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Thanks!

The Council and Vision/Prayer Team would like to express their heartfelt thankfulness to the Lord for the way His people here in Bethany willingly gathered as they were able to do the work of visioning recently. Thank you to all those who worked so wonderfully to prepare food, provide child care, take care of setup and take down and especially all those who prayed faithfully for this event. Thank you for your willing, gracious and open sharing of what the Lord had put on your hearts and minds together. The Vision Team will now begin prayerfully working with the information that was gathered to further develop the main themes and purposes that came out of the discussions to help guide our next steps as a church in the next number of years. Pray for the Spirit's leading in this work.

Christmas Package

We are sending Devon a Christmas package, so if you would like to send him a card or your kids would like to color a picture or draw something or a letter, please bring to church this Sunday or next and we can send it all together to him! If you would like to support Devon financially or send him monetary gift, Denise can help you with that and you can receive a charitable donation form.

Pictures

If you have any pictures from this year, 2016, that you would like to have included in the year end video for Bethany, please email them to kathleen-vanhoffen@hotmail.com. If you want to give them to me on your camera card, USB, a disk, or want me to take them off your phone, let me know and we can do that as well!! Calling GEMS, CADETS, MERGE, KONNECT 20, Mens Bible Study, Heart to Heart, Seniors dinner, etc etc. Please send me these pictures in the next 2 weeks!! Thank you

Service of Hope for the Bereaved

Greetings in the Lord. This year's combined churches of Pelham's "Service of Hope for the Bereaved" will be held Wednesday December 7 at 7pm at Glad Tidings Church of God (1 Pancake Ln, Fonthill). If you or someone you know has suffered through the loss of a loved one or friend this past year or more, this service is an opportunity for all of us to acknowledge the sorrow of loss that can be especially difficult during the Christmas season as together we seek God's comfort in the midst of remembering. Any and all are welcome to attend.

Hands at Work Reminder

Last week you all received a giving form from Hands at Work. Many this past Sunday were away sick, and for the rest this is a reminder. The form is a way to challenge us to commit to giving monthly in support of a child. Some of our congregation are doing this already but the bulk of our giving to the children happens through collections. Presently the collections are split between supporting Devon's work and providing the 3 Essential Services for the most vulnerable children in Maranatha community. The present system makes it difficult to plan for how many children can be cared for in any given year. The challenge before us is to commit to giving monthly. Twenty dollars a month provides a meal everyday, education and basic health care for a child. This is not a child sponsorship in the traditional sense - you will not be receiving a photo of your specific child etc. It's a way our community can lovingly, come alongside Maranatha community to help them care for their children. It would be difficult to find anything that for \$20/month can have as much impact as what we have witnessed first hand among the children of these vulnerable communities. With enough support we could transition the other half of our collection giving to specific special needs within the community (ex. Several widowed grandmothers caring for their grandchildren in Maranatha had homes without a roof) Prayerfully consider this request and if you are moved to do so, your giving forms can be placed in the Van Hoffen's mailbox. Also if you need more information or want to hear more about the work being done with Hands at Work, you can speak to Tim and Kathleen Van Hoffen or Jenn and Cassidy Kiers



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Mental Health Network

CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 905-528-0353 or
Toll-free 1-866-347-0041
www.shalemnetwork.org
Confidential congregation-
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Elisha House
Pregnancy & Family Support Centre

CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 905-735-9934
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www.elishahouse.on.ca
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School News

M&M SCHOOL SHOP DAYS ARE BACK! On Monday, December 5, 2016, M&M is having their annual "School Shop Day". This event will run from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. 10% of your purchase will be donated back to N.A.C.E.

One Day offer – Nanaimo Bars \$11.49 (regular \$14.99 and Pizza Bites – 2 bags for \$15.00 (regular \$8.99). All you need to do is come in any time on Monday, December 5th, identify yourself as a supporter of John Knox Christian School / Covenant Christian School or N.A.C.E. and make your purchase. Please support us.

Special N.A.C.E. Membership Meeting

There is a short, special membership meeting called by the board of directors for Tuesday, December 13, 2016. Materials should be in your mail slot today for current members of NACE and have paid your membership dues for this year. If you do not receive these materials and would like to participate as a member, please contact Diana Kingma at 905-643-2460 or jkcs@nace.ca.

Other News

Coffee Break: We had a busy morning sorting and checking lists and gifts to make sure that all the children of Rose City Kids receive a gift in the Christmas season. Sometimes we were a bit confused and wondering what we were doing but we definitely got it done as usual. A wonderful group of eager helpers to make the morning a success.

Ladies since this is the last week of lessons before our Christmas special. We are going all work to finish the book of Acts. Please make sure you read the chapters ahead of time. Jean's group will start with lesson 22, question #7, Gail and Irene's group is on lesson 21, Jane's group is on lesson 21 #7. This means that we can start the new year with a new series. Kitchen: Karen V.V., Mary DeVries, Hilda V.L. Snacks: Fran V., Grace V.V., Tildy S. Devotion: Coby B.

Concerts

Salt & Light Youth Evening - God & Government

On Friday, December 16, at 7:30pm, Colin Postma of the Association for Reformed Political Action (ARPA) will be coming to Rehoboth Christian School in Copetown (about 10km west of Hamilton) to speak on God & Government. Find out what you can do to be involved in government at a grassroots level! Youth of all ages are invited and encouraged to come. Sports, singing, snacks and fellowship to follow. Like us on Facebook at Salt and Light to stay in touch with our monthly events!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Performing Arts @ Mountainview invites you to join them for our Annual Christmas Concert on Saturday December 10th at 7:30 p.m. Featuring the Hosanna Choir with Herman DenHollander directing, Organist André Knevel, and Soprano Suzanne Schaafsma. The concert will take place here at Mountainview Church 290 Main Street East, Grimsby. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$35.00 per family (w/children 15 & under). Tickets will be available at the Dutch Shop in Grimsby or at the door on the evening of the concert. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Mark your calendars! The Awake to Praise Choir will be performing their Christmas concerts on Friday, Dec. 16 at 7:30pm and Saturday, Dec. 17 at 5:30pm and 8:00pm at the Vineland Free Reformed Church. We hope to see many of you there!

FRIENDSHIP CLUB– CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Friendship club welcomes the congregations of Grace, Bethany & Riverside to join us in a special night of worship with Riverside praise team. Join us for fellowship & refreshments and see what friendship club is all about. Grace Church– Monday, December 5th from 7:30-9:00pm.

Enjoy the sounds of Brass, Choir and Organ as The Trillium Brass Quintet, the Oxford Reformed Christian School Chamber Choir and organist John VanderLaan invite you to a Christmas Concert on Friday December 9, 8pm at the Ancaster CRC, 70 Garner Road East in Ancaster. Advance tickets are \$20; students \$10 and 14 and under \$4. Reserve by calling 905-648-3170 or at john_vdl@hotmail.com. Tickets also available (by cheque) at the "Wilson Hub", 370 Wilson Str East in the Village Green plaza in Ancaster during regular office hours. Tickets also at the door.



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