



PLANNING AHEAD AT CENTRAL CHURCH

At a workshop on January 27th, Central elders gathered to develop a new, three year strategic plan. Some of the strategic objectives included:

1. **Succession Plan:** Aubrey will be retiring in three years and we would like to ensure a seamless transition to our next minister.
2. **Communication and Media:** We plan to revamp our website to ensure that it is informative and timely and to enhance our online and media presence.
3. **Congregational Development:** We will provide more opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship through Bible Studies, small groups, and social events.
4. **Community Development:** We will use social media to enhance our community profile and encourage use of our facilities.

Please consider whether you might be interested in helping to plan for Central's future.

MARCH / APRIL EVENTS / DATES

- Wednesday, March 13th / **HYMN SING CAFÉ** / 2pm - 4pm
- Sunday, March 17th / **ALISON LUPTON & FRIENDS** / 7pm
- Saturday, March 23rd / **FAMILY EASTER BREAKFAST** / 9am
- Friday, March 29th / **GOOD FRIDAY** / 10am
- Sunday, March 31st / **EASTER SUNDAY** / 10am
- Wednesday, April 10th / **HYMN SING CAFÉ** / 2pm - 4pm
- Sunday, April 14th / **WELCOME LUNCH** / *after service*

ABBA MANIA IS BACK!!!

Central will be hosting an ABBA concert on May 11th at 7pm. This tribute band will have you singing along while your toes are tapping. As this is a major fundraising event, please ask friends and relatives to join us for a fun night of music and nostalgia. Enjoy all of your favourite ABBA songs. MAMA MIA but it will be fantastic!



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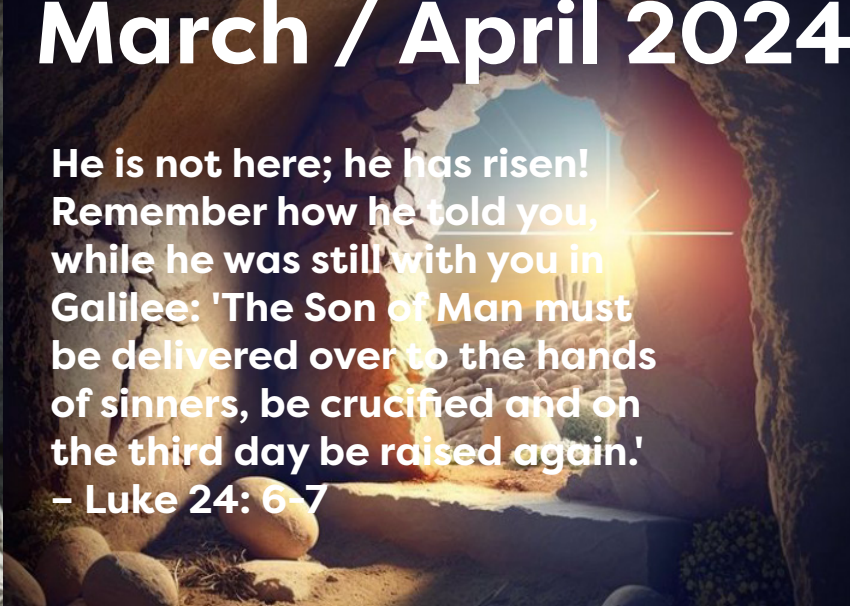
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He is not here; he has risen!
Remember how he told you,
while he was still with you in
Galilee: 'The Son of Man must
be delivered over to the hands
of sinners, be crucified and on
the third day be raised again.'
- Luke 24: 6-7



BEING A JESUS CHURCH

Most Sunday mornings, Aubrey begins the service by repeating the definition of a “Jesus” church **“where everyone is welcome, where no one is perfect and where everyone is loved”**. Interestingly, science is showing that practicing loving kindness can profoundly affect our physical health as well as our mental health. It turns out that when we show love by being kind to others, we activate a part of the brain that feels pleasure! A hormone, oxytocin, is released when we express loving kindness either in word or deed and it makes us feel happy which, in turn, affects our physical well-being. Perhaps that is why churchgoers, the largest group of volunteers in our community, are not only happier but healthier as well. We all thrive in an atmosphere where *“Love thy Neighbour”* is the principle which governs our actions.

STORY SONGS FOR SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Join Alison Lupton, Shane Cook, James Keelaghan, Jaz Lowe and Tony McManus as they perform songs and fiddle tunes, and tell the stories that inspired the music. These musicians have won Canada wide acclaim and this performance on March 17th should not be missed. Tickets are available at www.ticketscene.ca/events.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL EARLY NOTICE

Registration for students wishing to attend Vacation Bible School this summer (from July 22nd to July 26th) will begin in March.

FAMILY EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Families with children are invited to a Family Easter Breakfast on Saturday, March 23rd at 9am. This is an opportunity for Central families to join Jocelyn in sharing a breakfast together as they mark this important event in the Christian calendar. A sign-up sheet is located on Jocelyn's door.



IN MEMORIAM:

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