

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 7, 2017 — Epiphany Sunday
- Baptism of Jesus

Scriptures for Jan. 7

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 - God has searched and known me.

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 - Your body is a temple of God's Spirit.

John 1:43-51 - Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael.

Sunday, January 21

- Outreach Soup Luncheon

Please join us for refreshments after the service in Mid Turner.

Happy New Year! Thank you for being part of our Church Family. Thank you to those who sent Christmas cards.

Congratulations to Ian McLean for being recognized on the Mayor's 2017 Honour List!

End of Year Reports are due.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Marilyn Sheppard**. Marilyn was a long-time member of Central and will be greatly missed. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Memorial Service for **Elinor Haig** on Jan. 20th at 11:30 am at Central United in the chapel. Reception will be held in Mid-Turner. Please sign up if you can stay for lunch, so they know how many will attend.

Progressive Christianity Study Group

The study group on "progressive spirituality from a Christian perspective" is **on hold until the New Year when there will be two more sessions on January 10 & 17.**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts on January 18 - 25.

Upcoming Meetings

Jan. 9 - Outreach Committee @ 3pm
 Jan. 18 - Worship Committee @ 4:45 pm
 Jan. 23 - Board Meeting @ 4pm
 Feb. 11 - Annual General Meeting

We need your help to take down the Christmas decorations on **Tuesday, January 10 at 9:30 am**. Many hands make light work. Thank you!

Central Forum - 1 pm

Jan. 9 - The Inca Trail, Peru - Al Grimwood

Jan. 16 - Policing in Sarnia - John Pearce

Jan. 23 - Bio industrial Innovation
 Sandy Marshall

Jan. 30 - Teaching Mathematics in Ontario
 Kevin Shaw, Brian McBain

Feb. 6 - The Danish Experience
 Monica Shepley, Jonna Easterby

Feb. 13 - Living with Mental Illness
 Harlin Braichet, Don Schenk

Feb. 20 - Song Writing 101: Ever wonder how songs are created? - Paul Woolley

After **Church Coffee** is in need of volunteers for March, and April. If you can help, please call Gloria Finch at 519-869-6020.

Worship Committee will host in January and Outreach Committee in February.

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas. The Sunday School children and families helped to make the Advent season at Central United special for all. I want to thank all those who helped to make it a success including the children of the congregation, parents, and adults who participated in the pageant and the children's presentation. Special thanks to Sunday School teachers - Leslie Fraleigh, Lauren Kilbreath and Brooke Penner. Sunday School children and families participated in the Advent Candle lighting and also did welcoming throughout December. Also thanks to Margaret Selassie who wrote the Christmas Eve play as well as the liturgy for the Advent Candle lighting throughout Advent. The Sunday School held a Social after church on December 17, 2017 which was well attended. So thanks, to all who volunteered and donated goodies. Last but not least, the Sunday School children made beautiful Christmas pictures, which were photographed and sent to our shut-ins. Their art work is hanging in mid-Turner Hall. Thanks again and Happy New Year! Nancy Andrews

The **Nominating Committee** met on Dec. 27. If you have an interest in sitting on a committee, please contact Donna Poore at 519-332-2530.

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 Directly following the service

Valentine’s Day Purse Project

Your Outreach/Pastoral Care Committee is organizing a gently used purse collection, filled with useful items, earmarked for survivors of sexual assault.

Items to be included might be: soap, toiletries, personal hygiene products, socks, toothbrush/paste, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, and Tim’s gift cards. We have a selection of well-loved purses ready to fill, so just fill a Ziploc bag with goodies.

If you prefer, consider a cash gift and we’ll shop for you. All donations will be received by Allyson Caslick or in the church office and will be accepted through January 28th for delivery to the Sexual Assault Survivor’s Group for distribution in time for Valentine’s Day.

Lambton Centre will be having their Annual General Meeting on January 21, 2018 at 12:30 at Wyoming United Church, 730 Second St, Wyoming, Ontario. We will also be accepting applications for new board members. If you are interested in being on the board, there are applications available in the church office. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at drbettyknight@hotmail.com or 519-542-6845 or you can email the Lambton Centre Board by email at theboard@lambtoncentre.com

Please pray for:

Yacoub & Abla, Nisreen, Lucien, Luke, Tim, Bobby, Janis, Paul, Andrew, Jean, Joleene, Elizabeth, Jack, Darryl, Adele, Bert, Ancheta family, Wendy, Julie, Mary Anne, Lori, Denise, Rick, Cheryl



If you need a name added to our prayer list, please call the church office.

Christmas Wheels are ready to be picked up at the sanctuary doors.

“These Days” Devotional books are available outside of the sanctuary for \$4.

Offering Envelopes for 2018 are available to be picked up at the back on the Sanctuary. Please let the church office know if you would like to receive envelopes.

Copies of the **Mandate magazine** are available on the table outside of the sanctuary.

Church Calendars are available for \$6 at the church office.

Updated **Church Rosters and Photo Directories** are available in the church office.

Note: All material for the bulletin boards must come through the office before being posted. Thank you.

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.

Office Hours

Tuesday – Friday 9 am to 12 pm

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH SCHEDULE

Mon. Jan. 8	9 am Walking Group
Tues. Jan. 9	
Wed. Jan. 10	9 am Walking Group 1 pm Computers
Thur. Jan. 11	7 pm Survivor’s Group
Fri. Jan. 12	9 am Walking Group 1 pm Computers
Sat. Jan. 13	
Sun. Jan. 14	10:30 am Worship Service

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To notify the minister of concerns and questions, illnesses, hospitalizations or deaths, to pass along a prayer request, or to arrange a visit, contact Rev. Lilian Patey at lilianmattarpatey@gmail.com or call 519-312-2457.