



ONGOING INITIATIVES DURING COVID-19 “CATCH-UP-CALLS”

Our concern for our members resulted in the decision to maintain communication by calling each member every few weeks to ensure that he/she was managing through this difficult time. These calls are very positive both for the callers and the folks we contact and remind us all that we are indeed a church family and that we are here to help each other. A new round of calls will begin shortly.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Even though our child and youth programs were unable to continue in the usual way, Keri Beda has been creating packages of materials and interesting activities which keep the children involved. At Easter, for instance, each family received a package with Easter themed stories and activities designed to interest and involve the children. Keri and Cassidy, one of our youth leaders, ran a very successful virtual VBS as well.

FINANCES

We are most grateful to Central members for continuing to support the church financially. This has allowed us to maintain staff and pay for essential services. It is a credit to you, our members, that Central has survived. Give yourselves a collective “pat-on-the-back” for remaining so faithful.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our website at <https://centralchurchcambridge.ca> or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/centralchurch> You can also watch our services anytime at: <https://youtube.com/c/CentralChurchCambridgeCa/>

LET US REJOICE!

Central Church is alive and functioning and this newsletter will provide an update on the many great programs that have been active over the past few months as well as some things we are looking forward to as the fall progresses.

CENTRAL RE-OPENING

On September 13, Central Church reopened for services. Hand sanitizers, masks, distance seating, and contact tracing logs were in place to ensure the safety of the approximately 100 members who attended. The Praise Band was in great form and there was lots of humming along behind the masks.

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LOOKING FORWARD – REINSTALLATION OF THE GOLDIE WINDOW

If you have been by Central lately, you may have noticed scaffolding and plastic covers over the Goldie window. While the reinstallation is a little slower than expected due to the amount of wood framing that needs to be replaced, it should be viewed in all its glory by the end of October. While the cost of much of the restoration has been covered, there will be about \$40,000 remaining to be paid.

ELDER CHANGES

After 21 years as an Elder, Dave Couttie has submitted his resignation. We are grateful for his wise and thoughtful insights and we will miss him in our deliberations. Lorna From has asked for a leave of absence for personal reasons and we wish her peace at this time. Finally, Garry Bell has returned to the area and we are delighted to welcome him back to the Session. We appreciate his hard work and expertise.

FALL FAMILY FUN

With restrictions on in-person gatherings, Keri and her team have rescued the traditional Fall Festival by putting together a “Family Fall Fun” package for each child. It includes an outdoor scavenger hunt, several crafts and a treat bag. It also includes a brochure for “Going the Extra Mile” and it is hoped that families may get involved in supporting our orphans in Lesotho.

RACHEL'S HOME UPDATE



Since we are unable to have our usual fall “Road to Hope Marathon” to raise money for Rachael’s Home, our orphanage in Lesotho, Elsie has devised an alternate plan. We are suggesting that you and your family register and collect pledges. Then pick a day, and a route, and walk, run, or jog, five km. We are hoping to raise at least \$5,000 in order to continue our support of Rachel’s Home. This fund-raiser is even more important this year as Covid-19 has reduced monies from other South African donors and the orphanage is struggling to feed and care for the children.

