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Fourth Sunday of Advent ***December 22nd, 2024 @ 10am***

Announcements

- Solo:** O Holy Night– Monty Steenson
- Worship:** It's Christmas
Crown Him (Christmas)
- Prayer:** Christmas offering
- Message:** Rev. Dr. Aubrey Botha
Series: Advent 2024
Sermon: Pay attention
Scripture: Luke 2:4-7
- Offering** Rejoice Your Light Has Come
- & Reflection**
- Closing:** It came upon a midnight clear
- Postlude:** Go tell it on the mountain
- Greeters:** Bonnie McCrae & Lynda Pinnington

We are so glad you are here. We are a Jesus church, where everyone is welcome, where no-one is perfect, and everyone is loved.

Please join us for fellowship & refreshments in the hall after service.



New Members' Class:

In the new year, Aubrey will lead a three week class for people who wish to become members of Central Church. The dates are January 14, 21 and 28. If you have been attending Central and want to learn more about what it means to be a member, please contact Aubrey at aubrey@cpcmail.ca

Rachel's Home - Far Away but Well Loved

A great big thank you to all those who participated in our annual Going the Extra Mile this year, and for all those family and friends who sponsored the 5 km event. You raised **\$8275.50** to support Rachel's Home in Lesotho, an AIDS orphanage for 27 children and community school. These funds will help to provide food, clothing, medications and vitamins, school supplies, and salaries for caregivers and teachers.

Stockings of Support for Rachel's Home

The continuing love and generosity of our Central Church family is overwhelming. Our Christmas stockings on the pews during the Christmas Pageant raised **\$2512.70**, which will provide a full nutritious Christmas meal for our 27 orphans at Rachel's Home. In addition each child will receive a gift of a set of new clothing items including a coat, shoes, shirt and trousers for a boy and a dress for a girl. They will feel truly loved.

Well done, Central!



OUR "MITTEN TREE" for KIDS

Our Christmas "Mitten Tree" is collecting donations of mittens, hats, scarves, and other winter apparel for children in need in our community. The Cambridge Food Bank will happily receive and distribute both newly purchased and "home-made" items. If you would like us to do the shopping, we will provide labelled envelopes for the "Mitten Tree" on the small table at the entrance, to make any donations. You can also donate via e-transfer to the church office. Please help us fill the tree as **we collect through the month of December!**

*Thank you for all your generosity
for helping those in need!*

Transition Planning Survey

Starting in January, everyone in the congregation will receive a Transition Planning Survey. As much as we might like Aubrey to be our minister for another 25 years, he plans to retire in 2026. Since the process of searching for a new minister can take over a year, we want to start now so we can bring the new person on board while Aubrey is still here to ensure a seamless transition.

In the Presbyterian Church, congregations who are seeking a new minister prepare a Congregational Profile which describes the congregation and the attributes we value in our church and in a minister. This Profile would then be published with the invitation for interested applicants to apply.

The Transition Survey will form an important part of our Congregational Profile. We ask everyone in the congregation from high school age and up to complete a Survey. This can be done in several ways to make it easy for everyone.

Option 1 - Online

1. An email with a link to the Survey will be sent to everyone in the congregation who has given the church an email. Please make sure the office has an up-to-date email address for everyone in your household.

2. If there is just one email address, the same link may be used by everyone in the household to complete their own Survey.

3. There will be a QR code published in the bulletin each Sunday in January. The survey may also be accessed through the code.

4. If you can complete the Survey online, this would be preferred as responses will be compiled automatically.

Option 2 - Paper Survey

Paper copies of the Survey will be available in the office and on Sunday mornings. Elders will deliver paper copies to our members who are homebound. Completed paper copies should be returned to any elder, any greeter or the office. Surveys completed in this way will be compiled in the office by hand.

This is an important time in the life of this congregation. Since 1880, Central has only had seven ministers. We have been very fortunate in calling ministers who have stayed for long periods of time, providing stability and continuity. With God's grace and guidance, we pray that we will find the person God wants to minister to us for the coming years. This is your chance to have your say in the future of Central Church. We want to hear from everyone.

Please remember, all responses are kept in confidence. There is no identification included with the survey.

The Survey will be available from January 1 to January 31, 2025

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Online services

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Christmas Holiday Office Hours

**Closed Tuesday Dec 24 & reopen Thursday January 2,
2025. 9.30am-12.30pm**

Online Bulletin—Our Weekly Bulletin is available online in mobile friendly format.

Our online bulletin includes:

- Order of service
- What's happening this week
- Announcements
- Other Links

