

December 6, 2015

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Bethany Bugle

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Ministry Funding Report

Kingdom 'Building' - Ministry Funding / Budget Update

Doing ministry together: October 31, 2015

	PLAN	ACTUAL
Bethany Income	\$366,165.40	\$319,817.16
Bethany Expenses	\$366,165.40	\$379,646.85
Collected for Classis	\$12,047.10	\$12,047.10
Collected for CRC	\$49,230.40	\$49,842.60

2nd Offering last two weeks (Nov.15th & 22nd)

World Renew.....	\$125.00
Peter Fish.....	\$150.00
NACE Drive.....	\$3,532.00
Back to God Hour.....	\$545.00

For the month of November the Sunday School children have collected \$309.00 for Hands at Work (Devon VanHoffen)

True Women Conference: On September 22-24, 2016 (Thursday-Saturday) there will be a women's conference at the *Indianapolis Convention Center* in Indianapolis, Indiana. Speakers include Nancy Leigh DeMoss and Mary Kassian. Keith and Kristyn Getty will be the worship leaders.



There are a number of women who plan to attend so we are looking into hiring a coach bus. This is early but we need to confirm the bus in January because these buses are used for "Fall Colour" tours. If you are interested in attending this conference and going by coach bus, please let Lorraine Wierenga know asap. Seating is limited to 56 people. If enough show interested another bus may be hired. Payment will hold your seat. The bus will be approximately \$90 return. For more information about the conference go to: <http://www.truewoman16.com/>

The Robert Wood Singers & The Wood Kids

Spread a Little Christmas Cheer!

Sunday, December 6 at 2:30 PM
Sacred Heart Church
72 Empire Street, Welland

Friday, December 11 at 7:30 PM
Bethany Christian Reformed Church
1040 Balfour Street, Fenwick

Adults: \$15
Children 12 & under: \$8

Tickets available from:
Fonthill Pharmacy
(At the Log Cabin)
155 Highway 20 West,
Fonthill

Visit us at: www.robertwoodsingers.com



You are invited to a Concert with The Robert Wood Singers and Wood Kids here at Bethany on Friday Dec 11 at 7:30 PM. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Rose City Kids and Shalem Mental Health Network. The choir is musically led by Director Andrew Carruthers and accompanied by Darlene Oord at the piano with a small band. The title is "Spread a Little Christmas Cheer!" while The Wood Kids take part with song and choreography. Join us to celebrate Christmas. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$8 for 12 and under available from Frank Dam or Andy Van Driel. Please see the poster in the fellowship hall or visit www.robertwoodsingers.com for more details.

Concerts

The Messiah by G.F. Handel will be presented by ARCADY directed by Ronald Beckett on Sat. December 12, 7:30 pm at the Meadowlands Fellowship CRC, 211 Stonehenge Drive in Ancaster. Tickets are \$25 and are now available by calling 1-877-700-3130. A Christmas favourite not to be missed. A portion of ticket sales will be donated to two local food banks. For info call 905-648-3170

Christmas Concert: on Saturday December 12th at 7:30 p.m. Performing Arts @ Mountainview invites you to join us for our Annual Christmas Concert. Featuring the Hosanna Choir with Herman DenHollander directing, Organist André Knevel, Soprano Suzanne Schaafsma, Organist Ryan VanderBerg, Pianist Joyce Postmus and Panflutist Liselotte Rokyta. The concert will take place at Mountainview Church, 290 Main St. East in Grimsby. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$35.00 per family (w/children 15 & under). Tickets will be available at the Dutch Store, in Grimsby or at the door on the evening of the concert. This concert will benefit the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation.

School News NACE

NACE Family Fun Fest (also known as 'The Bazaar'):

Many of you were able to make it out to the NACE Family Fun Fest on Saturday Nov 14th. It was a day filled with a great deal of fun, fellowship, and...fundraising! Now that the last Christmas Urns have been delivered, and the final bills paid, we are happy to announce that we did in fact set a new record for income at this event! This year's Fun Fest raised just over \$71,000!! Thank you so much for your support, and if you missed it this year, you'll want to put this on your brand new calendar for 2016...The Family Fun Fest will be held the second Saturday in November: November 12th, 2016.

THANK YOU!

"Working WITH our kids: Parenting through restorative relations" - Does the job of parenting seem like a never ending battle? Do you feel at odds with your kids? Are you quickly defensive in your conversations with them? Are they quickly defensive? Are you tired of thinking up 'consequences', or feel like punishment is just not working? On Monday, December 7 @ 7:30pm, NACE is hosting the first of two evening focussing on restorative practices in the home and at school. Owen Webb, an educator from Hamilton currently doing doctoral work in the area of Restorative practice will speak with us about "Working WITH our kids: Parenting through restorative relations". This evening will take place at John Knox Christian School in Stoney Creek, and is directed to parents, teachers, and anyone who works with children. This evening is a gift we are offering to our communities, so you are encouraged to invite a friend, a neighbour, or family member to come out and learn together with us. Parenting is a wonderful and challenging journey that we don't need to walk alone! **Note: Childcare will be provided by some of our grade 7 & 8 students for a donation towards their fundraising efforts for their winter leadership trip to Pioneer Camp.**

Other News

Coffee Break: This past Tuesday, Our amazing ladies from Coffee Break proved once again that when we put our minds and hands to it, we can accomplish great things. A large group of us met at the Rose City gift wrapping center and proceed to

wrap 400 gifts and fill 200 + bags for the kids. Busy hands, laughter goodies helped make the morning fly by. We can say proudly We DID IT!!!!!! Thanks ladies we are the Coffee Break Wrapper Champions 2015.

Ok done with the cheers

This coming Tuesday We will once again meet here at Grace CRC for regularly scheduled morning Bible Study Coffee and goodies will be ready for you as you arrive for our circle singing, prayer time and sharing time. We start promptly at 9:30. After we grab our coffee, tea etc and goodies we will meet in our seperate groups for our continuing discussion of Acts.. Gail and Irene's group will start Lesson #8 "The Power of Suffering". Jane's group will start Lesson #7 amd Jean and Henny's group will start question#4 of Lesson 8. Snacks: Gwenda VB., Marijke VD., Alice B., See you all Tuesday morning.

Grieving? Know someone who is? When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our Surviving the Holidays seminar helps participants prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future. Join us at Mountainview Church in Grimsby Friday December 11th from 7 – 9 pm in the Fire-side Room. For more information email: griefshare@mountainviewcrc.org, or call us at 905-945-0004.

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE: Healing was and still is a significant part of Jesus' ministry. Come learn about and experience healing prayer at Mountainview Church's upcoming Healing Prayer Service on Sunday, December 13 at 5pm. Address is 290 Main Street East, Grimsby. All are welcome! "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give." Matthew 10:8

CRC News

AOYC 2016 - Registration for AOYC 2016 has officially opened! This high-energy weekend helps teens discover their identity in Christ. Register online at allontario.com/register before March 1 for the best rate. Know someone who wants to come but can't afford registration?

Email sponsorship@allontario.com.

Scholarships for High School Seniors - The Hugh & Eve Meeter Calvinism Awards for High School Seniors are given annually for research papers on a topic dealing with John Calvin or Calvinism. Awards are payable for Calvin, Dordt, King's, Redeemer, Kuyper, and Trinity Christian. 1st prize is \$3,500; three 2nd prizes of \$2,000. Topic for 2016: "John Calvin and Pastoral Care". Papers must have a January 15, 2016 postmark. Information and guidelines: <http://www.calvin.edu/meeter> (click on Fellowships and Scholarships) or contact the Meeter Center at meeter@calvin.edu or 616-526-7081.

From Back to God Ministries International

Special Advent Devotional Series - Looking for more meaning in the midst of a busy Christmas season? Let us help! This Advent, ReFrame Media offers a special e-mail series just for you. With daily devotions and encouragements from Today, Family Fire, Groundwork, and the fun of Kids Corner, it's designed to help you and your family experience the wonder of Christmas. Sign up at ReFrameMedia.com/Advent.

THE CHRISTMAS LIST MYSTERY - Here's a brand new adventure! Cole's got a big bag of presents that he says are all for him! But why is he hiding his list, and why is he sneaking around town all night? It's up to the Lizarado Detective Agency to solve this Christmas Mystery! 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.

WAITING IN HOPE - As Advent and the Christmas season begin, the air prickles with anticipation and expectation. We are people waiting in hope. Listen to Groundwork as we discuss Psalm 130 and Romans 8 to remind ourselves where our hopes are rooted, what we hope for, and how to live as people waiting in hope. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From ServiceLink

Cambodia Immersion - Discover the work of World Renew in action as you spend 10 days immersed in Cambodian culture, teaching English with the local church and living with a host Cambodian family. Contact us for more details about this February 2016 volunteer opportunity at www.worldrenew.net/gvp or volunteer@crcna.org.

Uganda Homeschool Teacher - Remember the days of the one-room school house? Taste the missionary life in Uganda as the volunteer homeschooling teacher for 4 of a missionary family's 6 children. Additional details can be found at www.crwmm.org or contact volunteer@crcna.org.



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