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# Bethany Bugle

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### Kingdom 'Building' – Ministry Funding / Budget Update

Doing ministry together: November 2016

	PLAN	ACTUAL
Bethany Income	\$ 414,469.52	\$ 350,931.64
Bethany Expenses	\$ 414,469.52	\$ 380,259.68
Collected for Classis	\$ 15,658.06	\$ 11,771.68
Collected for CRC	\$ 61,742.34	\$ 46,667.52

2<sup>nd</sup> Offering (November 6,13,20,27)

Deacons.....	\$1,593.00
Hands at Work.....	\$2163.00
World Renew.....	\$100.00
Shalom Manor.....	\$738.00
Rose City Kids.....	\$100.00
World Hunger.....	\$2,273.00

## Other News

**SHALOM MANOR**, a Christian long-term care facility in Grimsby, is currently seeking applications for the position of **PSW – Personal Support Worker**. If you are

certified and interested in working in a Christian setting, caring for elderly Dutch-Canadian residents, please submit your resume to [in-fo@shalommanor.ca](mailto:info@shalommanor.ca) or fax (905) 945-1211, Attn: Kelly Morrison.

**Coffee Break:** Ladies, we had a wonderful Coffee Break morning as we celebrated the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Thanks to Anita, Hilda. Theresa and Tildy for the litany you did for us. Sharing the Light of the world. Thank to all of you brought you delicious favorite foods to share. All thanks to those who faithfully contribute every week with baking, helping clean up, babysitting and all that happens every week to make it a loving and sharing group of ladies. We all need each other to help us grow in our Christian walk. We were so very happy to see Ans able to join us on this special morning. Welcome back Christine Strand. Sorry that is will be for only a short time. As you celebrate this Christmas season with your families and friends may we all remember the real reason for the season. Wishing all of you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all on January 10th.

### From the Library

Looking for a good Christmas movie to watch with your family? Check out these titles in the church library:

One Special Night, Christmas Angel, Christmas Lodge, Christmas Shoes, Christmas Blessing, Christmas Hope, Christmas Choir, Christmas Miracle, The Christmas Card, The Christmas Candle, The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey

**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](http://www.crcna.org/pages/candidacy), and/or contacting Pastor Chris de Winter - [dewinter.pastorchris@gmail.com](mailto:dewinter.pastorchris@gmail.com) or Pastor Jim Dekker - [jcdekker48@gmail.com](mailto: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 2017, the deadline to apply for financial aid is January 31, 2017."

**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!**



We're on the web!  
[www.bethanycrc.ca](http://www.bethanycrc.ca)



## shalem

Mental Health Network

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 905-528-0353 or  
Toll-free 1-866-347-0041  
[www.shalemnetwork.org](http://www.shalemnetwork.org)  
Confidential congregation-  
ally supported counselling.

## Elisha House

Pregnancy & Family Support Centre

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 905-735-9934  
Aft Hrs: 289-823-2424  
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[www.elishahouse.on.ca](http://www.elishahouse.on.ca)  
[info@elishahouse.on.ca](mailto:info@elishahouse.on.ca)

## CRC News

**A Theology of Star Wars** - Anyone in your family excited about Rogue One: A Star Wars Story coming out soon? Some of the sharpest thinkers on theology and pop culture explore key themes in the seven previous 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](http://thinkchristian.net/starwars).

**BEYOND BELIEF** - Liz and friends find themselves in Bethlehem reliving the Christmas story. Subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Check out KC's new Christmas coupon book for a great gift idea at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net)

**GOSPEL BEGINNINGS: LUKE** - The classic telling of the Christmas story with shepherds, angels and a baby lying in a manger is only found in the gospel of Luke. Join the conversation on Luke 1 to see how Luke helps us celebrate the advent of our Savior through the stories leading up to and describing the birth of Jesus Christ. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**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](http://ReFrameMedia.com/Advent).

**See God's Work in Uganda** - The Gospel is spreading rapidly in eastern Africa and missionaries serving in this region are looking for people who want to pray for ministries and ministry leaders at the Global Prayer Safari in Uganda on February 2-14. Visit [crwm.org/Safari](http://crwm.org/Safari) if you are interested.

**Uganda Prayer Safari** - The deadline for the Global Prayer Safari in Uganda is coming soon but we still have room for you to join a team of people from North America and East Africa for a prayer ministry. Visit [crwm.org/safari](http://crwm.org/safari) for more information or to apply.

**Available Free in the Digital Library** - "Good News! The Story of the Shepherds" is available free to all in the CRC through the Digital Library ([crcna.org/Library](http://crcna.org/Library)). This newly revised God Loves Me storybook retells a Bible story in simple language that young children can understand, a prayer, and suggestions for learning-through-play activities.

**Christmas Greetings!** - As we enter the Christmas season, I am mindful of the gift that each and every member of the Christian Reformed Church is. I want to thank you for the support you provide, the grace you extend and the voice you carry as we together serve our Lord and Saviour. May God grant our local settings growth and all of us peace in the year ahead. ~Darren Roorda, Canadian Ministries Director CRCNA

**Thinking about the New Year?** - While you're drawing up your reading list and dusting off those running shoes, why not make a resolution to attend Inspire 2017? We'll even help you keep it by opening up registration in mid-January! Inspire 2017 is a conference in early August to connect people from across our 1,000+ churches for three days of practical workshops, engaging speakers, worship, and energizing conversation. Join us! <https://www.crcna.org/Inspire2017>

**2016 CBC Christmas Sing-In** - Recorded in mid-December at Montréal's Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, the 37th annual Sing-In will be broadcast on Christmas Day, December 25. Tune in to CBC Radio 2 at 1:00 p.m. and again to CBC Radio One at 9:00 p.m. Hosted by Ben Heppner, 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. The concert may also be heard online as of December 15 at [www.cbcmusic.ca/Singin](http://www.cbcmusic.ca/Singin)

**GIVE THE GIFT OF CAMP** - Registration for Camp Shalom is now open! New this year, consider giving your child or grandchild the life-changing gift of a week at camp for Christmas. Register at [www.countrysidecamp.com](http://www.countrysidecamp.com).

**Son View House** - the Christian community residence for Brock University students in Thorold - invites applications for the two student head-resident positions (one male and one female) for 2017-2018. Each position carries an annual stipend of \$4000 (four thousand dollars), with the possibility of renewal for 2018-2019. For more information, visit the Everything-under-the-Son website at [www.everything-under-the-son.ca](http://www.everything-under-the-son.ca) or contact Chaplain Andre at [abasson@brocku.ca](mailto:abasson@brocku.ca)

**Young Adults!** - Join others aged 18-30ish from across Ontario for a weekend retreat on January 20-22, 2017 at Marantha CRC in Woodstock. The theme this year is "Broken Re-awoken" with Dr. Syd Hielema guiding our group sessions and Nate Smit leading in worship. It will be a weekend full of spiritual encouragement, faith-based discussions, service, fellowship, and funtivities! For more information and to register, visit our Facebook page "Young Adult Winter Retreat" or email [ya.retreat.team@gmail.com](mailto:ya.retreat.team@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

**Sea to Sea Bicycle Tour** - Sea to Sea is looking for 35 more registered riders by the end of December. Kitchen volunteers are also needed. Are you one? Whether you are up for the full coast-to-coast ride or you prefer to join for part of the trip, Sea to Sea is for everyone with a heart for service and a sense of adventure. Get involved! Call us at 1-888-CRC-BIKE!

You can give the BEST GIFTS EVER with World Renew this Christmas - God's power became visible in His son Jesus Christ in Bethlehem. He is the Best Gift Ever. You can give a powerful gift to someone in need this Christmas through one baby chick -- or clean water for a whole community. Find these and other empowering items in the World Renew gift catalogue online at [worldrenewgifts.net](http://worldrenewgifts.net) or call 800-730-3490 to receive your printed catalogue in the mail.