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Bethany Bugle

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Youth Director Update

"The Council rejoices in the Lord's provision for staffing needs here in Bethany and is pleased to announce the hiring of Andrea Veldhuizen as our Youth Director and Lorraine Wierenga as our Children's Ministry Coordinator. Commissioning for these persons will take place on a Sunday morning soon."

Our youth at Bethany are looking forward to a great year with Merge and our new Youth Coordinator Andrea Veldhuizen. We are still looking for several leaders who with the leadership of Andrea could help facilitate and lead in a small group setting and bible study with our youth. Occasionally, there will be an event night out with lots fun and laughter. Remember what it was like when you were young having someone walk beside you, just seeing you for you, how important it was that they could reflect the love of Christ in your life. Maybe you wished someone had walked beside you, here is your opportunity to serve our youth at Bethany and in the community.

Please contact Ray Van Huizen if any questions

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Alcoholism! What does it mean? Is it something that popping a pill can cure? Or is it something that if the addict says, "I can stop drinking anytime I want to." Then tries to do so, unsuccessfully. Has it really become something that is a new way/fact of life? Remember Noah whose sons had to carry a cloak over their shoulders, walk backwards into their fathers tent and cover his nakedness. All because he could not stop at just one drink of the wine made from the new grapes of his vineyard. There are so many questions. When you are the person on the outside looking at the one who is destroying their life, you wonder how can things keep going on this way? What do I do? What for the addict was once a desire, a social drink, how now become a need so strong for "just one more". The vicious cycle of addiction has started. You think there are no answers. That you are the only one dealing with the chaos that has taken over every aspect of life. Are the signs of alcoholism obvious? No one walks around freely admitting that there is a problem. That they can't seem to find a solution. Don't fool yourself, people who love you and care deeply about what happens to you, do see. There is nothing as devastating as getting a phone call from a child at home which does like this, "Can you please come home?" If you have read between the words of what is written here you may see yourself. Whether you are the addict of the one observing the destruction realize there are those who are and who can walk the walk and talk the talk that are willing to do so with you. You are not alone even if it feels that way. There is hope for all of us, no matter how terrible the past or how bleak the future looks. Someday all things will be made new, the desires of our soul will be made new through Christ. Try to keep in mind that first lines of the serenity prayer, "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

If you are in need of support or want to talk to someone, contact Pastor Colin 905-931-5841 or Caregiver Joyce De Roo at 905-386-6719.



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Mental Health Network

CONTACT INFORMATION
Phone: 905-528-0353 or
Toll-free 1-866-347-0041
www.shalemnetwork.org

Church News

BUGLE: Please note that the BUGLE will be taking a two week vacation. The next BUGLE will be in production September 13th.

BUDGETS FOR 2016: All group leaders, it is that time of year to start thinking about your Budget needs for 2016. We will be asking for your budget requests in September so please prayerfully consider what your needs will be for the upcoming year.

CRC Announcements

From Back to God Ministries International

FAMILY FIRE - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

SWAMPED: - Have you ever faced peer pressure to do something you knew was foolish? And did you do it anyway? Then you'll understand Liz's dilemma on this Kids Corner. Follow the adventures of Liz and his pals every week: subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Be sure to download this special song, "Leap of Faith," at kidscorner.net.

THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY: - Let's dig into 1 Corinthians 15 to learn why the Apostles' Creed makes a point to affirm that we believe in "the resurrection of the body" and how this relates to the Holy Spirit. Subscribe for free weekly email notifications at ListenToGroundwork.com or visit GroundworkOnline.com to find a local radio station or listen now.

From Diaconal Ministries Canada

DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015 - Exciting, exhausting, exhilarating. These are just some of the words we can use to describe our involvement in church ministry. This October 17, 2015 come to the DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT at HDCH in Ancaster for a time of encouragement and equipping as you discover more about the Great Commission to GO! Want details? Check out our website at: <http://dayofencouragement.ca/>. Stay connected by following us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Ancasterdayofencouragement>. Questions? Email doecoordinator@crcna.org.

From Other

Do you long to go away and be with God? - InterMission Silent Retreat - October 23-25, 2015 [Everyone] October

27-29, 2015 [Pastors & Ministry Leaders] Kingfisher Bay Retreat House on Stony Lake; Registration: \$325.00 before October 1, 2015; \$350.00 after. Includes: Private accommodations, all linens, 5 meals, individual times with a certified Spiritual Director, a stunning setting in the Kawarthas. Contact: Tracey-Ann Van Brenk, guidepostsministries@gmail.com. FMI: intermissionsilentretreat.com; kingfisherbay.ca

KAIROS Conference - Join KAIROS Great Lakes-St. Lawrence for their Fall conference, "Reconciliation is in the Wind: A Way Forward" on Friday, October 2 and Saturday, October 3 at Calvary United Church, 290 Ridout St. S., London, Ontario. Please register by September 20 by emailing cherilyn.spraakman@gmail.com. For details, see www.kairoscanada.org/events/. Free will offering to cover expenses.

LIBERTAS MALE CHOIR - IN CONCERT ANCASTER AND GUELPH: Wed. Sept. 16, 7:30 pm in Rehoboth United Reformed Church, 77 Glancaster Rd, Ancaster, and Thurs. Sept. 17, 7:30 pm, St. George Anglican Church, 99 Woolwich St, Guelph. To order tickets online go to www.libertasvoices.com or contact Tjitske Van Reenen: 905-522-0001 or 905-520-0207. Adult \$20, Youth to 14 \$10, under 10 free.

ONTARIO CADET FISHING TOURNAMENT - Do you love to fish? Do you have boys in the Cadet program or just love and support the program? Join us on September 12 from 8am - 2pm at Sandy Bay Cottages on Rice Lake for our 4th Ontario Cadet Fishing Tournament. Cost is \$45 per adult; 15 and under \$25; registration includes lunch. Funds raised will go to the Calvinist Cadet Corps for ongoing program needs and training. For information or registration, contact John Kiers at 519-532-6709 or jkiers@dejong.com, or check out www.calvinistcadets.org - go to Club Resources and click on Events. Thank you for supporting Cadets! There are cottages and camping spots available at Sandy Bay - www.sandybaycottages.com.

TEACHING POSITION - Full time teaching position available with Newell Christian School in Brooks, Alberta. We are urgently seeking an energetic and committed teacher for our Grade 5/6 classroom for

the 2015/16 school year. We offer smaller class sizes and fantastic community support in our interdenominational culturally diverse school. Interested applicants can check out our website and send resumes to principal@newellchristianschool.com.

WESTERN MUSTANGS! - The Kuyper Centre, the CRC campus ministry at Western University, welcomes (back) all new and returning students to the 2015-2016 year! Check out our programs, meeting dates, and staff at www.kuypercentre.ca or www.facebook.com/kuypercentre. See you soon!

From ServiceLink

CHURCH TEAMS TO THE DR! - Come and encourage pastors and congregations in the Dominican Republic by working side-by-side with the local DR church members in the construction of small community churches and pastors' homes. Deep friendships and lasting bonds are established, helping to build the Kingdom of God in the DR as you serve and learn together. More information is available at www.crwmm.org or volunteer@crcna.org.

DISCOVERY TRIP CAMBODIA - Do you have plans to visit Cambodia? During your travels, join World Renew for a mini 2-day visit or up to a 2-week mission trip to discover how Cambodia is recovering from its turbulent past. Experience life in a village, on a farm or at a school. Contact us for a brochure or more details at www.worldrenew.net/gvp or volunteer@crcna.org.

From World Renew

Serve Haiti Earthquake Survivors with World Renew: - Join other service-minded individuals from Jan. 23 to Feb. 3, 2016, for a 10-day work trip to Leogane, Haiti, to begin to build a water system. If you are 18 or older and able-bodied, you can help families who live in poverty gain better access to clean drinking water! To find out more, email us at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES ARE LOCATED ON BULLETIN BOARD BY THE BACK STAIRS

Elisha House
Pregnancy & Family Support Centre

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET

Friday September 18, 2015

5:30pm Punch & Hors d'Oeuvres - 6:30pm Dinner

John Michael's Banquet & Conference Centre, Thorold

changing hearts
Saving lives



Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:20

No tickets or cost...free will offering fundraiser
Seats are limited

reserve early:

Email info@elishahouse.on.ca or Phone 905-735-9934

Please include first and last names of those attending.

YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT THIS EVENING WILL DIRECTLY HELP US CONTINUE TO OFFER CRISIS PREGNANCY OPTIONS AND BIBLICAL COUNSELLING TO WOMEN, MEN AND FAMILIES IN WELLAND AND SURROUNDING AREA. JOIN US AND CELEBRATE WHAT GOD IS DOING.

School News

REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

All are invited to play in the 20th Annual **Redeemer Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament** on Saturday, September 12. Connect with old friends and meet other alumni and friends of Redeemer University College. Proceeds support the Alumni Award Fund, providing student leadership awards. Take advantage of young alumni pricing when registering at redeemer.ca/alumnigolf.

We're on the web!
www.bethanycrc.ca