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From the Editor

We present a short issue of “Inside Central” to update you on events that have, or are taking place in the life of our church. We also remember two grand ladies who in the past were stalwarts in our church community, Phyllis Munroe and Billie Carroll.

Many Blessings!

Errol Anderson

Sermon Series

Pastor Michel completed a short sermon series on Taxes, Tithing, Tools and Toys. Sunday November 22 is our 62nd Anniversary Sunday - the Guest Preacher will be Rev. Dr. Dallas Friesen, Director of Congregational Development, Canadian Baptist of Ontario & Quebec. Commencing November 29 through to December 27 the Sermon Series will be “Introducing Jesus”, followed by, commencing January 10, 2015 through to February 7 the Series will be “Lessons from the Mount. On a different note, we commence a “One Chap Challenge” beginning November 29 (Advent 1), where we will study one Chapter of Matthew per day.

Member News

Dr. John Kraulis is currently in Lubango, Angola for a month, helping a friend with surgery so that another surgeon can have a well needed holiday. We pray for his safety and good health and safe return to our midst. Pastor Diné Lóta recently returned from vacation in Brazil.

Central’s Choir

We welcomed back the choir this fall and we hope to hear them again on November 22 and 29, and December 6. Practice is at 9:15 on those Sundays. Central’s choir can always use a few more voices. If you like to sing, please join in. There is no audition and the commitment is very short. If you can join us, contact Warren McBurney, Glenda Roskaft or any member of the choir. A big thank you to Glenda!



Nov/Dec '15

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 29 (Advent I) “A Formal Introduction” (Matthew 1:1-17)	4	5	6
December 6 (Advent II) “An Angel’s Introduction” (Matthew 1:18-25)	10	11	12 13
December 13 (Advent III) “A Prophet’s Introduction” (Matthew 3:1-12)	17	18	19 20
December 20 (Advent IV) Sunday School Pageant (Joint Service)	24	25	26 27
December 24 (Christmas Eve) Thursday, December 24th, 7 p.m.	28	29	30
December 27 (Christmas I) “A Father’s Introduction” (Matthew 3:13-4:11)	31		

For complete listing please visit www.cbcoakville.ca/calendar.

To our visitors. Welcome to the joy of worship and the warmth of our congregation!

If you are searching for a local church home, we invite you to make your home with us. If you are a newcomer, please include your name, address, e-mail address and telephone number on the Contact Cards. We’re glad you’re here! We encourage you to feel free to participate in any church activities you read about in this bulletin.

If you have any questions, please speak with an usher.



The Listening Circle

The Listening Circle is intended to be a gathering for discussing difficult topics in Christian love. Its purpose is not to provide answers to tough questions but rather to offer a forum for listening to one another as we wrestle with the topic at hand. To participate in The Listening Circle one must adhere to the ground rules of Confidentiality, Humility, Respect and Patience.

A group met on October 20 from 7:30 to 9:00 p. m. to discuss the topic “Physician Assisted Death”. Pastor Michel facilitated the meeting and the presented was Dr. John Kraulis. Some matters covered were Specific Cases to introduce the topic; the current Supreme Court ruling and the necessity for new legislation; some Ethical Principles in general; and, “Law Reform Commission of Canada Working Paper 28 Euthanasia Aiding Suicide and Cessation of Treatment: 1982”.

Other meetings to share thoughts on other difficult topics will take place in the months ahead.

Syrian Refugee Committee

A Syrian Refugee Committee has been formed with five representatives from both congregations. We are very excited about the opportunity to sponsor a Syrian family to live in the Mississauga/Oakville community and the possibility of partnering with another local Baptist Church under the umbrella of CBOQ is being investigated. This will be an exciting time and we are looking forward to accessing the skills and resources of the congregations to make this mission a wonderful success.

Joan Doyle

Back to Church Sunday

On September 20 we had another successful “Back to Church Sunday” and Barbecue which was well attended. Our thanks to Pastor Diné Lóta who coordinated the event, Pastor Jacky the Children’s Coordinator, Deacon Victor Cartagena who coordinated the Set Up and Tear Down and Sara Rebelo who coordinated Food and the BBQ.

Fall Festival of Fun & Games

In lieu of Halloween the church hosted a

Festival of Fun & Games which featured Bouncy Castle, Face Painting and Cotton Candy. A wonderful and fun time was had by all.

Church Business Meeting

Sunday, December 13, 2015 – The Purpose of this church business meeting it to present and approve the 2016 Budget. It was follow immediately after the Communion Service.

Christmas Eve Service 2015

Work is beginning on crafting our Christmas Eve Service for Thursday, December 24th, 7 p.m. Pastor Michel is looking for volunteers interested in working with him to shape and lead this service. Please let Michel know if you are interested. michel@cbcoakville.ca or 416-564-5400.

Portuguese Language Christmas Service

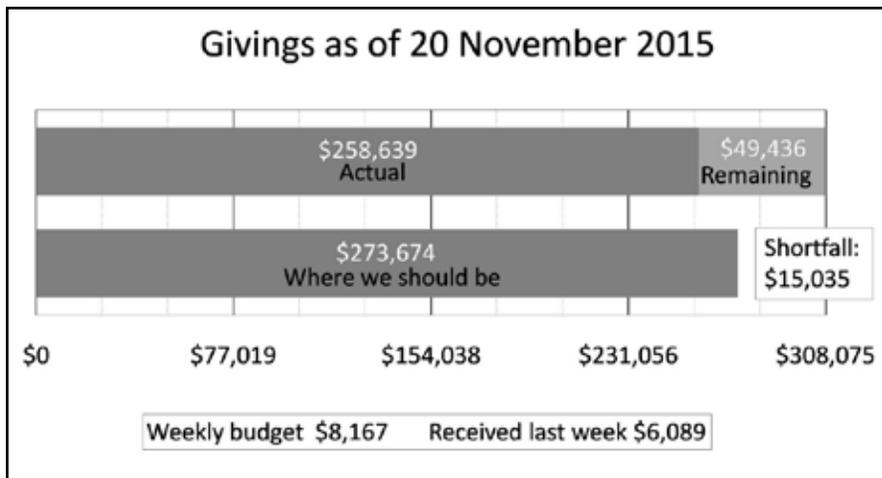
Followed by Dinner.
Saturday, December 19, 2015, 16h00 - 19h00

Festival of Lessons and Carols

At St. James Parish, Our Choir is Performing.
Sunday, December 13, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Fall Cleanup

Bill Goodbrand wishes to thank the twenty-odd people who showed up on Saturday November 14 to clean up the church property. It was a beautiful fall day and a good time was had by all. The raked leaves and stacks of dead branches is evidence of a solid morning’s work.





In Memoriam

Phyllis Munroe and Billie Carroll passed away in the recent months. These were two wonderful ladies, stalwarts in the life of Central Baptist Church. Both were regular attendees until quite recently even though they were well into their nineties. Warren & June McBurney pay tribute to Phyl and Marianne Hallford shares her recollections of Billie.....The Editor

Phyllis Munroe

A loving funeral was held for Phyllis Munroe at Central Baptist on 1 November, 2015. The service, planned by Phyllis herself when she was in much better health, was conducted by Pastor Michel Belzile.

We sang her favourite hymns: "How Great Thou Art", "O Jesus I Have Promised" and "All The Way my Saviour Leads Me", all ones that told of her faith in Christ, and her assurance of salvation. Her son Ray and his wife Linda sang "The Old Rugged Cross" - "one of Mom's favourites" - with their guitars. As we heard this music, we were taken in memory at least to Phyllis and Don's harmonichords and their faithful playing at many seniors' homes and other locations.

Ray also spoke about his Mom and her influence on his life, here and in the West. Janet, who had been Phyllis's unwavering support and encouragement through her long illness, paid tribute to her Mother's faith and patience. Rev. Jack, Anderson, a long-time friend and former pastor, spoke of Phyllis's calm acceptance of her illness and of her assurance that there would be a better place for her at the end, welcomed by Don, her parents and a host of other friends.

We have happy memories of Klondike Days spent with Phyllis and Don in Edmonton, with long dresses for the ladies and summer skimmers for the men. Many of us remember her devoted participation in Explorers, DVBS, Saturday Night Fellowship, Central's camping weekends, The Mission Fellowship, and our Seniors' Bible Study group. Truly, we lost for a while a sincere Christian who influenced untold numbers of friends in her life here.

Warren and June McBurney

Billie Carroll

I have been asked by our illustrious editor to share a few things I remember about dear Billie Carroll. It is hard to know where to start when one is looking back nearly sixty years. Those early days at Central are sort of a blur as we were all at the stage of working hard and raising young families.

Billie's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Colpitts had four daughters and were active members. Mrs. Colpitts was one of the

Loyalty Dinner Hostesses for a Stewardship Campaign. I remember Mrs. Colpitts driving all over town in her huge station wagon picking up children to bring them to Sunday school: we had over 150 children on the Roll then. The oldest daughter Marj and her husband Jim and their children were members. Billie, daughter #2 had been referred to as "Billie" before her birth and it stuck. She and her husband Bill Carroll and their children were members. Sister Beatrice "B" and her husband Ray Wilson and family also attended but subsequently they moved away and divorced. Billie was always a positive and vibrant person. She and her husband had five children. For a short time Bill's mother Hazel Woodbury attended our services. Billie had many hard things in her life. One of those was losing her daughter Trixie to breast cancer. She was a young Mom to three. Then some years later her daughter Patti also died of breast cancer. Billie brought Patti along to Mission Circle once and we all agreed that she was a lovely young woman. In spite of setbacks Billie soldiered on. She love camping, gardening had many friends and good neighbours. She volunteered in the community and travelled extensively. She played badminton well into her eighties. At eighty she announced that it was time to sell the family home of many years and she moved to an apartment at Oakville Senior Citizens Residence in Bronte. She loved it there!

She enjoyed having a garden plot to grow vegetables and flowers. At ninety she announced another move - this time to the "other side" to a studio where she would take her meals in the dining room. As the years went by she was content to pretty much stay put, and family and friends came to see her there. I recently kidded her just after her 97th birthday in April that I was sure she would make it to a century. She emphatically stated that she didn't want that: she said "I am fortunate that I have no pain and I love to read". She weakened quickly at the end. One of her last comments to her daughter Kathy shortly before she died was "Oh now Honey you'll be left to clear out my studio" - thinking of others right to the end. I will miss her and I won't forget her. But I am happy she has graciously finished her race and has gone to be with her Lord and Saviour.

Marianne Hallford