



Central United Sunday School Newsletter November 2019

To provide two teachers per class with the younger students, the Sunday School is trialing putting children Grade 5 and younger into a joint classroom. So far, this seems to have been working well for both the students and teachers. Jean Fletcher has been added to the list of class teachers.

The following Sunday School activities are coming up in the next few months. In addition, the junior choir is also participating in Carols by Candlelight on Dec 8th at 7 pm and in the '12 Hours of Christmas' on Dec 14th from 10:30-11:30 am.

Sunday November 24

- The Senior Sunday School class will be making a craft for the Sunday School Bazaar during part of the lesson.

Sunday December 1st

- White Gift Collection. Unwrapped food and toy donations will be collected by the children during the service and given to Christmas Care.
- Children are invited to participate in a play during morning worship. Please come at 10:10 for instructions and costumes (no student rehearsals).
- The Annual Sunday School Bazaar supports a charity with a monetary gift at Christmas time. In the past, we have made donations to Pearce Williams,

Compassion Canada and Pan Missions (Nicaragua). This year we are fundraising for World Vision and hope to take advantage of their matching donor program. Our bazaar features hand made cards, stocking stuffers, books and puzzles, and home-made baked goods.



Friday Jan 3, 2020

- Central United teens and young adults are invited to **The Swell**. Wesley-Knox United Church hosts this special regional contemporary service designed to engage high school aged youth in the worship of God grounded in our rich United Church theology. Central and First United teens and young adults will first meet at The Pizza Hut on Wellington Road, London at 4:30 p.m. and then proceed to the church. The cost of the pizza dinner for the Central teen and young adult participants will be covered as well as for the driver/chaperones. Transportation will not be automatically provided, but attempts will be made to facilitate through volunteer drivers willing to take other than their own family members. Please let Anne Lounsbury know if you plan to attend.

We are continuing to work towards confirmation for high school age students. With the guidance of a mentor and support from the ministry team, students will learn more about God, the Bible, and living (and dying) in the Christian tradition by participating in one-on-one and group discussion, special events, field trips, and worship services. Individuals, who choose to do so, may confirm their baptismal vows during a Confirmation Service. If you know someone who might be interested in pursuing the process, or in being a mentor please let Kathryn Fletcher know. In addition to the Central process there is a regional event **'What Will Find You? - Confirmation PLUS!'** on **Friday Feb 21st at 7 pm to Sunday Feb 23rd at 12:00 at Pearce Williams**. This weekend is for teens grade 7 to 12 considering confirmation, preparing for confirmation, already confirmed or just wanting to join the fun. This retreat weekend playfully engages teens in the exploration of A New Creed, energetic worship, and lots of recreation, all lead by seasoned adult ministry personnel with decades of experience in youth ministry. Adult mentors are encouraged to attend this event with their teens. More details on www.theswell.ca.



Please feel free to share this information with family and friends. If you have any questions or need more information please contact the church office at 519-631-3503.