

December 14, 2014

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BETHANY KIDS -- HELP NEEDED

We are looking for **two** adult volunteers to help in the toddler room during our Christmas Eve service. If you are willing, please talk to Lindsay Janssen.

Hands at Work

This past November at the fundraiser for Devon and Hands at Work, We mentioned that we have a vision for our church community and friends to support a community in Africa through Hands at work. Hands at Work has indicated a need for us to partner with a community in Zambia called Maranatha. We are excited by this opportunity for our community to partner in this Kingdom work. We (the Van Hoffens) are inviting anyone interested finding out more about how to become a part of this to come by our place Thursday December 18@ 7:30 pm. There will be several ways to get involved in this, which include: visiting the community by way of a short term mission trip, prayer support , and the financial support needed for a daily meal, basic medical treatment and education for 50 children in the community of Maranatha. If you are even just curious to know more, we invite you to come over and find out more. We recognize its getting near Christmas, but we will make it festive (Croquettes egg nog and apple cider). If you are unable to make it but would like to find out more, just send us a short email at timvanhoffen@hotmail.com and we will connect with you at another time.

Upcoming Concerts

Christmas Music at the Noon Hour On Thursday, December 18th, 2014 from 12:15p.m - 1:00 p.m., Mountainview Christian Reformed Church, 290 Main Street East, Grimsby, ON . No admission will be charged. The busy bustle of life and the commercialism of Christmas often leaves little time for a quiet moment of reflection and personal time to come to yourself and rethink what the season is all about.

We invite you to do so by taking some time during your noon hour break on Thursday, December 18th. Come and listen as Ernest Termorshuizen plays the moving and inspiring music of the Christmas season. Go back to work relaxed and refreshed, looking forward to celebrating

the true meaning of the season with the colleagues, family and friends.

IT'S COMING between Christmas and New Year's Eve!

Join us at Mountainview CRC, Grimsby on Sunday December 28th for an evening service of Praise & Worship focused on GETTING RECONNECTED! This service is geared towards, youth, young adults and the young at heart! There will be a time of coffee at 6:30, followed by a time of praise and worship from 7 to 8. Refreshments will also be served after! Get reconnected with friends, neighbors and students (both high school and college) that have been away. Invite people from neighboring churches and

your neighborhoods. Let's come together for worship, food and fellowship and get RECONNECTED!

2014 CBC Christmas Sing-In:

Recorded in early December at Montréal's Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, the 35th annual Sing-In will be broadcast Christmas Day on CBC Radio 2 at 9:00 a.m., and on CBC Radio One at 12:00 noon. Hosted by Ben Heppner, the performers include Organist Jonathan Oldengarm, soprano Aline Kutan, conductor Jordan de Souza, the Choir of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, and a brass and percussion ensemble. The concert can be heard online as of December 10 at <http://music.cbc.ca/#/The-CBC-Christmas-Sing-In>.

Ministry Funding Report

Kingdom 'Building' – Ministry Funding / Budget Update

Doing ministry together: report up to November 30, 2014

	PLAN	ACTUAL
Bethany Income	\$356,029.52	\$349,401.55
Bethany Expenses	\$356,029.52	\$375,785.65
Collected for Classis	\$13,513.28	\$13,513.28
Collected for CRC	\$53,561.31	\$53,561.31
2 nd Offering last two weeks (Nov.23rd & 30th)		
Deacons.....		\$408.00
Pelham Cares.....		\$60.00
Peter Fish.....		\$1,384.50
NACE.....		\$552.00

Other News

Coffee Break: This coming Tuesday we will be having our special Christmas morning. A great group of ladies has been busy planning to make it a memorable one I hear. There will be a craft to make, goodies to share, songs to sing, fellowship, fun and laughter. We definitely will also be remembering the real meaning of Christmas and celebrating the birth of our Saviour.

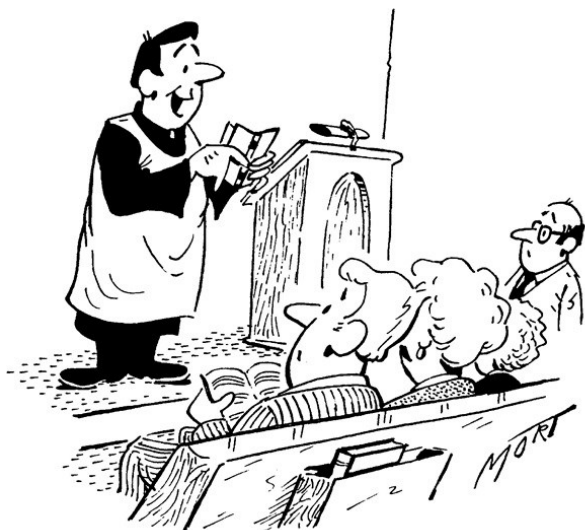
Things we should remember to bring Lg or sm canning jars. and scissors for the craft, the goodies that you signed up to bring , :) so we can eat. voices to sing with. We are also going to collect personal hygiene products for Open Arms, shampoos are especially needed, tooth paste deodorants etc.

So ladies we will see you all here at Grace CRC Tuesday morning, bring a friend, and all ladies are welcome from our congregation are welcome to join us. Coffee will be ready at 9:15 and we will be starting promptly at 9:30. Looks like a busy morning so we should start on time.

Shalom Manor – November Sale Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who was involved in this year's November Sale! Whether you baked and donated homemade goodies, supported us at the lucky draw table, purchased plants or other food items, had your picture taken with Sinterklaas, enjoyed a boerenkool meal, lekker piece of cake, or croquette, you made a difference! With the help of our community, we raised more than \$12,000! All funds support Resident services such as special events and outings, and other items that enable a more accessible home that we would not otherwise be able to offer with the provided Ministry funding. It is truly a blessing to have people who willingly support Shalom Manor & Gardens. THANK YOU!

Prayer & Healing Ministry - Equipping & Training Opportunity: Would you like to learn how to help people receive healing of past hurts and inner wounds through prayer? Pastor Erick Schuringa will be leading two days of training, which will begin with Session One on Saturday Jan 31, 2015 and Session Two on Saturday Feb 21, 2015. Smithville Christian Reformed Church will be hosting these event days at the library of Smithville Christian High School at 6488 Smithville Rd. Smithville. If you, or others you may know, are interested in attending these event days, please call or email to reserve your spot. A registration cost of \$15 for the two sessions will be requested by all participants. Contact: office@smithvillecrc.ca or 905-957-2116.



"We'll sing the first verse, hum the second, and lip-sync the third."

CRC Announcements

GROUNDWORK - Jesus Our Light: We need light to live, so when the gospel writer John calls Jesus the Light he's making a big claim. Together we'll study John 1:1-12, discuss what this means for us and the world today, and discover the call to action it brings to us as followers of Christ. Join the conversation each week: subscribe for free weekly email notifications at ListenToGroundwork.com or visit GroundworkOnline.com to find a local radio station or listen now.

KIDS CORNER - The Knights Before Christmas: When Liz and Lucille see a homeless family in front of church, they tell Liz's dad. The church decides to help them, but then they find out that all is not what it seems. 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.

FAMILY FIRE - Family Fire is an online community exploring Spir-

it-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.

KIDS CORNER ADVENT CALENDAR - Christmas is the celebration of the greatest gift ever given by God—His Son Jesus Christ. The word "advent" has a Latin origin meaning "coming toward." Download the Kids Corner Advent Calendar to teach your child the amazing significance of Christmas, the coming toward of the Christ-child through daily Bible verses and stories. Prepare their hearts for the joy of His coming, and encourage thankfulness, worship, and service with daily disciple activities through the entire season of advent. Download it free. Look for it under "Free Stuff" at www.kidscorner.net.

KENYA PRAYER SAFARI - Do you have a heart for missions and the missionaries who serve in Africa? Why not join the Kenya Prayer Safari in February 2015 and

strengthen, spiritually encourage and refresh Christian missionary workers in various missions settings. Additional details can be found at www.crcna.org or contact volunteer@crcna.org.

HEARTS & HANDS FOR HONDURAS - Serve on a team with your heart and your hands with World Renew and its partner ministry Diaconia Nacional on their community improvement projects in Honduras. Work alongside local laborers by building latrines, pilas, general construction etc. More information available at www.worldrenew.net or volunteer@crcna.org.

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