

The Central Communicator

Central United Church February 2022

Called to connect people to Jesus and to each other, to join hearts and voices and resources to witness and perpetuate the vision of a compassionate and just society.

Cheryl-Ann

Stadelbauer-Sampa is our new supervising minister. Cheryl -Ann comes to us after being in the pulpit for quite a number of years and holds the title of Executive Minister, one of only 6 in Canada. Her responsibilities cover our Antler River Watershed plus Western Ontario Waterways and Horseshoe Falls Regional Councils.

She is responsible for overseeing, supporting and guiding the regions in governance and administration. Cheryl-Ann possesses great wisdom and knowledge, kindness and a positive attitude.

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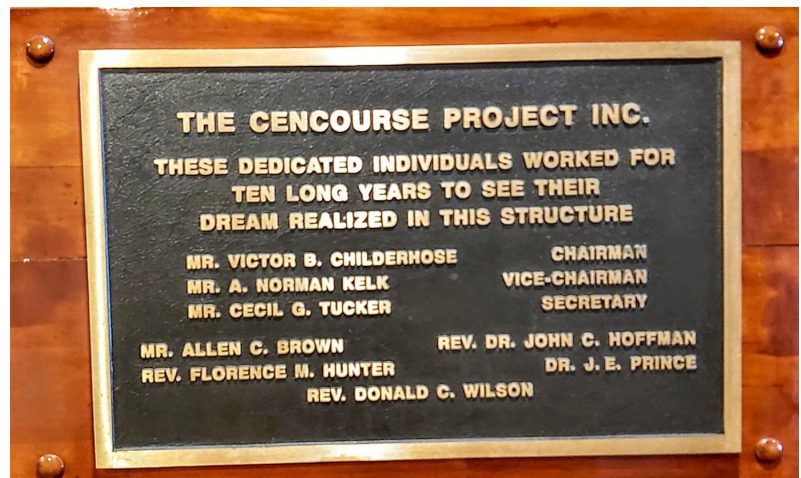
Our History and the Downtown Mission

The story of the Downtown Mission is born out of the most giving of human emotions, our capacity to love. In the early 1970s, several members of The Central United Church became concerned about the growing number of disadvantaged people in the downtown area requiring help, a safe place to gather, and a nutritious meal. Although their resources were limited, they were resolute that something good would be achieved. Through their hard work, imagination, creativity and with the Grace of God a Drop-In Centre called The Open Door Lounge began welcoming hurting people in Windsor's core.

Through the years since its inception, the Downtown Mission has changed, evolved and adapted to the ever-changing needs of the Windsor-Essex Community. All we do is focused on the mission of the organization – to be a place of Sanctuary and provide Food, Shelter, Nurturing, Advocacy and Opportunity for those who humbly come to the Mission for help, support and a second chance

Our Mission and Cencourse

The Cencourse Project was started by Central United Church in 1974 and after much effort and alteration to our building was finished in 1980. Today, the 17 story, 294 unit apartment building provides needed low-income housing.



The Annual General Meeting is March 13, 2022, @ 12:30 pm

News from Council February 10, 2022,

Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa is our new **supervising minister**. See page one for details

The AGM, or Annual General Meeting

The AGM will take place on March 13, 2022. The purpose of the annual meeting is to conduct the official business for the year. Members read minutes, make and receive reports, vote on the budget, elect new officers and/or council members, elect members to committees, elect members to attend the general assembly, and transact any other official business. The agenda is therefore structured like a business meeting.

Members and adherents are encouraged to attend.

Electronic Transfer

An Interac e-Transfer is a method for people to transfer money from one participating bank to another electronically. For example, you can send money to your friend by email if he has a Canadian bank account. When we get set up you could initiate an Interac e-Transfer anytime and anywhere with online access. You can do it using your computer or with your bank's mobile banking app. To send an email money transfer or Interac e-transfer, you will need to have a bank account with a Canadian financial institution set up.

Central is close to finalizing being able to accept donations by Interac e Transfer. You should expect to hear more of this at our AGM on March 13th

Our Building

The Trustees are still looking at cleaning up the registration of our building at 628 Ouellette and what its value might be in an open market situation.

Downtown Music Initiative

Musical instruments leftover from the Downtown Music Initiative have now been in storage for several years. The council had discussions on how they were originally obtained, who paid for what, the role of charities etc and determined to contact the former director to enquire if some of the instruments might be returned to the original students. The final decision about the disposition of the musical instruments is pending. It was determined that there would be no preferential treatment given to Central who might want to purchase some. Council is also trying to determine what their second hand value might be. (Dan, Shirley, Henry)

Fire Restoration

There was a small fire on the outside of our building. The cause was attributed to some old Christmas lights, meaning they have been there a long time. The fire blackened a small area of the pointy thing above the south entrance door on Ouellette. Stuart Allan volunteered to use his skills to restore the area. Thank you, Stuart.

Finances

I cannot say that the Council is pleased with the Church's financial situation. Frankly, it stinks. You probably know some of the reasons, lack of income due to periods of no in-person worship, some not wanting to return until they feel safe and not being able to cut our expenses to match the reduced income we received. Below you will find a thumbnail of where we stood at the end of December 2021 and January 2022

Calendar Year 2021			2022	
Central United	Dec 31-21	Budget		Jan-22
Income all Sources	64,838	73,840	Income	3,723
Expenses all Sources	74,816	77,164	Expenses	5,896
Gain/Loss	(9,978)	(3,324)	Gain/Loss	(2,173)
Total of Balances				
Beginning- December 31/2020	16,351		Dec 31/2021	6,521
Ending - December 31/2021	6,521		Jan 31/22	4,245

Financially speaking things look bleak.

As stated previously, Central has a long history of putting off repairs as long as we can and we continue to do this. The church is receiving outside pressure to tackle some of these issues, most notably the roof. The lack of repair of a Cencourse drain on our property is damaging our building. Both of these and others will cost more than the amounts available. It has the attention of the Council and the Trustees.

Visioning Committee

The visioning committee investigated and approved the possibility of a Sunday Evening Service in addition to the regular 11:15 am service. Circumstances however intervened and now with funds being short, the idea is on hold.

This newsletter is sent out to members and friends of Central United Church by way of snail mail and a postage stamp for those who are not registered as having email and electronically to those who are. It is also posted on our website.

<https://centralunitedchurchwindsor.com/news-letter>

Psalm 23 King James Version

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

- Is there a trend in attendance numbers?
- Is there a trend in donations?
- Is there a trend in giving to missions?
- Is there a trend in Bible study and Sunday school numbers? In baptisms?
- Is there a trend in the number of active givers to the total budget?
- Is there a trend in the number of first-time guests becoming members?
- Is there a trend in the number of first-time volunteers?
- Is the church reaching the next generation?
- Is the community aware of our church and its value to the community?
- How well are we participating in God's work outside our church?

Participating in a faith-based community makes you more healthy?

A growing number of studies convincingly demonstrate that people who are more deeply involved in religion tend to enjoy better physical and mental health than individuals who are less involved in religion. This curiously applies to Christians, Muslims and Jews and others

It has been asked, if the better health is due to spirituality or to the support one gets from being in a religious community. In reality, it is a combination of the two, But there is no debate that people get much-needed social support and health benefits from being part of a religious community. Better health (less depression, less substance abuse, and less chance of suicide, have better health markers such as lower blood pressure and better psychological traits such as higher optimism) than people who are not part of such communities.

Why Going to Church is Good for You	10 Reasons Why You Should Go to Church
Reduces stress: Companionship Corporate worship: Opportunities to use your gift: A chance to introduce children to God: For encouragement: As a springboard for leadership: Gives opportunities to serve your community: Teaches you how to love: Access to resources you may not have had otherwise: Introduces people to their Saviour	Church Connects Us with God Church Gives Us a Chance to Reflect on Gratitude Church Connects Us Socially Church Helps Us Better Connect with our Spouse Church Allows Us to Feel Reverence Church Provides Plenty of Opportunities to Give Back Church Helps Us "Find the Lesson" in our Trials Church Teaches Us Forgiveness Church Fills Our Hearts with Song Church is Where We Find Deeper Meaning in our Lives

Psalm 23 The Voice

The Eternal is my shepherd, He cares for me always. He provides me rest in rich, green fields beside streams of refreshing water. He soothes my fears; He makes me whole again, steering me off worn, hard paths to roads where truth and righteousness echo His name. Even in the unending shadows of death's darkness, I am not overcome by fear. Because You are with me in those dark moments, near with Your protection and guidance, I am comforted. You spread out a table before me, provisions in the midst of attack from my enemies; You care for all my needs, anointing my head with soothing, fragrant oil, filling my cup again and again with Your grace. Certainly, Your faithful protection and loving provision will pursue me where I go, always, everywhere. I will always be with the Eternal, in Your house forever.