

Faith Formation Newsletter - Fall 2022

This fall we are excited about the happenings at Central. We welcome three new staff members. Our new music director, Gerald Vreeman started September 1st. Senior Choir starts Thursday September 15th. He invites new members to come. Information about junior choir should be available soon.

Two positions will be shared between Central and First. Austin Campbell, our new Community Engagement Co-ordinator started September 6th. In this Designated Congregational Ministry position he will work 30 hours per week between Central and First United supporting the Dream Team ministries of youth and family ministry, inreach and outreach, ministry of joy and ministry of success.

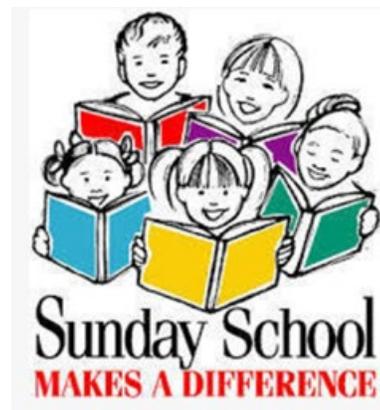
Reverend Paul Browning starts October 4th. He has worked in shared ministry positions before, and we are thrilled that he has chosen to share his expertise with Central and First.-On October 9th, our friends from First United will meet with us at Central as we all welcome Reverend Paul. In return, Central will meet at First United at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday October 16th for the joint Covenanting Service for Reverend Paul, Austin and all employees of both churches. Note that First United is closed on October 9th and Central United is closed on October 16th as we recognize our Ministers and staff.

After two and a half years of Covid, and the relocation of 'The Inn' many areas within the building have been refreshed. The **Sunday School, the Nursery and the Kids Zone** are all up and running again. In the Sunday School area, you will notice some differences as we will be sharing these rooms Monday to Friday with 'Our Respite Inc.' who provide opportunities to adults with special needs. Another change is that the nursery is now on the sanctuary level so parents can choose to use the nursery for the whole service or only for a few minutes.

The Faith Formation and Worship teams continue to work together so that most Sundays the bible readings for the worship service and the Sunday School align.

Central's Sunday School (for children 3 years to Grade 9) starts on September 18th. Join us for crafts, bible stories, prayer, and fun times following Family Time.

In addition, some Sunday's there will be Family Faith Experience Sundays when adults may join children in activities designed for both. September 25th will be one of these days. More information follows in Family Faith Formation under Upcoming Events.



Chris Ross is planning to start **Youth Group** the week of September 25th. More information to follow. Also watch for information about events for Youth at Pearce Williams.

Outside, the **mural** on the walking trail side of the gym is bright and sends a positive message to the community.

Upcoming Events

The 'Book Club' will be meeting at Pinafore Park on Wednesday September 21st at one o'clock. Please, bring your lawn chair and enjoy a great discussion and visit. The name of the book is *The Red Cross Orphans* by Glynis Peters (The Globe and Mail Bestselling Author). A stunning new historical novel that takes readers on an emotional journey and follows in the footsteps of the brave women who volunteered with the Red Cross during the Second World War.

September 25th will be a **Family Faith Experience Sunday**.



Churches are one of the few places in our society where all generations intermix, and all people are valued as children of God. Building on that foundation, the Faith Formation Team is offering a different (but not a new) way of being a worshipping, learning, and 'faith in action' congregation. This Sunday morning congregational life experience fosters community and friendship as we live, learn, and grow as disciples. You are invited to join your child(ren) in their faith and spiritual journey. Some of the activities that day are designed for all ages, other for tweens and older. You may wish to wear an orange on the 25th as afterwards we will share an indigenous inspired lunch as we honor orange shirt day.

Also on the 25th you have a choice of attending the play *Exit Laughing* at the Princess Ave theatre at 2 pm. Contact Liz Tofflemire at 519- 637-2858 or email tofflemire@bell.net for more information. Or at 3 pm attend Wayne Carroll's concert at First United in support of the Food Bank.

Join us on Monday, Sept. 26 from 7-8:30 p.m. Eastern on Zoom* for a **special event co-moderated by Broadview editor/publisher Jocelyn Bell and Rev. Murray Pruden**, the guest editor of *Broadview's* September issue and executive minister for Indigenous ministries and justice at The United Church of Canada. The event will feature five guests who have been involved either with the September issue or recent *Broadview* projects. Central United will host a Zoom conversation in the Upper Parlour. All welcome. For more information contact Kathryn Fletcher at 519-633-1902 or fletcherfamily@rogers.com



Friday September 30th and Saturday October 1st Central will be holding a **Rummage Sale**. So, if you have (winter) clothing or linens that you no longer want, and that others could use, please bring

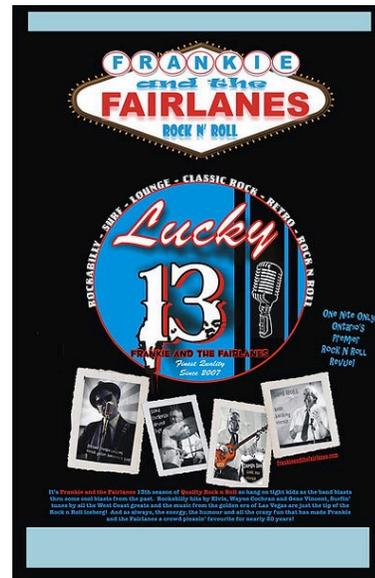
them to the church during office hours (Tuesday to Friday 8 am to 1 pm). Also come and shop our 'new to you' items.



Coffee & Spirituality Begins again on Tuesday, Sept 27th from 10 to 11 a.m. Central United Church Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary Rev Tom Godfrey & Susanna Suchak will lead the discussion First session the topic is **TIKKUN OLAM**.

On Sunday October 2nd, **Frankie and the Fairlanes** are in concert at Central at 2 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. Central's proceeds will be used to fund the Bursary Fund.

The Bursary Fund aids those staff and congregants of Central United who are choosing ministry and church vocations. Applications are now open until Sept. 30th, 2022. Donations to the fund are welcomed. Please indicate these donations as 'Central United Bursary Fund'. Thank you for your support.



And don't forget that Central hopes to have an in-person bazaar this year.

