

April 3, 2016

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Special points of interest:

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Bus Service to Ottawa for the March for Life on May 12, 2016 for \$60.00

A 56 passenger coach has been booked to leave from Smithville Canadian Reformed Church at 330 Station Street at 4:00am. The second stop will be in Grimsby at Mountainview CRC at 290 Main St. East at 4:15am. The bus will arrive in Ottawa before 10:00am at the Reformed Christian Prayer Service at the Baptist Church a short distance from Parliament Hill. We will leave again at 4:00pm and arrive in Grimsby/Smithville by 11:00pm. If you would like to join us, please email Fred Stoffels at hfstoffels@gmail.com or call 289-780-9152 or Fred Bruekelman at fsbruekelman@gmail.com or call 289-956-9152. Attendance at the Reformed Christian Prayer Service gets you a complimentary lunch from ARPA & Jubilee Can. Reformed Church of Ottawa—contact Niki at Niki@ARPACanada.ca

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FROM COUNCIL

"After further in-depth prayerful deliberation at last night's meeting, the Elders decided to alter our congregation's approach to discussing same-sex realities and to working at learning to be open and gracious in our sharing with others. So please take note that the Generous Spaciousness Conversation scheduled for this coming Monday evening has been cancelled. A different approach is being worked on. Your servants in Christ, the Elders."

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 Thursday in April (7, 14, 21, 28) from 8:45 – 11:15 am. If you need another registration form please let either office know (jkcs@nace.ca or ccs@nace.ca).

REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Join us for Closing Chapel, a special ceremony that marks the close of the year, on April 6 at 11 a.m. in Redeemer's Auditorium. Redeemer's Concert Choir will perform and Dr. Dirk Windhorst, Director of Teacher Education, will share a reflection.

Come experience Redeemer's campus! Redeemer is hosting a Friday Visit event on Friday, April 8. Visiting our campus in person is the best way to figure out if Redeemer is the right fit for you. This event runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the option of 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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www.shalemnetwork.org
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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.

Other News

Coffee Break: Last week it was a good Tuesday morning for the Open Arms patrons who enjoyed our 3rd annual Pancake breakfast. Thanks to all who volunteered who were eager to come out and make and serve them. It was greatly appreciated by them as we could hear from their comments.

We are in our last month of our Coffee Break season. We are about halfway through our study of Acts. so we might not finish it this year. Jean and Henny's group will start lesson #14. Gail and Irene are on question 10 in lesson #14, and Jane's group is on question #9 in lesson #13. Coffee, and tea are always ready for you and we start promptly at 9:30. Snacks: Pauline, Alice S., Christine S Theresa T.

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.

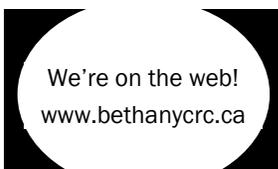
How should we to approach conflict in our church communities? Conflicts within churches are real but we can deal with them in a way that deepens relationship, strengthens community, and builds our faith. Join us for a weekend hands-on training, including support afterwards, on "Learning How to Grow Restorative Churches". The training is offered through Shalem Mental Health Network and will be in St. Catharines, ON on Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16, 2016. If you attend a CAP church, you are eligible for a 10% discount on the training fee. For more information and to register for the training, visit: <http://shalemnetwork.org/workshop/faithcare-training-2/> or call 905.528.0353 or toll free 866.347.0041

100th Anniversary. Faith Fellowship is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its church building. The church at 4878 Jepson St. in Niagara Falls was originally built by the First Baptist congregation in 1916 and purchased by the CRC congregation in 1958. You are invited to an Open House on Sat April 9 from 1-4. A special celebratory service will be held on Sunday, April 10 at 10 am.

Kingdom 'Building' - Ministry Funding / Budget Update

Doing ministry together: February 2016

	PLAN	ACTUAL
Bethany Income	\$ 75,412.64	\$ 63,787.48
Bethany Expenses	\$ 75,412.64	\$ 79,070.29
Collected for Classis	\$ 2,554.92	\$ 2,554.92
Collected for CRC	\$ 11,225.88	\$ 11,225.88
2 nd Offering last two weeks (March 20, 25, 27)		
World Renew.....		\$648.00
Deacons.....		\$939.00
Pelham Syrian Refugee.....		\$1,150.00
Hands at Work.....		\$2,694.00



RAIN OF GOD'S GRACE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



They do not say to themselves, 'Let us fear the LORD our God, who gives autumn and spring rains in season, who assures us of the regular weeks of harvest.' Your wrongdoings have kept these away; your sins have deprived you of good.

— JEREMIAH 5:24-25 NIV