and his faithful team provided two successful offerings of the Alpha Program in the winter and fall. We praise God for his leadership team including hosts and helpers, those in the kitchen under Dawn's leadership who continue to provide fantastic suppers, those who provide financial support, and all others who help serve to keep the program running successfully. Each offering brings several guests to a closer stronger relationship with God.

There were some exciting new initiatives begun this year. First, with Cindy Vizi's thrifty shopping skills and great organization, the youth put together 100 "care packages" containing many of the most-needed personal care items such as shampoo, soap, a toothbrush and toothpaste. These were then distributed to guests in need by some of our youth at the Mike's Lunch Baskett program of the Food Bank. Second, a small group project was begun this past year to help homeless men in Cambridge at the Intermediate Christian Home by providing a hot main dish once a month. This provides a respite opportunity for the co-founders. We have had a good response from Central and will continue this project through 2018. Third, Alejandro Ortiz is starting to plan for a return trip to Cubulco, Guatemala in October of 2018 with a new team of volunteers to work alongside the local people. They will add some classrooms to the church built about 5 years ago. This mission is all about sharing God's love and building relationships.

We wish to thank the many volunteers who continue to support Mike's Lunch Baskett program every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday and some 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at the Cambridge Self Help Food Bank, our local mission project. Most volunteers donate one or two Saturdays a year. They set up, prepare a hot nutritious meal, serving anywhere from 40 to over 100 guests, and then clean up. This past year we have been impressed by several youth who have served. We continue to encourage anyone over 12 years old to take part and also accumulate high school volunteer hours.

Thanks to Alistair for his graphics and photographic skills. Anyone who is interested in volunteering to serve in any of our events would be very welcome or if you have any new ideas for activities we would love to hear them.

Finally, Central's Session wishes to thank you for your contribution to Presbyterians Sharing, which is a part of Central's General Operating Funds. The national church then uses these funds to support valuable Canadian mission and ministry work. Truly we can change the world by sharing God's love with others.

**Below is a listing of the year's activities and what projects Central supported:**  
 (Our budget of \$300.00 supports events, promotional materials, colour photocopying)

**Lesotho Education Project (international)**

January 29 Missions Night	-----
February 28 Pancake Supper	\$522.12
April 16 Elsie's Easter Breakfast	\$536.00
Penny Tube	-----
Nov. 4/5 CMH Road to Hope Marathon	~\$5600.00
On-line donations	
Other anonymous donations	<u>+-\$5200</u>

**Cambridge Self Help Food Bank (local)**

April 29 Rescue Junction Music Concert	\$445.00
Care packages (100)	\$1000 (from Central Cares Fund)
Summer challenge- Fill the Net	2280 cans of tuna, salmon and other fish
Dec. 10 White Gift Sunday	~90 gifts for seniors
Mitten tree for children and youth	\$171.00 cash donations + many winter clothing items
Yearly gently used clothing donations	-----
Yearly food donations	-----
Other anonymous donations	_____

**Other (in-house and local)**

April 29 Rescue Junction Music Concert	\$445.00 work of the church
June 3 Garage Sale for Guatemala Mission	\$1189.25
Alpha program for spring and fall	\$2150
Nov. 26 Christmas Potluck	-----
Intermediate Christian Home	main dishes donated monthly

**Respectfully submitted by your Missions and Outreach Committee –**

Sandy Barrie, Lawrence Cresswell, David Hendry, Greg Gowing, Denise McClellan (Chair), Alexander McIlwraith, Alejandro Ortiz, Doris Taylor, Grace and Henry Van Druten

## **2017 Report from the Refugee Committee of Central Presbyterian Church:**

Our refugee sponsorship application was submitted in October of 2016. In March of 2017 the file was sent to the Canadian embassy in Jordan. In the fall of 2017, a year after submitting our application, the Refugee Committee contacted MP, Bryan May's office to ensure that there were no issues with our application. Mr. May's staff provided us with a form to fill out, so they could investigate the status of our application. After contacting Immigration and looking into our case, Mr. May's office reported that it was taking an average of 20 months after the initial application date for any movement. Our case was no different. We were told to contact Mr. May's office again if there was no progress after 20 months.

In mid December, we heard from Rob Shropshire at PWS&D that the family had been called for an interview at the Canadian Embassy in Jordan on January 7, 2018. The interview would be to determine their eligibility as refugees and their admissibility to Canada. Six forms were required to be filled out by the family.

The interview date was changed to January 25<sup>th</sup> and we are thrilled to report that the family has been accepted preliminarily to come to Canada. A security check and medical exams will need to be done. It is expected that it will take another five to six months for all of the details to be finalized.

Our committee did not have any banking activity in 2017 and our account balance still sits at \$3,610, thanks to a donation received from Presbytery in December of 2016. The remaining funds were received from donations given in lieu of birthday gifts for Committee Members Linda Brown and Denis & Sharon Mercier as well as donations given through CanadaHelps.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Brown

Chair, Refugee Committee

## COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

This Committee has a mandate to initiate strategies which improve communication within the congregation and the broader community by:

- a) fostering a sense of fellowship within the Central Church community by supporting access to church-related information via technology and print resources.
- b) informing visitors and newcomers about Central Church activities and opportunities.
- c) linking Central Church members to one another as well as to the larger Christian community.

In 2017, the committee initiated the following activities:

1. introducing an E-Mail newsletter to inform the congregation regarding Communion services, special events, Central members who serve the larger community, and issues of interest to our faith community
2. updating and distributing our church directory
3. making the on-line calendar "public" on our website to enable easier access
4. renewing our website and moving it to Amazon to ensure better service
5. upgrading the office computer system
6. creating a Central presence on social media networks, including Google, Pinterest, Linked-In, You tube, Twitter, Facebook, etc.
7. introducing an event booking form to better coordinate marketing with event planning
8. distributing "Come Celebrate" brochures to visitors
9. designing and marketing a special logo for our 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary
10. planning a series of video interviews featuring a variety of Central members describing their walk of faith
11. developing brochures and marketing materials for First Impressions Ministry

I would like to express my appreciation to my committee members, Alistair McIlwraith, Mike Jennings, Greg Gowing, and Cheryl Fayle who have shared their time and considerable technical expertise in order to get these projects underway.

Sharon Wohlgemut



**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
OF CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Personnel Committee is a joint committee comprised of members of the Session, the Board of Managers and the congregation. Current members are as follows:

Jane Marshall	Congregation Representative
Scott McHardy	Session Representative
Graham Poll	Board of Managers Representative
Dale Ross	Congregation Representative
Horst Wohlgemut	Session Representative

The Committee oversees and monitors the personnel practices of the church within the framework of church policies and guidelines and current Federal and Provincial legislation. Meeting on an as-needed basis, the committee provides a leadership role in Human Resources relations and salary administration for our Custodians, Office Administrator, Music Director, and Family Pastor.

During 2017 the Committee accomplished the following tasks:

1. Reviewed and up-dated the Terms of Reference for the Personnel Committee.
2. Reviewed and up-dated all job descriptions for our staff.
3. Developed the plan for selecting and hiring our new Family Pastor.
4. Reviewed and up-dated staff member performance review processes.
5. Reviewed and up-dated the personnel file for each staff member; placed each personnel file in secure storage.

On behalf of the Personnel Committee, we would like to express our thanks to the excellent service provided by our dedicated staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Horst Wohlgemut, Chair, Personnel Committee

**Board of Managers Report 2017**  
**Central Presbyterian Church**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from the Board of Managers!

Central was truly blessed this past year, with such a caring and giving congregation. Our budget for the year 2017 was \$329,054.00. I am happy to report we ended the year breaking even. Praise be to God! The final numbers will be reported at the Congregational meeting Friday, Feb. 23, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided prior to the meeting.

Thank you to Horst Wohlgemut who has secured a member of the congregation willing to take on the cost of repair to the Rebecca Goldie window. This is one of the smaller windows deemed to be the one in most need of repair.

The Board of Managers has granted approval for the cost of an Engineering firm to conduct a Building Audit of Central Church. This Audit would include the building walls, foundation, mechanical systems and electrical. This report is required to determine priorities for necessary repairs for the upcoming years. Again, a big thank you to Horst Wohlgemut who was the driving force behind this project.

The Board would like to thank Aubrey for his leadership and devotion to Central; Brad & Gwen, for their wonderful musical talents which they so willingly share with the congregation, choir and the praise band; Barry and Dave, the custodians, who quietly keep our church clean and safe; Lyanne our secretary, for her office and clerical duties; Tim Gibb our Family Pastor for the fantastic programs provided to Central's families. A big **THANK YOU** to all.

I would personally like to thank all the Board members for their time and talents this past year - Graham Poll- Treasurer, Ted Brown-Secretary, Alan Sutton-Chair of Finance, Sandy Barrie-Chair of Property, George Barrie-Session Liaison and John Saliba.

Respectfully Submitted  
Garry Bell  
Chairman Board of Managers  
Central Presbyterian Church

## Property Committee Report for 2017

2017 marks the 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary for our church congregation, and as we celebrate many years of worship in our heritage building, we are reminded of the challenges this presents.

It was a year of many repairs and much maintenance. Fixing windows and front door latches due to vandalism is a sign of the times. The dedicated crew of volunteers keep the sanctuary lights shining bright.

An upgrade to a rented natural gas water heater should prove to be a cost-effective improvement. There is enough capacity to provide all our hot water needs in the future when necessary. We are pleased with the lawn care, shrub maintenance and snow removal as we continue with a local contractor.

Barbara Barrie presented a plan to decorate and upgrade our church parlour. It awaits funds and volunteers to make it happen.

A kitchen inspection reminded us that we need to keep monitoring for small critters. Our kitchen facility limits us to basic in-house use, even though we would like to do more.

Painting has been a pastime for our new Family Pastor, as he has painted Lyanne's office and his own office and continues into other rooms in the Sunday School wing. With the help of volunteers, there will be more done in 2018.

Tim appreciates the work of volunteer carpenters in his office with the new book shelves providing additional storage.

Briar Pump and Plumbing came to our rescue after a few cool Sundays. They replaced the valves in our radiators, so the heat would circulate evenly. They informed us we had a good heating system and suggested some house keeping tips to keep it working smoothly.

The big items for our church: the slate roof, stain glass windows and stone walls continue to be of concern. We are blessed with the leadership and dedication of Horst Wohlgemut as he leads us toward making some big decisions regarding the restoration of the church exterior and what will be involved with upgrading the interior as well.

The challenges we face with our aging house of worship is made so much easier with a growing congregation and the guidance of the Lord.

Sandy Barrie, Property Chairman.

## Central Presbyterian Church Choir Report 2017

Once again the Choir has had an exciting event-filled year praising God and sharing in the Music Ministry at Central and beyond.

In January we were privileged to perform at Central's Robbie Burns Dinner to kick off the 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations as well as lead in music during our 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship Service later in the year.

One of our longest serving choir members, Peggy Elmes, provided the funds to enhance the worship platform with new upholstered choirs and we thank her for this very generous gift.

We are blessed at Central to have so many individuals and groups that provide vocal and instrumental music leadership throughout the entire year, even through the summer months and we thank them for sharing their talents.

On the first Sunday evening of Advent we were once again able to participate in the Wesley United Church "Choirs and Carols" concert presenting two anthems and joining the Massed Choir of over 150 voices for "Days of Elijah". Such a thrilling experience! Several of our choir members were also able to join the Massed Choir at Knox Presbyterian in early December to perform with the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra at their Annual Christmas Season Concert.

Throughout the year choir are blessed to combine with the Praise & Worship Band to enhance our worship experience with the congregation. We look forward to a regular weekly opportunity to lead in worship together in an expanded Music Ministry with the new worship format in 2018.

We are led by Gwen Darling and Brad Paddock, two very accomplished and dedicated musicians. They provide new and challenging pieces throughout the season and we celebrate the gifts and blessings they bring to our Choir and the Congregation. Thank you Gwen and Brad!

The Choir has been fortunate to have many, many long time members as well as new folks coming to join us whenever they can. We have a social time once a month following rehearsal and we are a caring and dedicated group who hopefully 'make a joyful noise unto the Lord'!

We invite you to come out Thursday evenings at 7:30PM and give us a try!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Cresswell

CPC Choir President

**Central Presbyterian Church**  
**Men's Fellowship Breakfast Club 2017**

In 2017, the Club continued to convene regularly to enjoy fellowship, guest speakers and tasty food. During the year six breakfasts were held. Five of the meetings were in the Central Presbyterian Church Hall. Two joint meetings, with nearby Presbyterian Men's Breakfast Groups were held: one at Westside Presbyterian Church in May and one at Central Presbyterian Church in October.

We continued to welcome interesting and informative guest speakers who shared a broad range of subjects:

- \*Imax Development with Dave Menary;  
The creation and development of Imax in Cambridge.
  
- \*We Charity/Free the Children with Christal Tufford;  
To empower youth in Canada and in developing communities to change their lives.
  
- \*Development and Densification with John Goodwin;  
The conflict between population growth and land availability.
  
- \*Genealogy by George O'Neil.

The Club continues to support Presbyterian Church initiatives by providing financial support to Presbyterian World Service and Development and to Evangel Hall.

Special recognition is given to Sarah Barrie for her exemplary catering service to our Club. In addition to her regular breakfast items, homemade bakery treats were featured. Breakfast is always served with Sarah's good humour and attention to detail.

We will continue our activities in 2018 and provide welcoming greetings to all that might care to join with us.

Alan Bethune  
Peter Hood  
Doug Whistance

**Central Presbyterian Church  
Youth Ministry Financial Statement  
January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017**

Bank Balance January 1, 2017	<b>\$ 3,767.75</b>
Receipts	
Total Donations \$ 150.00	
Interest Earned \$ 0.47	
\$ 150.47 \$ 150.47	
	<b>\$3,918.22</b>
Expenditures	
Cheq. # 805 –	
Bibles for Youth \$ 196.90 \$ 196.90	
	<b>\$3,721.32</b>
<b>Bank Balance December 31, 2017</b>	<b>\$3,721.32</b>

**Central Presbyterian Church  
Children's Ministry Financial Statement  
January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017**

Bank Balance January 1, 2017	<b>\$2,172.84</b>
Receipts	
Total Donations \$ 240.00 \$ 240.00	
	<b>\$2,412.84</b>
Expenditures	
CHQ#175 – Carpet for KidZone \$110.74	
Bank Monthly Fee \$ 81.00	
Total Expenses \$191.74 \$191.74	
	<b>\$2,221.10</b>
<b>Bank Balance December 31, 2017</b>	<b>\$2,221.10</b>

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast Club  
Financial Statement for the year ending December 2017**

**Bank Balance December 31, 2017** **\$239.87**

**Receipts**

**Member donations at meetings** **\$830.00**

**Bank maintenance fee adjustment** **\$44.00**

**Sub Total** **\$874.00**

**Disbursements**

**Catering S. Barrie - #72** **\$110.00**

**Catering S. Barrie - #73** **\$110.00**

**Catering S. Barrie - #74** **\$120.00**

**Catering S. Barrie - #75** **\$146.00**

**October Presentation Gift Reimbursement P. Hood** **\$12.00**

**Catering S. Barrie - #76** **\$150.00**

**Donation PWS&D - #77** **\$75.00**

**Donation Evangel Hall - #78** **\$75.00**

**Bank Maintenance Fees - 12x\$2,50** **\$30.00**

**Sub Total** **\$828.00**

**Bank Balance: December 31, 2017** **\$285.87**

**Respectfully yours,**

**Peter Hood, Treasurer**

## CENTRAL CHURCH FLOWER GUILD 2017

Balance forward from 2016		\$425.79
Deposits	Donations	65.00
	Dues for 2018	55.00
Expenses:		
Flowers for Canada Day Service		45.15
Flowers for Family Pastor and family		50.85
Plants to 18 Shut Ins for Thanksgiving		101.50
Balance as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> 2017		348.29

The Flower Guild would like to thank all those who placed Memorial Flowers  
And all those who gave of their time to help with Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.



**Auditor's Report for financial Records for 2017**

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 I conducted an examination of the books of Central Presbyterian Church for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017 with Graham Poll, treasurer and Lyanne Lynch, church secretary in attendance.

I have concluded that the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the church's financial position in accordance with the financial reporting framework used for the preparation and presentation of the annual Financial Reports and that the reports have been prepared using generally accepted accounting principles.

The Financial Statements comply with relevant statutory requirements and regulations and there is adequate disclosure of all material relevant to the proper presentation of the financial information.

Respectfully submitted

*Shelley M. Joiner*  
Auditor