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Bethany Bugle

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****As the 2017 year is coming to a close, we are reminded by God's Word in 2Cor 8:11 to "finish the work (of giving) so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it according to your means." As Council we ask that we all examine our faith giving for the current year. As you can see below, we have not yet received the needed income that we together as members of Bethany committed to giving in order to meet all our ministry needs/commitments for the year. If you have fallen behind in your giving plans, now is the time to catch up. If you are unsure what to give, examine how the Lord has financially/materially provided for you this year and see if you have given in proportion to that (biblically 10%+). Even if you have not given this year yet, now is a great time to take some steps in faith and begin participating in what the Bible in 2Cor 8:7 calls "the grace of giving. Your servant leaders in Christ's name, the Council.****

Kingdom 'Building' – Ministry Funding / Budget Update

Doing ministry together: November 2017

	PLAN	ACTUAL
Bethany Income	\$ 421,012.57	\$ 368,761.05
Bethany Expenses	\$ 421,012.57	\$ 393,222.78
Collected for Classis	\$ 15,698.43	\$ 15,698.43
Collected for CRC	\$ 61,742.34	\$ 53,305.46
2 nd Offering (November)		
World Hunger/Peter Fish.....		\$3094.00
Deacons.....		\$120.00
Open Arms Mission.....		\$1347.00
World Renew.....		\$200.00
Hands at Work.....		\$5378.00
Shalom Manor.....		\$690.00
Friendship.....		\$100.00

GETTY KIDS HYMNAL For the Cause



CD's Available for Sale:
\$10.00 each. If interested please see Lorraine.

Address Changes

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shalem

Mental Health Network

CONTACT INFORMATION
Phone: 905-528-0353 or
Toll-free 1-866-347-0041
www.shalemnetwork.org
Confidential congregation-
ally supported counselling.

Elisha House

Pregnancy & Family Support Centre

CONTACT INFORMATION
Phone: 905-735-9934
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(call or txt)
www.elishahouse.on.ca
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YAWR
Young Adult Winter Retreat

CULTURE

Musicians: Alpha Praise

Speaker: Mike Collins

A faith-based weekend retreat for adults ages 18-30ish, held at Maranatha CRC, Woodstock, Ontario on January 26-28, 2018
Find us on Facebook: 'Young Adult Winter Retreat'
Email us: ya.retreat.team@gmail.com

Monday January 1, 2018. There will be a Special Combined New Year's Day Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. at Grace CRC in Welland where together with Riverside CRC, Wellandport and Bethany CRC, Fenwick we join in looking ahead to God's leading and blessing in 2018. The focus will be on the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for our churches and communities in 2018. Pastor Mike Vandyk and the Welland worship team will lead the service.

Other News

Coffee Break: Hope everyone is looking forward to our Christmas celebration and brunch. There will be a Christmas meditation, singing and time of fellowship. Please join us this coming Tuesday morning at 9:30 here at Grace CRC. All ladies are welcome to join us on this special morning to celebrate.

Leading: Tildy. Kitchen Clean-Up: April L., Nellie, S., Karen V.V. Babysitting: Ginnette B., Monika F.

Concerts

COME TO A FUNDRAISING CONCERT FOR JUBILEE'S REFUGEE WORK! Canadian Worship Leader and Christian Artist Brooke Nicholls (www.brookenicholls.ca) and local band DAWN (John Dahl; Mendel Hoekstra; Julie Hoff; Gail Poulsen; Scott Vernon) are LIVE, in concert on SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at Jubilee Fellowship Church (13 Wilholme Drive in St. Catharines). Tickets are \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door; \$12 for seniors and children. All proceeds (including free will offering) will go to support Jubilee's work with Refugees. Reserve your tickets by calling Jubilee at 905-687-3372. Professional sound by Soundbox Productions.

CRC News

A Theology of Star Wars - Are you excited about Star Wars: The Last Jedi? Some of the sharpest thinkers on theology and pop culture explore key themes in the preceding films in "A Theology of Star Wars," an ebook from Think Christian. Simply sign up to receive Think Christian articles by email and the ebook is yours! Learn more at thinkchristian.net/starwars.

BEYOND BELIEF - Liz and friends find themselves in Bethlehem reliving the Christmas story. Check out KC's new Christmas coupon book for a great gift idea at www.kidscorner.net.

EVERLASTING FATHER - As Isaiah continues to describe the Messiah, he calls him "Everlasting Father." Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 1:16-18, and John 14:1-11 to find out what this title would have meant to its original Israelite audience and why it really is an appropriate title for Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

CALVIN SYMPOSIUM ON WORSHIP - You are invited to register and attend the annual Calvin Symposium on Worship, January 25-27, 2018, 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. There are excellent rates for students and groups from churches. All worship services are free and open to the public. For information and to register, go to worship.calvin.edu/symposium/.

January Series 2018 - Coming this January for the 31st year, Calvin College presents the 2018 January Series – the award winning free liberal arts education delivered in 15 weekly, lunchtime lectures. This year the series begins on January 3 and continues weekdays through January 23 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. EST. with topics ranging from millennials and faith to restorative justice, confident pluralism, radical generosity 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 more than 50 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.

2017 CBC Christmas Sing-In - Recorded in mid-December at Montréal's Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, the 38th annual Sing-In will be broadcast on Christmas Day, December 25, across Canada and into Europe. Tune in to your local CBC Radio 2 station at 1:00 p.m. and again to your local CBC Radio One station at 4:00 p.m. Hosted by Katherine Duncan, performers include Organist Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm, soloist tenor John Tessier, Conductor Dr. Jean-Sébastien Vallée, the Choir of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, and a brass & percussion ensemble.

Young Adults! - Join other wonderful folks aged 18-30ish from across Ontario for the 2018 installment of the Young Adult Winter Retreat on January 26-28th, at Maranatha CRC in Woodstock! This year, we will focus on the theme "Culture" and how we're to represent Christ to our neighbours around us, with Pastor Mike Collins from Providence CRC as our speaker. It will be a weekend full of spiritual encouragement, faith-based discussions, service, workshops, worship, fellowship, and funtivities! Be sure to register by January 11th to receive the Early Bird rate of just \$60 for the entire weekend (after that it goes up to \$70). For more info and to register, visit our Facebook page "Young Adult Winter Retreat" or email ya.retreat.team@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Dominican Republic Church Construction - Join together with the local church in Los Alcarizos, Dominican Republic to construct a new church building. Their current building is too small, in very poor shape, and has little ventilation. Church members have been gathering materials together and are really hoping for a team to come and help them this year. For more information visit resonateglobalmission.org/go or contact Bill Thornburg - bthornburg@crcna.org. Deadline for application is January 5, 2018.

Stand in the Gap with World Renew this Christmas - God's power is made visible in His son Jesus Christ, who stood in the gap to offer us salvation. Give a powerful gift to someone in need this Christmas – one duckling, a flock, or a whole barnyard filled with animals. Find these and other life-changing items at worldrenewgifts.net, or call 800-730-3490 to receive your printed catalogue in the mail.

World Renew trip to Haiti - World Renew is organizing an open team to travel to Haiti! Are you passionate about sustainable community development? Deforestation is a serious environmental issue that threatens Haiti. Spend 8 days (March 10-18, 2018) learning about Haiti and participating in reforestation projects. Reforestation helps reduce the impact of mudslides and improves soil quality for increased food security and income for families. Applicants should be able to do physical work in tropical conditions. There may be opportunities for construction work. For more information, please contact Iona Buisman at ibuisman@worldrenew.net.



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