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Bethany Bugle

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Ministry Funding Report

There was an error in the reporting for Ministry funding last week in the Bugle. Here is an up to date report with the corrections.

Kingdom 'Building' – Ministry Funding / Budget Update

Doing ministry together: November 30, 2015

	PLAN	ACTUAL
Bethany Income	\$402,781.94	\$356,687.40
Bethany Expenses	\$402,781.94	\$361,212.77
Collected for Classis	\$13,251.81	\$12,338.10
Collected for CRC	\$54,153.44	\$50,387.60
2 nd Offering last two weeks (Nov.29th & Dec.6th)		
Peter Fish.....		\$460.00
NACE		\$100.00
Hands at Work.....		\$3,478.00
Friendship.....		\$605.00
Rose City Kids.....		\$300.00

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True Women Conference: On September 22-24, 2016 (Thursday-Saturday) there will be a women's conference at the *Indianapolis Convention Center* in Indianapolis, Indiana. Speakers include Nancy Leigh DeMoss and Mary Kassian. Keith and Kristyn Getty will be the worship leaders.



There are a number of women who plan to attend so we are looking into hiring a coach bus. This is early but we need to confirm the bus in January because these buses are used for "Fall Colour" tours. If you are interested in attending this conference and going by coach bus, please let Lorraine Wierenga know asap. Seating is limited to 56 people. If enough show interested another bus may be hired. Payment will hold your seat. The bus will be approximately \$90 return. For more information about the conference go to: <http://www.truewoman16.com/>

The congregation of Bethany CRC: Thank you for your prayers and generous support for the ministry of World Renew. During the month of November, you gave \$7,227.00 to that ministry, specifically to various program and hunger funds. In partnership with you, World Renew was able to help people through hunger alleviation, food security, health and nutrition programs, and many more. For example, as we work with our partner in Guatemala, we are helping communities to terrace hillsides, and to grow "kitchen gardens" to increase food security, all the while building the strength of the community itself. In fact, there are so many stories of disaster response, rehabilitation and transformational community development in www.worldrenew.net. So, thanks to this most recent gift, World Renew and Bethany, will continue walking alongside those in need, and help them work towards their God-given potential.



CONTACT INFORMATION
Phone: 905-528-0353 or
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www.shalemnetwork.org

VOUCHERS-Please note vouchers bought for 2015 must be used in 2015. I will be placing new order forms in your mail slots next week for ordering 2016 vouchers. Thanks

Concerts / Radio

2015 CBC Christmas Sing-In: Recorded in early December at Montréal's Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, the 36th annual Sing-In will be broadcast on Sunday, December 20 at 5:00 p.m. (CBC Radio 2); and again on Christmas Day on CBC Radio 2 at 1:00 p.m. and on CBC Radio One at 9:00 p.m. Hosted by Ben Heppner, the performers include Organist Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm; soprano Aviva Fortunata, conductor Dr. Jean-Sébastien Vallée, the Choir of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, and a brass & percussion ensemble. The concert can be heard online as of December 16 at... <http://music.cbc.ca/#/The-CBC-Christmas-Sing-In>

Anyone wishing to read a copy of The deRuiter's farewell letter, a copy is posted on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs.

School News

SMITHVILLE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL—Open House and Celebration of Learning

Thriving and flourishing are two words you'll hear often these days at Smithville Christian High School. Our spiritual life theme for the year is Thrive, and our new atrium sculpture is called Flourish, and both words speak to the emphasis we are placing on making this a place where teenagers can be what God has called them to be. Want to see how it works? Come to Smithville Christian High School on Jan. 14 for our annual Open House and Celebration of Learning to interact with students and see samples of their work in every subject area. This evening is especially for students in Grades 7 and 8 and their parents -- to see what a Christian high school can offer your family -- but it's also for everyone: parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbours and friends. Information for prospective students from 7-7:30 p.m., followed by the open house from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The students of Smithville Christian High School look forward to welcoming you. We Believe. You Belong Here. www.smithvillechristian.ca

Other News

Coffee Break: Well ladies it is hard to believe that this coming Tuesday will be the last time we meet for Coffee Break this year. It will be our Christmas celebration, to celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus. and we looking forward to seeing everyone come out and enjoy the morning together. Please bring your favourite food to share and maybe don't eat too much breakfast so you have room for all the goodies. There will be tea coffee and punch too for you to enjoy. So bring your food, your laughter and Christmas spirit and join us. All ladies are welcome to join us even if you have not been coming to Coffee Break before. Let us all share in the celebration of Christmas. Our first meeting will be on Jan 12, 2016.

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE: Healing was and still is a significant part of Jesus' ministry. Come learn about and experience healing prayer at Mountainview Church's upcoming Healing Prayer Service on Sunday, December 13 at 5pm. Address is 290 Main Street East, Grimsby. All are welcome! "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give." Matthew 10:8

"ARE YOU SENSING GOD'S CALLING?" Perhaps you have been sensing God nudging you in the direction of ordained ministry in the Christian Reformed Church. If so, we strongly encourage you to explore this direction further by finding out more at www.crcna.org/pages/candidacy, and/or contacting Pastor Chris de Winter - pastorchris@trinitycrcstcatharines.org (Trinity CRC) or Pastor Jim Dekker - jcdekker48@gmail.com. As part of the Niagara Classis Ministerial Leadership Team (CMLT), we desire to be of assistance to you by answering your questions, encouraging you, and praying with you.

Please note that if you want to begin studies in the Fall of 2016, the deadline to apply for financial aid is December 31, 2015."

CRC News

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.

WAITING FOR PEACE - Do you long for a moment of peace? Discover God's peace with Groundwork as we study Isaiah 65 and other images of that peace found in Isaiah. Then we'll learn why waiting for Christ is blessed. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

WRECK THE HALLS - Here's a brand new adventure! 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. Follow the adventures of Liz and his pals every week: subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Find more great resources for kids and parents at kidscorner.net.

2016 JANUARY SERIES - Coming this January for the 29th year, Calvin College presents the 2016 January Series - the award-winning free liberal arts education delivered in 15 weekday, lunchtime lectures. This year the series begins on Wednesday, January 6 and continues through January 26 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. EST with topics ranging from global health, interfaith leadership, the future of Russia, a story of autism, justice in Honduras, cyber security in a shrinking world and much more. 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 48 remote webcast sites across the continent (including 16 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.

GLOBAL PRAYER SAFARI - Do you have a heart for missions and the missionaries who serve in Africa? Make plans to join World Missions Kenya Prayer Safari in February 2016 to spiritually strengthen, encourage and refresh Christian missionary workers in various missions settings. Additional details can be found at www.crwmm.org or contact volunteer@crcna.org.

Rice Planting Opportunity - Work alongside villagers as they plant rice, and learn about Cambodian culture and history while staying with a local host family. Contact us for more details about this 10-day volunteer opportunity in August 2016 at www.worldrenew.net/gvp or volunteer@crcna.org.

Do a World of Good: - World Renew invites you to "do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased" (Heb. 13:6). Give a gift that can Do a World of Good this Christmas. Help a family gain access to clean water, help a child get the nutrition they need, help a typhoon survivor find shelter and safety. Get your copy of the World Renew gift catalog online at worldrenewgifts.net or by calling 800-333-8300.

Syria Conflict Response and Government Match Deadline - For more than three years, World Renew has been providing food and other assistance to families displaced by the horrific violence in Syria. Please help us continue this ministry. Gifts received from Canadians by December 31 will qualify for a 1:1 match from the Canadian government. Call 1-800-730-3490, visit www.worldrenew.net/donate or mail your gift marked, "World Renew Syria Conflict," to World Renew, 3475 Mainway, STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON L7R 3Y8. Those interested in helping refugee families as they begin a new life in Canada should contact Rebecca Walker (rwalker@worldrenew.net).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES ARE LOCATED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD BY THE BACK STAIRS

