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# Bethany Bugle

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## 2015 Vouchers

For those of you who use the Voucher program, please note that the new contact person is Denise Glasbergen. **A huge thank you goes to Mrs. Miep Wierenga for her many years of faithful service to this program!**

In your mail slot this morning you will find an order form for vouchers for 2015. New this year, we will be offering a \$10.00 voucher as well. Please place your orders for the new year in the Administrators mail slot located on the bottom level. **Please also note that ALL 2014 vouchers must be used in this calendar year. They can not be used in 2015.**

## Hands at Work

This past november at the fundraiser for Devon and Hands at Work, We mentioned that we have a vision for our church community and friends to support a community in Africa through Hands at work. Hands at Work has indicated a need for us to partner with a community in Zambia called Maranatha. We are excited by this opportunity for our community to partner in this Kingdom work. We (the Van Hoffens) are inviting anyone interested finding out more about how to become a part of this to come by our place Thursday December 17@ 7:30 pm. There will be several ways to get involved in this, which include: visiting the community by way of a short term mission trip, prayer support , and the financial support needed for a daily meal, basic medical treatment and education for 50 children in the community of Maranatha. If you are even just curious to know more, we invite you to come over and find out more. We recognize its getting near Christmas, but we will make it festive(Croquettes egg nog and apple cider). If you are unable to make it but would like to find out more, just send us a short email at [timvanhoffen@hotmail.com](mailto:timvanhoffen@hotmail.com) and we will connect with you at another time.

## Upcoming Concerts

**A Christmas favorite, The Messiah by G.F. Handel**, will be presented on Sat. Dec. 13 by musicians and ensemble of ARCADY ([arcady.ca](http://arcady.ca)) under the direction of Ronald Beckett at the Ancaster Christian Reformed Church, 70 Garner Rd East in Ancaster. Concert time is 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 (plus service fee) and can be ordered now by calling 1-877-700-3130 or online at [www.ticketwindow.ca](http://www.ticketwindow.ca). Tickets are also available in person at the Redeemer University College Box Office. For more info call John/Anne VanderLaan at 905-648-3170.

**To the King Male Chorus**, directed by Mendelt Hoekstra and accompanied by pianist Julie Hoff presents, "A Christmas Celebration" with special guests, Smithville Christian High School Choir, directed by Dawne Warkentin. Join us in old world acoustics for either of two intimate concerts on Friday, December 12 or Saturday, December 13 at St. Thomas' Church, 99 Ontario Street, St. Catharines. The concert begins at 7:30pm. \$15/

person (13 years and older). Children 12 years old and under are free (tickets must be presented for children). Seating is limited, so these tickets will be only available online or in advance from a choir member. Visit [www.totheking.ca](http://www.totheking.ca) for more details or email [tickets@totheking.ca](mailto:tickets@totheking.ca).

**Annual Christmas Concert:** On Saturday, December 13th, 2014 at 7:30 p.m., Mountainview Christian Reformed Church, 290 Main Street East, Grimsby, ON will be hosting a Concert that will feature the Hosanna Choir with Herman DenHollander directing, Organist André Knevel, Soloist Suzanna Schaafsma, Organist Ryan VanderBerg, and Pianist Joyce Postmus. Tickets for this concert are \$10.00 each or \$25.00 per family and will be available at the Dutch Store and at the door on the evening of the concert. This concert will benefit the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

**Arcady ([arcady.ca](http://arcady.ca)) directed by Ronald Beckett** presents Handel's Messiah on Saturday December 13 at the An-

caster CRC, 70 Garner Rd East in Ancaster beginning at 7:30pm Tickets are \$25 (plus service fee) available at [www.ticketwindow.ca](http://www.ticketwindow.ca) or call 1-877-700-3130. For info call 905-648-3170 .

**Christmas Music at the Noon Hour** On Thursday, December 18th, 2014 from 12:15p.m - 1:00 p.m., Mountainview Christian Reformed Church, 290 Main Street East, Grimsby, ON

No admission will be charged. The busy bustle of life and the commercialism of Christmas often leaves little time for a quiet moment of reflection and personal time to come to yourself and rethink what the season is all about.

We invite you to do so by taking some time during your noon hour break on Thursday, December 18th. Come and listen as Ernest Termorshuizen plays the moving and inspiring music of the Christmas season. Go back to work relaxed and refreshed, looking forward to celebrating the true meaning of the season with the colleagues, family and friends.

Our family would like to say "Thank you" to all who came to celebrate Luke's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday with him. It was a day that Luke thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you for all the kind words, cards and gifts. Luke and Christine

## School News

**Covenant Christian School's Grandparents' & Senior Friends Day** takes place on Wednesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. The coffee will be ready at 9:00am. Then at 9:30am we will be presenting our Christmas program: **The Very Important Christmas Pageant**. This will be followed by refreshments, classroom visits, and a delicious lunch! We invite our grandparents and senior friends to join us! Questions? Call Wendy Colyn at Covenant Christian at 905 957 7796.

**BAZAAR NEWS!!** We pray, we plan, we strategize, we stress....and then we hope for a great day! And now we look back two weeks later and we thank, we praise and we stand in awe! It is with sincere thanks to all our donors, all our parent supporters, all our community supporters who helped make the N.A.C.E. bazaar happen that we can report to you this year's bazaar has raised \$70,000.00. Thank you for your prayers, your donations, your contributions, your encouragement, you're baking, you're time, and your purchases! Together we were able to make this day a success, and we couldn't do it without you. GOD IS GREAT!! We look forward to the planning for next year Saturday, November 14th, 2015 in Smithville. Thank you again from the N.A.C.E. BAZAAR COMMITTEE.

## Other News

**Coffee Break:** This coming week we will meet at our regular place and time here at Grace CRC. Gail and Irene's. Jean's group will be studying Lesson 10 of the study guide "Integrity". Trust God. When you are in a difficult situation, what kind of prayer are you likely to pray? Ask that God will grow you in prayerful trust as you study an example of David at prayer. Read Psalm 25. Snacks: Linda R., Lorraine K.,

Grace W. Coffee's ready at 9:15 and we start promptly at 9:30.

This past Tuesday we were able to once again prove to ourselves that we are pretty fantastic when it comes to getting gifts ready for Rose City Kids. Once again many hands made light work. Thanks to all of for making this a successful morning. Way to go ladies!!!

**"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 - [pastorchris@trinitycristcatharines.org](mailto:pastorchris@trinitycristcatharines.org) (Trinity CRC) 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 2015, the deadline to apply for financial aid is December 31, 2014."

### Shalom Manor & Shalom Gardens – Volunteers Needed

Shalom Manor & Gardens is currently looking for volunteers in the following three areas:

Hairsetters - set residents' hair in curlers and style it; 2 hours, mornings, weekly or bi-weekly

Footcare Porters – help residents access the footcare nurse on their floor; 3 hours, mornings, monthly

Plant and Flower Care – arrange flowers in vases, do plant care; 3 hours, afternoons, weekly

If you are interested in joining our team of volunteers, please contact Laurie Minor at 905-945-9631 ext. 1115.

## CRC Announcements

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL** - It's not too late to sign up for our Advent Devotional and Calendar! Start now by welcoming the true Spirit of Christmas with daily email devotionals and a family Advent calendar from World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice through Christmas Day. These resources will help you orient your Christmas season through prayer, meditation, and hope-filled stories of God's reconciling work in us, through us, and around us. Signing up is easy! Go to [crcna.org/adventdevos](http://crcna.org/adventdevos) to begin preparing your heart for Christmas today!

**GROUNDWORK** - The Glory of the Lord: What if you had a chance to see God? Would you grab it? Join the Groundwork conversation on Exodus 32-34 this week as we discuss what it means and what happens when Moses asks to see God's glory. Subscribe for free weekly email notifications at [ListenToGroundwork.com](http://ListenToGroundwork.com) or visit [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) to find a local radio station or listen now.

**KIDS CORNER** - Down to The Nerves: Scooter decides Liz needs a lesson in "Never judge a book by its cover" after his comments at a basketball game. When he learns that Liz has a dentist visit scheduled, he sets Liz up for that lesson as he meets Terrene's newest dentist. Who is the new dentist, and what is Liz's problem? Follow the adventures of Liz and his pals every week: subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Find more great resources for kids and parents at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net).

**KIDS CORNER ADVENT CALENDAR** - Christmas is the celebration of the greatest gift ever given by God—His Son Jesus Christ. The word "advent" has a Latin origin meaning "coming toward." Download the Kids Corner Advent Calendar to teach your child the amazing

significance of Christmas, the coming toward of the Christ-child through daily Bible verses and stories. Prepare their hearts for the joy of His coming, and encourage thankfulness, worship, and service with daily disciple activities through the entire season of advent. Download it free. Look for it under "Free Stuff" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net).

**CALVIN SYMPOSIUM ON WORSHIP** - Registration is now open for the annual Calvin Symposium on Worship, January 29-31, 2015, at Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary. This year's worship theme is based on 2 Corinthians. The preachers include M. Craig Barnes, Tim Blackmon, Denise Kingdom Grier, Meg Jenista, and Pablo Jimenez. There are excellent rates for students and groups from churches. All worship services are free and open to the public, including the Friday night service (7:00 p.m. in the Covenant Fine Arts Center). See [worship.calvin.edu/symposium/](http://worship.calvin.edu/symposium/) for complete information.

**WORLD MISSIONS** - Calling All Adventure Types! Are you an adventurous adult with fond memories of the summer camp you attended as a kid? Or are you an outdoorsy type who always dreamed of going to summer camp? CRWM is looking for volunteers to serve at a summer camp in the Staja mountain region of Romania from June 12-Aug. 11 2015.

**PRAYER SAFARI IN KENYA** - You have the opportunity to serve hand-in-hand with local Kenyan leaders by praying with them for ministry centers and people in leadership positions in Kenya's capital city. Join the Prayer Safari on February 5-16. Visit [crwm.org/safari](http://crwm.org/safari) to register or for more information.

**VBS IN THE ORIENT!** - Millions of children in Asia have not heard yet that Jesus loves them. Will you go and share the good news? If you love kids and VBS, this 5

week volunteer opportunity from July 2-August 9, 2015 is perfect for you! More information is available at [www.crwmm.org](http://www.crwmm.org) or [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org).

**ARE YOU A GREAT STORY TELLER/WRITER?** - Come support World Renew's Cambodia Country Consultant (who has limited English language writing skills) by creatively writing or editing proposals, reports, newsletters and stories of transformation into proper and creative English. This exciting volunteer opportunity includes visits to ministry sites within Cambodia to meet WR partners. More information available at [www.worldrenew.net](http://www.worldrenew.net) or [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org).

**Position Opening** - The Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) is seeking a part-time (15 hrs/wk) Planning Coordinator in Burlington, Ontario. This position will provide administrative coordination and event planning for community forums as part of the Justice and Faith research project. For more information or to apply visit [www.crcna.org/jobs](http://www.crcna.org/jobs) by December 17, 2014.

**DENOMINATIONAL SERVICES** - The Christian Reformed Church and its agencies appreciate your continued support this Christmas season. We have recently changed to a new donation processing system. As a result, you may notice slight delays in the processing of gifts, in receiving reminders for annual renewals, and in receiving charitable tax receipts. We hope to have all such delays resolved by the end of the month. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. Your patience and consideration as we work through this transition is appreciated.

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