

# May / June 2021



## COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

During this seemingly endless pandemic, as I contemplate even more restrictions and lost opportunities to see friends and family, I have a strong impulse to give vent to feelings of anger, frustration, and negativity. I'm fed up! Fed up with a slow vaccine rollout, fed up with stupidity on the part of a few leading to infection for many, fed up with all my social interactions being on Zoom.

But then as I gaze on the yellow daffodils gaily dancing in the breeze, and I nestle in a house where I am safe, warm, and have company, I realize that, indeed, I am one of the most fortunate. Through no action of mine, I live in a country where freedoms are guaranteed and our government is stable. Food on the table is only limited by my energy and creativity. I am able to use modern technology to "meet" with my children and grandchildren, and, although I miss them dreadfully, I know they are safe and thriving. God has indeed been good to me and my family and as I pray for those who have lost jobs and face financial stress, for those who are ill with COVID and those who struggle with frailty and old age, I am ashamed. I am so blessed in so many ways, that I am determined to focus on being joyful in the life that God has given me and cheerily greet each day. Faith will enable us to pass through this dark vale, and, one day, we will be able to look up unto the hills.

**NOTICE: STARTING APRIL 25TH, CENTRAL CHURCH  
WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL POST LOCKDOWN**

### DATES AND EVENTS:

Sunday, May 2nd, 2021 / Communion  
Sunday, June 20th, 2021 / Communion



## FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE

The Mission and Outreach Team are once again gearing up to sponsor a Food Drive Challenge during the summer months. During this pandemic, many in our community are without work and rely on the Food Bank. The Food Bank is in desperate need of donations and foodstuffs to meet the needs of our community and the Food Drive Challenge provides an opportunity for Central to support this worthy cause.



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## NAME CHANGES FOR FINANCIAL DONATIONS

With the activation of the roof project, and to avoid confusion, the Board of Managers has approved a series of name changes for donations. Those who are on PAR will be able to designate donations to each fund separately.

- a) **Restore Central Project Fund** – *(formerly the Roof Fund)*  
This fund has been established to include both exterior (roof, masonry, etc.) and interior (electrical, etc.) renovations. Previous donations to the Roof Fund are included in this fund.
- b) **Preservation Emergency Fund** – *(formerly the Preservation Fund)* This fund was established to ensure that there are capital funds in reserve for emergencies such as a new boiler.
- c) **Life and Work of the Church**

## ROOF AND STONEMASONRY UPDATE

The south-western part of the slate roof has been removed and a temporary watertight membrane has been installed on the roof deck. Removal of slates from the south-eastern is almost complete and will be covered by a watertight membrane also. Work has begun on cutting slates to duplicate the existing pattern currently found on the roof. A mock-up of the copper flashings and eavestrough has also been submitted.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE: YEAR TO DATE

Operations	Budget	Actual
Revenues	\$82, 250	\$78,821
Expenses*	\$108,338	\$81,713
Net Income	<b>\$26,088</b>	<b>-\$2,891</b>

\*Expenses include total cost of church insurance

## GUATEMALA CALLS THE ORTIZ FAMILY

Alejandro and Kathryn, and their children, Abigail, Joel, Madelyn, and Nolan are moving to Cubulco, Guatemala. Alejandro and Kathryn have heard the call to preach and serve in this community and will be moving this summer. The family is serving with Missionary Ventures Canada, and Alejandro, who has taken courses at the Presbyterian Seminary in Guatemala, will be working as a leader / pastor in Cubulco. We will be praying for them as they begin their new life in Guatemala.

## WE GOT THE LOAN!

The Funding Committee is delighted to report that a loan for \$1,500,000 has successfully been negotiated and approved by the Presbyterian Church Building Corporation and will be used to cover the restoration costs. Now we just have to raise the funds to pay it all back!.

*We are most grateful to Central members for continuing their financial support. In these difficult times, we rely on your donations to pay our staff, utilities and upkeep and encourage regular giving.*