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Tomorrow—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.

Attention Voucher Users: This is the last Sunday that you can use your 2017 vouchers for the offerings. If you need to order 2018 vouchers, a form was placed in your mail slot a few weeks ago, or you can pick up another form located in the slot on the wall by the window in the fellowship hall.



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Mental Health Network

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

Elisha House
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GIFT OF JESUS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

— PSALM 107: 8-9 NIV

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; Mendelt 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.

A LIGHT SHINING IN DARKNESS - In the Bible, the coming of the Messiah is often associated with light. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 9:2-3, Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20, Matthew 5:14-16, and Revelation 22:1-5 to see what this theme means for our understanding of Christ's light and how we live while waiting for his second coming. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

HOLLYWOOD - The school play is coming up and Liz is sure that he will not only have the lead role but also be asked to direct. That doesn't happen, but Miss Wattle does give him the role of Old Ben which Liz still uses to be a "star"—with sunglasses, a chinchilla beret, silk scarf, and bodyguard. This causes Chamy and Miss Wattle to "fire" Liz and replace him with Morrie. Liz finally realizes that he once again has fallen to pride. Check out the "God is Faithful" Memory Jar Activity at www.kidscorner.net as you look ahead to the New Year!

From Calvin College

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.

From Disability Concerns

Save the date! - Living in the third third of life brings both challenges and opportunities. This training event will help disability advocates, deacons and other church leaders, and people in their third third minister with-in and embrace the life God gives us as we age. "Aging: Challenges and Opportunities" will take place at Maranatha CRC, Woodstock ON, on April 21, 2018. Syd Hielema, Director of the CRC's Faith Formation Ministry will keynote: "Growing in Faith in the Third Third of Life."

From Other

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!

From World Renew

Job Opportunity: Program Coordinator - Are you passionate about coordinating projects and supporting monitoring and evaluation requirements in a disaster response context? If so, this could be the role for you. World Renew, an agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA), has a full time opening for a Program Coordinator on the International Disaster Response team, based in Burlington, Ontario, Canada. Please visit our website at www.worldrenew.net/careers for more information, or to apply. The application deadline is January 22, 2018.

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.

