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9.30 - 12.30

Deadline for bulletin entries Wednesday 11am.

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Hope
Peace
Joy

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019 - 10am**

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Prayer

Children's Pageant

WOW! A New Nativity Play

O, Come All Ye Faithful

Away In A Manger

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

We Three Kings

Joy To The World

Offering

Benediction

Greeter this week: Abigail & Joel Oritz-Herfst

Greeters next week: Lorna From

*In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome all who come
to worship with us today.*

Please join us after the service for refreshments & fellowship



Our Family Ministry would like to say a big THANK YOU to our volunteers who have done a wonderful job to make our pageant happen today.

OUR "MITTEN TREE" FOR KIDS

Our tree is in the hall to collect donations of mittens, hats, scarves and other winter apparel for children and youth in need in our community until Dec. 22.

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 that 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 place them in the collection plate on Sunday. Please help us fill the tree!



Nursery: Infants - 3 years old

KidZone: Ages 3 - grade 7



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 1-3: classroom opposite Minister's office

Grades 4-7: room above the library



**Toonies for Rachel's Home
TODAY!**

We have received some critical news from Rachel's Home, the AIDS orphanage and community school that we support as our international mission. Lesotho and other parts of southern Africa are suffering one of the worst droughts in many years and Hilda, the housemother of the orphanage, tells us that their vegetable garden has totally failed. This means the children are without a supply of vegetables to supplement their diets. There is no "Veggie Patch" for these children unless we can help them.

So, we are responding to their need by providing a program called "Toonies for Rachel's Home". We are asking each person in our congregation to donate today. Keep a look out for Christmas stockings to donate your toonies. For the cost of just one coffee or one chocolate bar, we will be able to provide some vegetables throughout the drought, a Christmas dinner and a Christmas gift of one clothing item such as a T-shirt for each orphan and community school child.

Please help to ensure that no child is forgotten this Christmas as we show God's love to those so desperately in need.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity in the lives of these children.

THIS COMING WEEK AT CENTRAL

Please be advised the office will be closed this coming Tuesday for Financial Review meeting.

Nairn Taylor	Tuesday	1.00pm
Christian Education	Tuesday	6.00pm
Praise team	Tuesday	7.00pm
Prayer Group	Tuesday	7.30pm
Choir	Wednesday	7.00pm
Connected	Wednesday	7.00pm
JR & SR Youth Christmas	Friday	7.00pm

2020 Offering Envelope Boxes are ready for you to pick up. Please look for yours on the tables located in the back of the sanctuary this morning.

UPCOMING AT CENTRAL

Christmas Eve Service Dec 24th 6pm

Our database is an evolving document which we can keep updated with your help! Please contact the office if you notice any additions or omissions required.



SESSION MEETING

- **January session meeting:** Because of the New Year's Day holiday, the January session meeting will be held on Wednesday January 8 at 7 pm. It will be a joint meeting with the Board of Managers to review the 2020 budget.
- **Aubrey's vacation:** Aubrey will be visiting his parents in South Africa from February 3 - 18. For this reason, the session meeting normally held in the first week of February will be held on Wednesday January 29.
- **Roof Project:** The Board of Managers has signed a contract with Paul Everett to oversee the roof project. The first task is to draw up specifications and put out a call for tenders.
- **2020 Communion Dates:** We will have Communion services on the following dates in 2020: February 2, March 1 (Lent), April 9 (Thursday evening), May 10, June 21, October 4 (World Communion Sunday) and November 29 (Advent).
- **Christmas Eve:** We need people to help on Christmas Eve. Before the service, we need people to help people find seats in the balcony and the main floor. During the service, we need people to help take up the collection. Please speak to Alexander McIlwraith if you can help.



Overwhelming Support for White Gift Sunday

Many seniors in need in our community are truly blessed! Last Sunday, through your amazing kindness and generosity, we received an estimated 125 thoughtful gifts to send to the Food Bank this week in time to be distributed for Christmas. A spirit of love and giving grows strong here at Central.

Thank you to everyone!

Results of our Giving Tuesday Campaign

Giving Tuesday on Dec. 3 of this year was a global day of giving where you can donate on-line through Canada Helps to a charity of your choice. This year we were promoting our mission project at Rachel's Home and we had quite a successful outcome, with many thanks to Greg's computing skills and Sybil's graphic design skills. We received 9 donations totalling \$634.00, with \$554.00 designated for Rachel's Home and \$80 for the Life and Work of Central Church. We will continue to promote and grow this project next year.