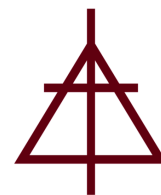




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Parents of Sunday School Kids

This advent we would like the Sunday School Kids to participate as much as possible in our services. Please find the Bible verse and the lyrics of two songs in your mail slot today. We will be teaching these to your children but need your help in having them memorize the lyrics! Please take the time to teach the lyrics and Bible verse to your kids.

THANKS!

**BELOW IS THE ADDRESS FOR ADRIAN VANDERHOUT
(SHARED WITH HIS PERMISSION)**

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**PERHAPS WE COULD LET HIM KNOW THAT HE IS THOUGHT
ABOUT AND PRAYED FOR HERE IN BETHANY.**

(PASTORAL CARE TEAM)

Friendship
MINISTRIES

Friendship Service

Everyone welcome! Bring a friend and join us on this afternoon to celebrate with our Friendship friends this Advent season. There will be singing, Christmas songs, a bible story for children to hear, learn about what Friendship has been learning and enjoy hot chocolate and goodies immediately following the 4:30 pm service. See you all there! Please be advised that there will be nursery provided during the Friendship Service.



Thank-you

Many thanks to John, Dan and the others at Willowbrook Nurseries for reworking the landscape beds around our church building. We're grateful for this generous contribution and the steps taken to maintain a beautiful church building and property.

Harvest Kitchen

On Thursday, Nov. 21st at the Hope Center, we had approx. 45 people for dinner. Thank you to our volunteers from Bethany Youth! We had a great group of girls; not only did they serve, but they also made all the Lasagna's and Desserts for our evening. Julia Glasbergen, Morgan Glasbergen, Mackenzie Kremer, Sierra Kiers and their leaders; Dianna DeVries, Janelle Roorda, Sarah Stuiwe and Jen Kiers. A thank you also to my son Josh, who helped prepare and serve as a connection to his Hands of Jesus Project for school! I would like to thank Ann Kiers for her support and dedication to this mission, as well as organizing this month with the Youth Group! Thank you for giving so generously of your time. It's wonderful to see how God uses each of us to be involved and to bring a smile to the faces of the less fortunate and to each other.....Thank you!! Please remember that we can always use your help for next month, the date will be December 19th. Please give me a call if you can provide food or service for Harvest Kitchen.... 892-8018 or email me at my3sons@cogeco.ca. Angela Oussoren

Other News



Coffee Break: No pencils, no books, What to bring? What to do? Well if you have some scissors, a tape dispenser, and lots of energy for gift wrapping. Yes it is our annual gift wrapping morning for Rose City Kids. It is lots of fun, so come out and join us Tuesday morning. Those of you that do not live in the Fenwick area, please be at the church here on Pelham Rd., at 9:00 am. We will wrapping gifts 935 Foss Rd. Little ones are more than welcome to come along. See you all Tuesday with your wrapping fingers ready to go. :)

Join Dec. 10th as we come together here at Grace CRC for us Christmas celebration. There will games, singing and fellowship. There will probably also be laughter. so you don't want to miss it. :) See you all here by 9:15.



The Robert Wood Singers under the direction of Andrew Carruthers are artistically presenting "The Child at Christmas" with just one concert on Sunday, December 8 at 2:30 PM at the Welland Centennial School on Thorold Rd. It promises to be variety of sacred music and a concert for the whole family. The Wood Kids are participating in a memorable concert of music. See the poster in the Fellowship Hall or visit www.robertwoodsingers.com for details. The

ticket price is \$ 15 for adults and \$ 8 for children 12 & under. Contact Andy Van Driel (289) 820-6836 or Frank Dam (905) 892-2140 for tickets.

"A God-glorifying, festive tradition, Arcady's acclaimed Baroque performance of Handel's Messiah is scheduled for 7:30 PM, Saturday, December 7 at the Vineland Free Reformed Church. Proceeds from this year's concert will support Gospel and development efforts in Guatemala. Tickets are \$25 each and family and student rates are available. For tickets or information, please call Michael or Victoria Zwiep at 905-892-9160 or email mzwiep@edudeo.com."

To the King Male Chorus, directed by Mendelt Hoekstra and accompanied by pianist Julie Thompson present, A Christmas Celebration on December 13, 2013, at Central Community Church, St. Catharines. The concert begins at 7:30pm. Children 12 & under are free. \$15/person (13 years and older). Visit www.totheking.ca for more details or email info@totheking.ca.

"Niagara Christian Community of Schools presents "Peace on Earth", a costumed retelling of the nativity story that will remind you of why Jesus is still relevant in today's culture. Interspersed in the drama are some of your favourite Christmas songs presented by our 40 voice choir. This presentation is free and

held on Wednesday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. at Riverside Community Church on the NCC campus. Free will offering will be taken to support Salvation Army Fort Erie and the NCC Arts Program".

Every life is unique and destined by God. That life does not seem to matter today and is being ignored and that life if being brought to an end without much thought or care. There are ways that we can inform others and put this all to an end. It may seem impossible but as it says in Mark 10:27, "All things are possible with God". We, the Dunnville Right to Life are inviting YOU to come out and help in whatever way you can, big or small. So come on out and meet us at the Grace United Reformed Church in Dunnville on December the 5th at 7:30 p.m! For more information or if you have any questions, send us a message at rdraastra@hotmail.com.

Upcoming concert On Saturday December 14 Music @ Mountainview is pleased to present the Hosanna Choir Christmas Concert under the direction of Herman Den Hollander at 8:00pm Mountainview Christian Reformed Church 290 Main St. E. Grimsby. Tickets are \$15 / person (children under 12 free) and are available at the Dutch Shop as well as the door the night of the concert. Come celebrate the Saviours birth.

School News

NACE

M&M MEAT SHOPS: It's that time of year again ... 2013 School Shop Days are back! On Wednesday, December 4, 2013, they are having their annual "School Shop Day." This event will run from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. 10% of the NACE school supporters purchases of products made that day will be donated back to NACE. New for 2013, they are also offering some great one day specials for school supporters. All you need to do is come in on Wednesday, December 4, between the hours of 9am - 8pm and identify yourself as a NACE (John Knox or Covenant) school supporter. Watch for flyer coming home with today's Journey. Share it with your friends and relatives. Grimsby or Niagara M&M Stores only.

REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Redeemer's Music Department is pleased to announce a series of concerts to celebrate Christmas.

Monday, December 2 at 7:30 pm -- The ArcelorMittal Dofasco Male Chorus and Ladies Choral Ensemble

Saturday, December 7 at 7:30 pm – The Redeemer Concert Choir

There is a special pricing for the 2013 Christmas Concert Series. Visit www.redeemer.ca/christmasconcerts for information and tickets.

Looking for Christian care for your children? The Redeemer Child Care Centre has a few spaces available for pre-schoolers. In interested, please contact the Centre's Supervisor, Marge Alkema by email (malkema@redeemer.ca) or phone (905.648.2139 ext.4412).



CRC Denomination

WORLD MISSIONS - Give a Gift. Change a Life: Christian Reformed World Missions missionaries in West Africa have translated several books of the Bible into the local language. Now they hope to give out copies so people can read about Christ for themselves. Help spread the Gospel this Christmas by giving to this and other projects listed in CRWM's Project Gift Guide at www.crwmm.org/projects.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS - Starting December 2, World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice will share a daily devotional series for Advent 2013 called Strangers in the Land to orient your Christmas season. To sign up, go to crcna.org/adventdevos. World Renew is also offering a daily online Advent calendar starting December 1! Sign up at worldrenew.net/advent for your international Advent season in 2013.

PROGRAM ADVISOR, LAOS - World Renew, an agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA), has a full time opening for a Program Advisor in Laos. The position will work with the team in Laos and focus on building the capacity of village development committees and support remote and vulnerable communities to advance health, education and agriculture objectives set by villagers. Visit www.worldrenew.net for more information or to complete an online application including resume, a cover letter and a completed application form. Visit www.worldrenew.net/laos for more information. Application deadline is Dec. 4.

WORLD RENEW - Philippines Typhoon Extended Deadline: World Renew is partnering with the Christian Reformed Church in the

Philippines (CRCP) to provide food, water, temporary shelter and hygiene kits to 20,000 survivors of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. We also plan to stay for the long-term to rebuild homes and livelihoods. Join us by donating online at worldrenew.net/haiyan, calling 1-800-730-3490, or sending a cheque to World Renew, 3475 Mainway, STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON, L7R 3Y8. Gifts received BEFORE DECEMBER 23 will be matched by the Canadian Government's Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund. Note that this deadline has been extended from Dec. 9.

World AIDS Day - AIDS is an indiscriminate killer—yet those most affected by the disease are people living in poverty. Today is World AIDS Day—a day set aside each year for people worldwide to unite in the fight against AIDS. World Renew invites you to join them in praying for those affected by HIV and AIDS around the world. Please also consider supporting World Renew's AIDS programs with your financial gift and help bring God's freedom to those living under the burden of AIDS in the developing world. You can also find out more about this ministry at worldrenew.net/aids.

FREE WEBINAR - Join us on Dec. 4 for "Today's Lepers in Your Church." How should the church respond to those with a criminal sexual history? Churches must maintain a safe, welcoming, and nurturing environment; and churches are called to exemplify God's grace. This webinar explores how churches can navigate between these truths so that the church becomes a safe and healing community. For details and registration for this free, one-hour event visit crcna.org/webinars

GROUNDWORK - Mary's Song: Today on

Groundwork we begin a series of Advent programs that will focus the great songs in Luke 1 & 2. The first of those is Mary's song, also called the Magnificat. Mary's song testifies to the massive changes that God brings when he comes in person. Join the Groundwork conversation – find a local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER - Hollywood: The school play is coming up. What job will Liz take? Director or lead role? Find out on this week's Kids Corner. Kids Corner is a member of the HisKids.net alliance—working together to provide quality entertainment for kids that is Christ-centered and Bible-based. Visit HisKids.net to find great Christian programs and music for kids.

IMPACT LIVES FOR CHRIST - Do you remember the earthquake and tsunami that happened in Japan more than 2 years ago? Do you know that the work of rehabilitation is still ongoing? Do you know that because of this disaster, many doors have been opened to hearing the gospel message often through the efforts of work teams? At this time World Renew would love to partner with more churches and individuals willing to join a work team and be part of the transformation in a very tangible way. Contact volunteer@crcna.org if this touches your heart.

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER - ...and Christian Reformed World Missions wants you to see what's there! From March 1-10, 2014 witness the work of the CRC in the Dominican Republic by your participation on an open service & learning team that not only assists local people in the construction of a church, but also builds cross-cultural friendships and strengthens the overall ministry impact of the church. Sound interesting? Contact volunteer@crcna.org

INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES - The Institute for Christian Studies (ICS) carries out the mission of Reformed graduate teaching, research, and service. Please join us as ambassadors of hope in sending Christian leaders to the world. Donate at icscanada.edu. Thank you for your prayers and support.

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND ADAPTIVE CHANGE TEAM - Did you know that . . . The population in Canada now stands at around 35 million and is projected to grow to about 45 million by 2050, with all the new growth coming from immigrants, the majority of them from China, South Asia or Africa. Challenges: Congregations in Canada will increasingly find themselves located in communities of new immigrants, especially Chinese, South Asian and African. They will need to find ways to connect with their neighbours in order to grow. To learn more, visit www.crcna.org/spact

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