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ally supported counselling.

Address Hermien Korten has moved to 16B (Hillview wing) Grandview Lodge, 657 Lock St. West, Dunnville ON. N1A 1V9 Office: 905-774-7547. Pray for a peaceful transition for her to her new home.

Nominations for Elder & Deacon

Council is asking Bethany members to bring forward for consideration names for nominations of elders and deacons. We will be accepting names until April 25, 2016. Please send names to the clerk: clerk@bethanycrc.ca

Prayers-Africa's Drought Crisis

Planting season in Africa is between September and October, and harvest season between April and May. As a result of the drought, the harvest planted in October 2015 was a total failure. The earliest next crop to be planted will be in October 2016, only to be harvested in May 2017. So at best, the first time staple foods like maize and beans could be available will be June/July 2017 once dried and prepared. Of course, should there be another year with poor rainfall like this year, not only would planting be prevented again, but we could be facing a complete humanitarian catastrophe.

What we are already seeing is a crisis on a large scale. This drought has caused widespread hunger and millions of people on the brink of starvation.

Though media outlets are beginning to report on the crisis affecting Southern Africa, it is far from 'big news' yet, with the Syrian refugee crisis taking precedent in the news headlines. Comparatively few people are aware of the drought challenges in Africa, let alone able to engage and make a difference. However, it is of course in these very communities that Hands at Work is already working and seeing first-hand the scale of the crisis busy unfolding.

South Africa, Swaziland, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and the south of Zambia have been hardest hit, directly impacted by a severe lack of rainfall. However, all of our countries – including further north in Zambia, the DRC and Nigeria, are suffering from escalated food prices and limited availability of staple foods (in Malawi, for example, staple foods like maize have risen by 73%). Hands at Work is engaged in a very real crisis which is estimated to continue for at least the next 18 months.

So Hands Canada is setting apart Monday April 11 as a day to pray, reflect, fast and to ask God to do work in our own hearts, to help us be faithful and to follow Christ in this. Please join us that day in prayer!

Other News

Coffee Break: Wow ladies! Only three weeks left of our regular Coffee Break meeting This last

few weeks has just flown by. Hope everyone has enjoyed our past year in study, sharing and growing together. As usual we will meet here Tuesday morning at Grace CRC. and hope to start promptly at 9:30 am. Coffee and tea will be ready, and there will be snacks to share. Gail and Irene's group will start with question three of lesson # 15 Based on chapter 16 of "What Must I Do"? The well known story of Paul and Silas in prison, and their story with the jailor. Jane's group will start with question #6 of Lesson #14. Jean and Henny's group will start #9 of Lesson #14. Ladies see you on Tuesday morning here at Grace CRC. SNACKS: TiV., Mary VdM.

DUTCH SERVICE: Another Dutch service is being scheduled for Sunday, April 24 at 3,00 PM in the afternoon, in the Ancaster CRC. 70 Garner Rd. just East of Fiddlers Green Rd. Rev. Ralph Koops will be leading the service. We are hoping for a good time of worship and praise in the old Dutch language, singing the old familiar Dutch songs of praise and worship with Harm Dykstra at the organ. Also having a good time of fellowship with a cup of coffee in the fellowship hall after the service. Please spread this message around for we are hoping for a good attendance.

School News

NACE—Christian Education Week at Niagara Association for Christian Education (NACE) Covenant Christian School (6470 Reg. Rd. 14, Smithville) celebrates Christian Education Week April 17 - 22nd with the following events:

- We are welcoming our pastors on Wednesday, April 20th, starting at 9:15 a.m.
- Our Grandparents/Seniors Day is Friday, April 22nd. We will be presenting our program "Stone Soup" at 9:30 a.m. for you to enjoy. Coffee will be ready at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be served after you visit with your grandchildren, around noon. There will be a free will offering to defer the costs of production and for the NACE Bursary.
- Our Open House is Friday, April 22nd, in the afternoon (from 2:15 to 3:15) for parents, friends and others who are interested in seeing our school in action.
- Covenant will be presenting its Spring Program "Stone Soup" in the Covenant Christian School gym, on Friday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. This fun event will feature all our students acting and singing as they communicate a message about sharing, community, and hospitality. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome! There will be a free will offering to defer the costs of production and for the NACE Bursary.

Questions? Call Mrs. Wendy Colyn at Covenant Christian at 905-957-7796.

Ready, Set, Read Program: Both John Knox Christian School, Stoney Creek and Covenant Christian School, Smithville are now accepting applications for their Ready Set Read program for ages 4 and 5. This program runs the first 4 Thursdays in April (7, 14, 21, 28) from 8:45 – 11:15 am. If you need another registration form please let either office know (JKCS – jkcs@nace.ca or CCS – ccs@nace.ca).

SMITHVILLE CHRISTIAN HIGHSCHOOL

Want to see today's teenagers in action? Want to know what's happening in high school these days? Want to see our beautiful renovation? Come to Smithville Christian High School's Grandparents' and Friends' Day, Friday, April 21, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend. Valet parking available. For more info, see www.smithvillechristian.ca GP&F Day – it's not just for seniors anymore!

Our Spring Membership Meeting is on Monday, April 18 at Smithville Christian High School. There will be a time for coffee and interaction with fellow members from 7:45 – 8:00. Meeting highlights include next year's budget, staff milestones, and Strategic Planning. Make sure you come out to hear how God is blessing our school and society.

Smithville Christian High School's Annual Main Stage Production

I'm a Stranger Here Myself

Casey O'Hara, a cool and laid back high school senior, thinks he knows what life is all about. Then Casey's world begins to change when family problems arise, he hangs out with his troubled pal, Mark, and he meets a girl named Lori. Suddenly, he is not so sure of the direction he's going and he begins to wonder if Mark's world is really what he wants for himself. Maybe life is about a little bit more than living for yourself. Maybe life is about bigger things...

May 6 and 7 (Friday and Saturday)

May 12, 13, and 14 (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday)

Tickets: \$12.50 in advance, \$15.00 at the door

All performances: 8 p.m.

For tickets:

- **In Person: Office of Smithville Christian High School**
- **Phone: 905-957-3255**

Email: office@smithvillechristian.ca

REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

This summer, Redeemer is offering two one-week intensive programs for church leaders, teachers and others interested in ministry: "**Teaching Scripture and the Christian Faith**" (July 4-8, taught by Dr. Syd Hielema), and "Leadership in Ministry," (July 11-15, instructor to be announced). For more information, visit www.redeemer.ca/ministry-intensives.

Looking to complete an AQ course? Redeemer is offering **Special Education Part I** and **Special Education Part II** this spring in a blended online and in-class format. For more information or to register, visit www.redeemer.ca/continuing-teacher-education.

Redeemer is accepting applications for two positions: Director of Co-operative Education and Senior Development Officer. Visit www.redeemer.ca/careers for more information. meeting with an Admissions Counsellor, having lunch on us, attending a class and meeting with professors. For more information, please go to www.redeemer.ca/visit.

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