

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 3, 2017 — 1st Sunday of Advent
- Communion Sunday

December 10 – Scriptures:

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13 - Will you be angry with us forever?

Isaiah 40:3-11 - Comfort, O Comfort, my people.

Mark 1:1-8 - The preaching of John the Baptizer.

To Ponder: When you are on a journey, when you feel far from home, what brings you comfort?

Sunday, December 10

- White Gift Sunday (the gifts will be donated to the Salvation Army Christmas Hampers)
- Human Rights Sunday

Sunday, December 17

- Special Bell Ringing and performance of The Grinch by the Sunday School Kids

Sunday, December 24

- 10:30 am Service - Choir Medley
- 7 pm Christmas Eve Service
- Candle Lighting

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

Thank you to Eileen Wilson for organizing After Church Coffee in November!

Please keep **Tegegne and Margaret** Selassie and their family in your prayers at the passing of his niece, Shewaye.

End of Year Reports are due by Dec. 31, 2017.

Committee budgets are due by Friday, December 15.

Please hand them in at the office.

The **Bluewater Chordsmen Concert** is today at 2 pm. Please come and enjoy the music.

Upcoming Meetings

Dec. 6 - UCW @ 12:30 pm

Dec. 7 - Worship Committee @ 4:45 pm

Feb. 11 - Annual General Meeting following the service

Please remember to give generously to our Palestinian widow, Nisreen. She has many expenses with four children and is sick with cancer.

The **Outreach Committee** will be going out for lunch at Wagg's on **December 5** at Noon.

On Wednesday, December 6, the UCW will be having a Christmas lunch at 12:30 pm. Please bring sandwiches to share. Dessert will be provided. All women are welcome!



Progressive Christianity Study Group

The study group on "progressive spirituality from a Christian perspective" is **starting up again this Wednesday, December 6 at 7 pm.**

Advent Organ Series at Central United

Thursday's at Noon

Dec. 7th - Richard Heinzle

Dec. 14th - David Troiano

Dec. 21st - Angus Sinclair

Please come and enjoy the music.

A freewill donation is greatly appreciated.



Attention Central's knitters: It's that time of year again to start thinking about winter items for our Christmas tree to donate to the Salvation Army Christmas hampers and school children in need of warm items. All donations are greatly appreciated! Contact Sally Regan at 519-344-7363.



Christmas Poinsettia Memorial

The congregation is invited to make donations for the poinsettias, in memory of a loved one. Please submit names until Wednesday, December 13 through your envelope in the offering plate with your name AND the memorial name. The poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season and an In Memoriam list will appear in the bulletin on Sun. Dec. 17 and 24. Monies raised will go towards the enhancement of worship during the year.



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Congratulations to the Pilkey and Butler families on the safe arrival of Benjamin David.

Ebenezers Christmas Meeting

On Saturday, **December 16 at 7:00 pm**, the Ebenezers will be meeting at home of Marg Maltin, 1800 Oakridge Trail. Please bring a finger food and a small gift to exchange.

There are bundles of **Christmas cards** available in Heritage Hall. Please feel free to take some to help spread the Christmas cheer.

In the Community

Community Carol Sing with Point Edward and Bluewater Country Choirs, The Sues (The Ukulele Ensemble)

Sunday, December 3 at 7 pm
Point Edward Presbyterian Church
Everyone is Welcome!

Promise of Hope

London Road West United Church Choir
Cantata
Saturday, December 16 at 7 pm
Free will offering to support St. Joseph's Hospice.

The Inn of the Good Shepherd is accepting **new & gently used warm coats** for their Winter Coat Night program which is strictly controlled. Adults are eligible for a coat every 2 years and children every year. Warm coats are needed through the winter months. If you would like to help, please drop your coats off to the church office.

Please pray for:

Pauline, Yacoub & Abla, Nisreen, Lucien, Luke, Tim, Bobby, Janis, Paul, Andrew, Jean, Joleene, Elizabeth, Jack, Darryl, Adele, Bert, Michelle and Family, Wendy, Julie, Mary Anne, Marg, Marilyn, Lori, Denise, Elinore, Rick, Cherryl



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

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.

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

Please take a copy of the **Gifts with Vision** catalogue and consider blessing a family in need.

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. Dec. 4	9 am Walking Group 5 pm Soccer
Tues. Dec. 5	12 pm Outreach Committee Lunch
Wed. Dec. 6	9 am Walking Group 12:30 pm UCW Meeting 1 pm Computers 7 pm Scouts 7 pm Progressive Christianity
Thur. Dec. 7	12 pm Advent Organ Recital 4:45 pm Worship Meeting 6:30 pm Dodgeball 7 pm Survivor's Group 7 pm Choir
Fri. Dec. 8	9 am Walking Group 1 pm Computers
Sat. Dec. 9	
Sun. Dec. 10	10:30 am Worship Service

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