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Christmas Package

We are sending Devon a Christmas package, so if you would like to send him a card or your kids would like to color a picture or draw something or a letter, please bring to church this Sunday or next and we can send it all together to him! If you would like to support Devon financially or send him monetary gift, Denise can help you with that and you can receive a charitable donation form.

Pictures

If you have any pictures from this year, 2016, that you would like to have included in the year end video for Bethany, please email them to kathleen-vanhoffen@hotmail.com. If you want to give them to me on your camera card, USB, a disk, or want me to take them off your phone, let me know and we can do that as well!! Calling GEMS, CADETS, MERGE, KONNECT 20, Mens Bible Study, Heart to Heart, Seniors dinner, etc etc. Please send me these pictures in the next 2 weeks!! Thank you

Hands at Work Reminder

Last week you all received a giving form from Hands at Work. Many this past Sunday were away sick, and for the rest this is a reminder. The form is a way to challenge us to commit to giving monthly in support of a child. Some of our congregation are doing this already but the bulk of our giving to the children happens through collections. Presently the collections are split between supporting Devon's work and providing the 3 Essential Services for the most vulnerable children in Maranatha community. The present system makes it difficult to plan for how many children can be cared for in any given year. The challenge before us is to commit to giving monthly. Twenty dollars a month provides a meal everyday, education and basic health care for a child. This is not a child sponsorship in the traditional sense - you will not be receiving a photo of your specific child etc. It's a way our community can lovingly, come alongside Maranatha community to help them care for their children. It would be difficult to find anything that for \$20/month can have as much impact as what we have witnessed first hand among the children of these vulnerable communities. With enough support we could transition the other half of our collection giving to specific special needs within the community (ex. Several widowed grandmothers caring for their grandchildren in Maranatha had homes without a roof) Prayerfully consider this request and if you are moved to do so, your giving forms can be placed in the Van Hoffen's mailbox. Also if you need more information or want to hear more about the work being done with Hands at Work, you can speak to Tim and Kathleen Van Hoffen or Jenn and Cassidy Kiers

Christian Courier

Take home a free copy of Christian Courier's Christmas issue from church today! CC is an award-winning, independent, Canadian newspaper that seeks to inspire all to participate in God's renewing work within his fallen creation. To learn more or begin a tree trial subscription, visit www.christiancourier.ca. CC thanks its advertisers and donors for making it possible to distribute complimentary issues.



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Mental Health Network

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www.shalemnetwork.org
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Elisha House
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Phone: 905-735-9934
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School News

Special N.A.C.E. Membership Meeting

There is a short, special membership meeting called by the board of directors for Tuesday, December 13, 2016. Materials should be in your mail slot today for current members of NACE and have paid your membership dues for this year. If you do not receive these materials and would like to participate as a member, please contact Diana Kingma at 905-643-2460 or jkcs@nace.ca.

Other News

Coffee Break: Wow! ladies the fall season of Coffee Break is almost over. It seems to have flown by. This Tuesday we will be celebrating the birth of our Saviour. There will be a Christmas presentation with readings and singing. Of course there will also be plenty of food. (If we remember to bring it along). Please remember to take along your gifts of personal care items to be collected for Open Arms Mission. See you there Coffee and tea will be ready. Hope to see all of you Please note because we would like all the ladies to join us the little ones are also welcome to join us at this time. Clean-up: Sylvia B., Theresa V.O., Laney V. O.

Concerts

Salt & Light Youth Evening - God & Government

On Friday, December 16, at 7:30pm, Colin Postma of the Association for Reformed Political Action (ARPA) will be coming to Rehoboth Christian School in Copetown (about 10km west of Hamilton) to speak on God & Government. Find out what you can do to be involved in government at a grassroots level! Youth of all ages are invited and encouraged to come. Sports, singing, snacks and fellowship to follow. Like us on Facebook at Salt and Light to stay in touch with our monthly events!

Mark your calendars! The Awake to Praise Choir will be performing their Christmas concerts on Friday, Dec. 16 at 7:30pm and Saturday, Dec. 17 at 5:30pm and 8:00pm at the Vineland Free Reformed Church. We hope to see many of you there!

CRC News

Special Advent Devotional Series - Looking for more meaning in the midst of a busy Christmas season? This Advent, ReFrame Media offers a special email devotional series just for you. With daily devotions and encouragements from Today, Family Fire, Groundwork, and the fun of Kids Corner, we designed it to help your whole family experience the true wonder of Christmas, the coming Christ. Subscribe at ReFrameMedia.com/Advent.

WRECK THE HALLS - Live animals on stage? 75 elementary school kids flying like angels in the air? It's up to Lucille and Olivia to bring Liz's Christmas drama back to earth. And Grandpa has a story that might do just that. Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Check out KC's new Christmas coupon book for a great gift idea at www.kidscorner.net

2017 January Series - Coming in January for the 30th year, Calvin College presents the 2017 January Series – the award-winning free liberal arts education delivered in 15 weekday, lunchtime lectures. This year the series begins on Wednesday, January 4 and continues through January 24 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. EST with topics ranging from re-imagining healthcare, closing the gender gap in technology, global poverty and violence, vocation and calling, race and reconciliation and so much more, by top experts in their fields. Thousands in west Michigan will join us on Calvin's campus for the daily noontime lectures, others will join the conversation by watching the live feed at 50 remote webcast sites across the continent (including 17 sites in Michigan), while others will listen online. For more information about the speakers, topics, remote sites and listening options visit our website at www.calvin.edu/january.

Calvin Symposium on Worship - You are invited to register and attend the annual Calvin Symposium on Worship, January 26-28, 2017, at Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary. The three-day conference brings together a wide audience of artists, musicians, pastors, scholars, students, worship leaders and planners, and other interested worshippers. The plenary speakers for the conference are N.T. Wright and Sandra Van Opstal. There are excellent rates for students and groups from churches. All worship services are free and open to the public. See <http://worship.calvin.edu/symposium/> for complete information.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece - (March 30 - April 11, 2017) Walk in the footsteps of Paul during the day and study his letters at night! Travel by motor coach (8 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys: Neapolis, Philippi, Amphipolis, Apollonia, Thessalonika, Berea, Athens, Corinth, Cenchrhea, and Ephesus. Also see other major sites of biblical, archeological, and cultural interest including Patmos, Delphi, Meteora, Vergina and the islands of Crete and Santorini. Join host Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, for this truly inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

GETTY CONCERT TICKETS NOW ON SALE! - EduDeo Ministries and Campfire! Bible Camp are selling a selection of prime seats for Keith and Kristyn Getty's "Facing A Task Unfinished" concert on April 27, 2017 at Hamilton Place! Call 905-516-9404 or email gettyconcert2017@gmail.com for your tickets.



MOST JOB OPPORTUNITIES ARE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN BETWEEN THE WASHROOMS. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO CHECK IT OUT IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A JOB!

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