### **Our Team**

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# Large Print Sunday Service Bulletins are available at the main entrance



## December 9th, 2018 10.00 am Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the advent candle by the Senior family

Carol Away in a manger #149

Baptism We welcome into Baptism,

Isaac Mathew Geddes,

son of Jay Geddes and Shyla Mathai.

Praise Choir Aaronic blessing

Praise & Worship Hark the herald angels sing #139

Christmas Offering

How Great is our God

Prayer Song Emmanuel

Message Rev. Dr. Aubrey Botha

Choir Who on earth could know

Offering

Closing song Go tell it on the mountain #133

Benediction

Children are encouraged to join us in Kidzone following "How great is our God"

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome all who come to worship with us today. Visitors are invited to sign the guest book in the foyer. Please join us after the service for coffee/tea & fellowship.

#### Sr. High Christmas Party

**THIS EVENING** from 6:30-8pm at the church. Please bring a wrapped gift with a value of no more than \$5 for a secret Santa game

#### **Trinity Community Table**

Trinity Community Table are seeking donations of the following items for their Christmas Dinner and gift bags; canned fruit, frozen turkey, hats, gloves, mitts, socks, for men and women.

These items can be dropped off at Trinity Church on Mon, Wed and Fri from 9-1 up until Dec 12.

#### **Hospital Visits**

Visits will be conducted by Kay Mattear for the month of December

#### **Nairn-Taylor**

Nairn-Taylor Circle will not be meeting at the Church on December 18th, as we will be having our Christmas Lunch at The Keg 12 noon.

#### **Garbage Tag Donations**

The church is always in need of tags for our continuous clean up. If you have some you may not use this year kindly leave them in the kitchen.

#### **Church Directory**

Please help us update our church directory by completing the contact sheet with your current information. If you have not received one, please take one from outside the church office.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Worship	Dec 18th "	7.00pm
Prayer Group	u	7.30pm
Ministers Bible Study	Dec 20th	7.00pm
Choir	u	7.30pm
Snr Youth	Dec 23rd "	6.30pm

Church Envelopes for 2019 are now available in the Narthex!

Please pick up your box as soon as possible.

Those who don't have a box assigned and would like one, should contact the office.



# The Intermediate Christian Home -our newest outreach project-

#### What is our newest outreach project?

In 2017 the Missions and Outreach Committee was approached by Valerie Cleland and Irene MacDonald with a small outreach project that they wanted to launch as a small care group at Central.

The project would involve each volunteer providing a hot main dish for about six homeless men **ONLY ONCE** in the **ENTIRE YEAR** at the Intermediate Christian Home, a registered charity run by cofounders, Richard and Mirella Martin and situated in downtown Galt at 148 Grand Ave. S. This would provide a respite opportunity for the co-founders of ONE MEAL PER MONTH.2018 proved to be a great success and we sincerely thank all those who contributed a meal for this project. We plan to continue this project throughout 2019.

#### What is the Intermediate Christian Home?

The Intermediate Christian Home has been welcoming homeless men since 2003. "Residents are inspired to make lifestyle changes in order to support mental health wellness and prevent recurring homelessness." They "collaborate with medical professionals and social services in each man's best interest" but "recognize that only God can change the human heart and transform lives!" The Home provides an "opportunity to explore the Christian faith and face personal struggles". Central is often visited by some of the Home's clients.

#### How can you help?

Sign up on a sheet in our kitchen to provide two basic casseroles (~9 x 13-inch dishes) such as chili, Shepherd's pie, sloppy joes, meatballs in spaghetti sauce, chicken in mushroom soup, etc. for a month of your choice. Please contact Valerie Cleland for more information. She will contact you as needed.

#### SERVICE AT CENTRAL

Greeters for today: John and Hanan Saliba
Greeters for next week: Jane & Dan Sparrow

#### THIS COMING WEEK AT CENTRAL

M&O	Tuesday	7.00pm
Worship	"	7.00pm
Prayer Group	"	7.30pm
Ministers Bible Study	Thursday	7.00pm
Choir	"	7.30pm
Women's Bible Study	Friday	10.00am
Ennis Sisters	"	7.00pm
Family Christmas Service	Sunday	10.00am
Snr Youth	u	6.30pm



Nursery: Infants –3 years old

Kidzone: Ages 3– grade 4

Kidzone meets during the service in the fellowship hall. We engage in large group worship and teaching then break off into age based small groups for discussion and activities. Children can be picked up after the service from their small group Classrooms.

Ages 3 -5 classroom next to the Nursery

Grades 1-2 classroom opposite Minister's office

Grades 3-4 In the Riverside Loft (above library)



#### WHITE GIFT SUNDAY TODAY!!

White Gift Sunday has its origins in a Methodist Church in Ohio around the year 1904. There the idea began to give gifts wrapped in white paper to people in need at Christmas. Gifts were given anonymously so that no one would make comparisons on the value of the gifts. Everyone could share in the gift giving and all gifts were appreciated equally.

This year we are once again supporting the Cambridge Self Help Food Bank, focusing on "seniors in

need" specifically. This is a group that is often overlooked in our community – many are alone and are living on as little as \$12,000/year for food, rent, clothing, medical and other needs. Some suggestions for gifts are: toiletries such as hand lotion, shampoo, and shaving cream, gloves/mittens, hats, scarves, slippers, socks and other clothing items, chocolates/candy. Gifts may be unwrapped or if wrapped, please indicate male (M) or female (F). For many seniors this will be the only gift they receive, and it is a wonderful way to show God's love in our community.

Please donate any gifts TODAY if possible so that the Food Bank has time to distribute the gifts through its programs. If you would rather we did the shopping, we will provide labelled envelopes for "White Gift Sunday" beside the Christmas tree in the hall.

#### **OUR "MITTEN TREE" FOR KIDS**



We will place a tree in the hall to collect donations of mittens, hats, scarves and other winter apparel for children in need in our community by Dec. 23. We consulted the Food Bank who will distribute the items and were told that both newly purchased and "home-made" items would be happily received. If

you would rather we did the shopping, we will provide labelled envelopes for the "Mitten Tree" beside the Christmas tree in the hall to make any donations. Please help us fill the tree!

#### FOOD BANK WINTER CLOTHING COLLECTION

We will have a labelled basket in the front foyer for the collection of winter clothing items that are **gently used** (clean and in good repair). Items such as coats, boots, sleeping bags, hats, scarves, mitts, and socks would be greatly appreciated.



**The Ennis Sisters**, will perform at Central Presbyterian Church on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @7pm. Doors open 6.15pm. Tickets are \$35.00 and are available via their website <a href="http://theennissisters.com/site/shows/">http://theennissisters.com/site/shows/</a> Note that Central is hosting only, tickets are available online only.

## CENTRAL CHURCH FLOWER GUILD AN INVITATION..... and a little bit of HISTORY.....

In March 1924 at the invitation of Mrs. Hamilton the Flower Guild of Central was formed. The duty of the Guild was to supply and arrange flowers in the church sanctuary for the Sunday services. The Guild has evolved over these many years to encompass

changing times and responsibilities but the foundation remains the same and we would like to share our achievements and hope for the future with you.

To this end we would invite you **TODAY AFTER SERVICE** to visit the display set up in the hall. **PLEASE JOIN US**. We wish to increase our membership and be refreshed with new ideas to help us continue to build on the vision set out so long ago. Thank you

#### Opportunity to serve at the Christmas Eve service

We would like to give you the opportunity to serve at the Christmas Eve service. You will find a card in your bulletin today listing the different serving opportunities. Please prayerfully consider where you might be able to serve and then fill out the card and please place it in the offering plate. We will contact you with information regarding your choice.



Please note new time 6:00 pm