



# BETHANY BUGLE



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**Pick up:**  
**Mother's Day**

**May 11**

**Drop off:**

**Father's Day**

**June 15**

Fill a **baby bottle** with your **change**, **bills**, or even a **cheque** today!

To find out more talk to your church representative, or contact us at:

**Elisha House Pregnancy & Family Support Centre**  
48 Burgar St. Welland ON 905-735-9934 [www.elishahouse.on.ca](http://www.elishahouse.on.ca)

## Maranatha CRC

Come join with us as we celebrate the retirement of the ministry of Maranatha CRC faithfully serving God and the Community for 65 years. A special service is to be held Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 2014 at Maranatha CRC, 301 Scott St., St. Catharines, beginning at 7:30 PM. Reception following. All are welcome.

## Niagara Church Plant

Our work is ongoing in the development of the new church plant in Niagara Falls. Our calling committee meets monthly and we are connecting with and have interviewed potential church planters for this new work. We have a potential church planter candidate visiting us on the May 10<sup>th</sup> weekend! We will continue to keep you informed of developments in the process. Thanks for praying for us and the new church.

Pastor Mike, On behalf of the calling team

## *School News*

**FROM COVENANT CHRISTIAN:** With thankfulness to God we invite families and friends to join us for a Retirement Open House to celebrate the 35 years of faithful service in Christian Education of our principal, Mr. Sid Bakker. This casual evening takes place on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> in the Covenant Christian School gym, from 7:00 - 8:30pm.

### **SMITHVILLE CHRISTIAN HIGHSCHOOL**

Please join the friends and families of Smithville Christian High School for a Family Fish Fry!

4:30 – 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 24. All you can eat perch, French fries, coleslaw, ice cream sundae and beverage. Cost is \$20/adult, \$10 for children under 10. Eat in or take out.

See you there!

#### **Dear members of Bethany CRC,**

The members of the choir of Smithville Christian High School as well as the administration of the school would like to thank you for your warm welcome and hospitality on the day of our visit to your church on April 27. The early-morning coffee, fruit and baked goods, along with all your other gestures of hospitality, gave us a clear sense that we are the body of Christ together. By the way, we welcome everyone to attend our spring concert on Thursday, May 22 at 7:30. We would be blessed to be able to welcome you as you have welcomed us, and we promise lots of great music for you to enjoy. We also guarantee that our entire choir will be there that day! Sincerely, Ted Harris, Administrator

### **REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

From May through August, Redeemer University College offers accommodations for visitors to the Hamilton area. Enjoy the comfort and convenience of affordable, fully-furnished townhouse and apartment style units for a night, a week, or even a month, parking and internet included. For more information contact [stay@redeemer.ca](mailto:stay@redeemer.ca) or call 905.648.2139 ext. 4124.

### **Champs Classic Golf Tournament:**

It's that time of year again! Time to sign up yourself or your team in our annual fundraising best ball tournament. It will be held on June 7, 2014 at Sparrow Lakes Golf Course in Welland. \$100 pp includes 18 holes, powercart, dinner and great prizes! Contact Scott Van Driel for more info and to sign up at [Toby\\_1980@yahoo.com](mailto:Toby_1980@yahoo.com), registration deadline is May 28, thank-you.



## *Other News*

### **Everyone Plays a Role in Fostering and Adoption – What's Yours?**

In Canada, there are 88,000 children in foster care and 22,000 waiting to be adopted. How are we to respond? Whether you're thinking about pursuing adoption or foster care, or want to learn more about how to support families who have fostered or adopted, this evening is for you!

**Join us** as we hear from adults who experienced foster care and adoption as children, families involved in foster care and pursuing international adoption, and grandparents providing support to their adult children who have begun the adoption journey. Q & A will follow. Light desserts will be provided.

**June 4, 2014 – 7PM at New City Church** – 28 Rebecca Street, Hamilton. Contact Hank & Michelle de Jong or Varun & Amelia Rana for more information and to RSVP: [orphancare@newcity-church.com](mailto:orphancare@newcity-church.com)

**Coffee Break.** Just a reminder ladies, the Coffee Break season is done for this year. I know some of you would have liked it longer, but this off time gives the leaders a time to rest and get charged up for next year. We had an awesome year and thank everyone who came out every week. We needed all of you to help to make it the great year it was. If any of you have ideas how to make it better next year, or would like to volunteer to help out let one of the leaders know. Also any ideas of what you would like to study next year give us a call. Wishing you all a wonderful summer with your families. See you in September.

### **Shalom Manor & Gardens May Sale – Saturday, May 31st**

It's that time of year again – Annual May Sale time at Shalom Manor & Gardens! You are invited to our Annual May Sale on Saturday, May the 31st from 8:00am-12:00. In great tradition, we will be having a full pancake breakfast; HUGE outdoor plant sale; cut flower sales; food market complete with raisin buns, eggs and croquettes; and marketplace full of interesting vendors! There is sure to be something for everyone! Save the date – Saturday, May 31st! Proceeds of the sale will support recreational programs and services. We are also in need of English books to add to our book sale section. If you have any you'd like to donate, please feel free to drop them off before the Sale! (Additional parking available at Mountainview CRC with a shuttle bus service)

**Annual Sale at Evergreen Terrace** The Residents of Evergreen Terrace, 275 Main St., Grimsby are holding their annual spring sale on the grounds and in the garage. This year it will benefit McNally House the area hospice. The date is June 7, 2014 from 8:00 to noon. You will find used articles, arts and crafts, baked goods, greeting cards, books and puzzles, planters hanging baskets and flowers. Also the opportunity to socialize with friends in the coffee shop. Please come out, have some fun and make our sale a huge success.

**Sing Glory to Our Creator - Mass Choir Concert** -The date is set and you can now purchase your tickets! May 24th, 2014 will be an unforgettable evening of praise to our Creator God. One mass choir of over 300 voices will shake the ground at Hamilton Place, accompanied by organ, piano, trumpets, flutes and strings. Also making

a special appearance is the Anchor Band and Choir. Ambassadors Christian School cordially invites you to join us! Tickets are now available for purchase at the FirstOntario Box office between 9am and 5pm (101 York Boulevard, Hamilton), by phone (905-546-4040) or online at ticketmaster.ca (search for Sing Glory to Our Creator).

Proceeds of this event will benefit Anchor Association and Ambassadors Christian School in Ottawa. For questions, please contact Evelyn at 613-823-9141 or [ev.nieuwenhuis@gmail.com](mailto:ev.nieuwenhuis@gmail.com). We can't wait to see you there!

**The Robert Wood Singers & The Wood Kids** under the direction of Andrew Carruthers will present "Remember When" a theme of 50's & 60's music on Friday May 23rd starting 7:30 at the Fonthill United Church and Sunday May 25th starting at 2:30 at Central United Church, King & Young St, in Welland. Join us for almost two hours of familiar tunes. Please notice the poster on the bulletin board. Tickets are available from Frank Dam or Andy Van Driel. Hope to see you there!

**Mountainview Performing Arts** will present a very SPECIAL CONCERT on Tuesday, May 20th, at 7:30 p.m. at Mountainview Christian Reformed Church, 290 Main Street East, Grimsby. Highlighted will be André Knevel on the Organ, and several outstanding students of music: Leah Theune on the Harp, and Rebecca Reitsma on the Cello. Tickets are \$10.00 per person with students under 15 years of age admitted free. Proceeds of the concert will benefit Rose Cottage in Grimsby.

**To the King Male Chorus**, directed by Mendelt Hoekstra and accompanied by pianist Julie Hoff present their Spring concert on Friday, May 30, 2014 at Central Community Church in St. Catharines. This evening will feature special guest mezzo-soprano Kristin Hoff and award-winning pianist Antoine Joubert. The concert begins at 7:30pm. Children 12 & under are free. \$15/person (13 years and older). Visit [www.totheking.ca](http://www.totheking.ca) for more details or

email [info@totheking.ca](mailto:info@totheking.ca) to reserve your seats today!

**ONLY TWO MORE WEEKS: It's not a men's retreat – IT'S AND ADVANCE!** Wholehearted Men's Conference – Saturday, May 24 at Mountainview CRC: Sons, brothers, fathers and husbands – are you experiencing all the life that Jesus has for you? Understand the epic adventure you've been called into. For details and to register, go to [www.wholeheartedmen.com](http://www.wholeheartedmen.com). The early bird deadline is May 14!

**AH! SPRING** Isn't it wonderful to see things turning orange again. "Orange" you ask? Yes... "Orange". Rankin Cancer Run for Niagara "Orange"! May 24th is just around the corner and once again you have the opportunity to participate, support a participant or cheerlead for the single largest community event in Niagara (Would you believe almost 12,000 runners and walkers alone last year) an event which has, over the past eight years, raised \$ 3,904,000, all of which has been returned to various Niagara healthcare institutions and support initiatives in the frontline in the battle against cancer and the support of those affected by it. You also have a chance to donate non-perishable food items on Run day where last year, a staggering 14,041 lbs. of food was donated for Community Care. So...peel back the wintery lethargy and "put on your orange".. Visit [www.rankincancerrun.com](http://www.rankincancerrun.com) for more information and registration. SEE YOU ON THE 24th!!

**"Wheels for VanDriels"  
Fundraising Update:  
The Craft, Plant and  
Bake sale last Saturday raised over  
\$12,000. God is Good!**



# CRC Denomination

**FREE WEBINAR** - Join us on May 14 for "When Jesus is Lord: From Confession to Organization" presented by Rev. Neil de Koning. This webinar will explore the way habits have power over the church organization and suggest some key habits that are faithful to our tradition and transformative to the church culture. For more details and registration for this free, one-hour event visit [crcna.org/webinars](http://crcna.org/webinars)

**GROUNDWORK** - Ethiopian Eunuch: Jesus told his disciples before his ascension that they would be his witnesses to all the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). In Acts 8 we see how the first Christians began to share the Gospel with people outside Jerusalem. Join the Groundwork conversation to discover what it took to get Jesus' followers to move beyond their own home with the gospel. Find a local radio station or listen online at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com).

**KIDS CORNER** - The Champion: When Liz and his friends are chosen to compete on the TV reality show, The Champion, Liz is determined to

win. However, his tactics alienate his friends and he is voted out of the competition by Scooter. Granny uses this experience to teach Liz about forgiveness. Check out the program at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Then contact Kids Corner at P.O. Box 5070, Burlington ON L7R3Y8 or go to [kids@kidscorner.net](mailto:kids@kidscorner.net) for your very own Bible study.

**WORLD RENEW: Volunteers Urgently Needed for Hurricane Response** - World Renew Disaster Response Services has an immediate need for volunteers in Ocean City, New Jersey, to repair and rebuild homes after Hurricane Sandy. If you are a semi-skilled or skilled volunteer who can give one, two, or three weeks of your time to help hurricane survivors in the coming weeks or this summer, call 800-848-5818 or email [drs@worldrenew.net](mailto:drs@worldrenew.net) today!

**CHRISTIAN CHOIR FESTIVAL** - in support of the Compass Foodbank: Saturday, May 24, at 7.30 p.m., Clearview Christian Reformed Church, 2300 Sheridan Garden Drive, Oakville Ont. With special guest director Karen

Burke and a variety of church choirs, community choirs and school choirs. For more info: contact the Liberation Christian Choir [www.liberationchoir.com](http://www.liberationchoir.com) Email: [liberationchoir@gmail.com](mailto:liberationchoir@gmail.com). Non-perishable food items and a free will offering will be gratefully accepted!

**CALVIN COLLEGE** - On Tuesday, June 10, the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, based at Calvin College & Calvin Seminary, invites you to participate in a Day of Learning about worship. Join with others from worshipping communities across the US and Canada to listen, discuss, share, and worship together as we consider how vital worship includes disciplined creativity, theological integrity, and healthy leadership practices working together—through the power of God's Spirit. For information and to register for this free event, go to [worship.calvin.edu](http://worship.calvin.edu). If you have questions, please contact the Worship Institute at 616-526-6088 or e-mail [worship@calvin.edu](mailto:worship@calvin.edu).

**Habla bien Español?** - And are you gifted in ministry to children and youth? Work with the ICRRD (Christian Reformed Church in the Dominican Republic) to develop education and outreach materials for ministry to children and youth. To learn more about this volunteer opportunity, check for details at [www.crcna.org](http://www.crcna.org) or [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org).

**Food Security in Nicaragua** - Have international cross cultural experience and interested in getting more involved as a volunteer in community development? Carrying out farm household surveys and then analyzing and reporting on the findings is just one factor in sustainable development in Nicaragua. See details at [www.worldrenew.net](http://www.worldrenew.net) or contact [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org) for more information about this (up to) two year placement.

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