



**CENTRAL**  
Presbyterian Church

**News From Central**  
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## WANT HAPPIER, MORE SUCCESSFUL KIDS? BRING THEM TO CHURCH!

Sociologist Robert Putnam, who has done extensive research on church goers, notes “Compared to their unchurched peers, youth who are involved in religious organizations take tougher courses, get higher grades and are less likely to drop out of school.” They also “have better relations with their parents and other adults, have more friendships with high-performing peers, and are more involved in sports and other extracurricular activities.” For those parents who might struggle to get their children up and ready for church, you can be reassured that you are indeed doing something important for your children. Your persistence not only fosters their sense of well-being and happiness but also supports their growth in faith. Our new Family Pastor, Tim Gibb has created Kidszone, a welcoming and fun program which teaches children about Jesus and the Bible through a variety of activities and media messages. Here, each child is encouraged to learn, participate and experience the joy of being part of the Lord’s plan.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PLEASE NOTE THAT CENTRAL CHURCH NOW HAS ONE SERVICE  
AT 10:00 AM EACH SUNDAY

Alison Lupton & Friends KW	Friday, March 16	7:30 pm
Symphony	Saturday, March 24	8:00 pm
Palm Sunday	Sunday, March 25	10:00 am
Holy Thursday Communion	Thursday, March 29	7:00 pm
Good Friday	Friday, March 30	10:00 am
Easter Sunday	Sunday, April 1	10:00 am
Men’s Kintail Retreat	Friday, April 6-Sunday, April 8	
KW Symphony	Saturday April 28	8:00 pm

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**ALLISON LUPTON AND FRIENDS:** Come and enjoy the Celtic music of local musician Allison Lupton and her fellow musicians. Allison and Friends has been nominated as Vocal Group of the Year and consists of a “stellar group of musicians” each of whom has enjoyed an exceptional career. For more information, check out Allison’s website. This concert will be held on March 23 at 7:30 at Central Church. Tickets are 20\$ for adults and 15\$ for students.

Tickets are available in the office, at the door, from Andrew Foster or Val Geddes or online @ <https://centralchurchcambridge.ca/news/allison-lupton-in-concert-march-16>

# HOW CENTRAL SERVES

Grand Valley Prison – Faith Brown

Faith Brown was introduced to the need to serve those less fortunate at an early age, as her father was a minister. When he was assigned a parish on a native reserve, Faith learned to love, respect, and enjoy the companionship of the children with whom she played. As an adult with her own family, Faith cared for her mother-in-law through difficult times and realized that a calm, quiet approach would quiet the most difficult situations. As a foster parent, Faith created a stable, loving home for needy children and maintains contact with some of them.

Developing these skills has enabled Faith to work successfully with women who are serving time in the local women's prison. In 2007, Faith began to assist with the Alpha program which was offered at the prison. Faith notes that the Alpha program changes the women as they begin to realize that God loves them and cares about their lives. Faith helps the women understand that God has brought them to Him, and, although they cannot change what has happened in the past, they can change what will happen in the future. As a result, these women become more supportive of one another and more positive about themselves.

Faith supports the women by offering an oasis of calm when their world falls apart, and a voice of reason when they ask for advice. By attending church with them, talking with them, and crying with them, Faith has earned their trust. By tending to women who are incarcerated, isolated, and often forgotten, Faith continues to serve her Lord.

