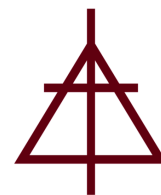




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Maranatha CRC

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 30th 2014 at Maranatha CRC, 301 Scott St., St. Catharines, beginning at 7:30 PM. Reception following. All are welcome.

From the Deacons:

Bethany Christian Education Assistance Fund

The Bethany Christian Education Assistance Fund is designed to assist families and individuals who are having difficulty meeting the expectations of Christian Education tuition. The intent is to help families who choose Non Government funded Christian Education for their children. In your mail slots you will find an application form to fill out. If any questions please contact a deacon.

Thank you , The Deacons.

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, registration deadline is May 28, thank-you.



Pelham Cares Food Drive
Red Pails have been replaced by the Blue Chest / box and is now where the kiosk used to be.

RAIN OF GOD'S GRACE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



They do not say to themselves, 'Let us fear the LORD our God, who gives autumn and spring rains in season, who assures us of the regular weeks of harvest.' Your wrongdoings have kept these away; your sins have deprived you of good.

- JEREMIAH 5:24,25 NIV

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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 5th in the Covenant Christian School gym, from 7:00 - 8:30pm.

N.A.C.E. Spring Membership meets on Monday, May 26, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the John Knox Christian School's gym. If your membership has been paid (\$300), you should find a Membership Meeting Agenda in your church mailslot today. If you do not receive a package and your membership has been paid please contact Charlene VanderMolen, NACE Finance Office (finances@nace.ca or 905-957-5594) and a package will be sent to you.

REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Enhance your Shakespearean experience with Redeemer University College. Join us for a lecture followed by a trip to Stratford for the matinee production of King Lear. The lecture is at Redeemer on June 23, from 7:00-9:00 pm and the trip to Stratford -- including transportation, pre-show talk, matinee performance & lunch -- is on June 25, 2014. For more details and to register, visit www.redeemer.ca/CLEAR.

Consider a week long ministry training course this summer. Redeemer University College is pleased to offer Spiritual Formation for Ministry with Dr. Syd Hielema July 7-11, 2014, and Counseling Skills & Practice with Adolescents with Professor Brenda Stephenson July 14-18. Go to www.redeemer.ca/youthministrycertificate for more information.



The Calvinist Cadet Corps is thankful for the dedicated service Dick Broene has provided for the past 30 years as our executive director. He will be retiring in February 2015 after leading the ministry through many changes in the both the Corps and in the world around us. Cadets has become a world-wide ministry during Dick's years of service. We wish him the best as he closes out his years as the director of Cadets. For more information on the search for his replacement, see www.calvinistcadets.org.

Employment Opportunity

The Calvinist Cadet Corps is a ministry dedicated to building relationships between Christian men and boys to help boys become more Christlike. We are searching for a new executive director who has dynamic skills for promoting the Cadet ministry worldwide. Our ministry is looking for a visionary leader with good communication and organizational skills. Editorial experience along with program development and non-profit work is beneficial. For more information, see www.calvinistcadets.org

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

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.

Hamilton Place, Saturday May 24 at 7:30pm

There is less than one week before the largest mass choir concert of the season begins! This coming Saturday, hundreds of Christians will gather to listen to a choir of over 300 voices, gathered from the far corners of Ontario, sing praises to our creator God. Accompanied by dozens of instruments and joined by the Anchor choir and the Ambassadors Christian School choir, this evening will truly be an unforgettable experience.

Purchase your tickets at www.ticketmaster.ca, or (905) 546-4040 or in person at the First Ontario Box Office, 101 York Boulevard, Hamilton. Tickets are \$14, \$20, and \$30 (+ appl. fees). On the evening of the concert, tickets can also be purchased on location at Hamilton Place.

Learn more by contacting Evelyn, our event coordinator:

events@ambassadorschristianschool.ca | (613) 823-9141

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 for more details or

email info@totheking.ca to reserve your seats today!

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY: It's not a men's retreat – IT'S AN ADVANCE! Wholehearted Men's Conference – Saturday, May 24, 8:30 a.m. 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. Registrations will still be accepted the morning of the conference. If you have any questions, you can also contact Rob Van Wely at rpvanwely@gmail.com or 905-309-1707.

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 for more information and registration. **SEE YOU ON THE 24th!!**





CRC Denomination

WORLD MISSIONS - For the opportunity of a lifetime -- teach abroad! Christian education makes a lasting impact in the lives of children throughout the world! If you have a teaching certificate, a desire to impact young lives, and an interest in cross-cultural ministry, go to: www.crcwm.org/teaching to explore the various schools now hiring. For questions, contact: Brenda D e n H o u t e n , a t : bdenhouten@crcna.org.

GROUNDWORK - Saul to Paul: Frederick Buechner said about Saul's conversion that he "set out for Damascus as a hatchet man for the Pharisees and returned a fool for Christ." Join the Groundwork conversation and let's dig into Acts 9 and the Damascus Road conversion of a once-feared man named Saul. Find a local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER - Sinful Saturday: We know when we sin. The problem is we do it anyway. On this week's Kids Corner one sin leads to another, and quickly these adventures turn to nightmares. Go to www.kidscorner.net to hear this incredible story, and then check out the website for devotions, puzzles and

more.

FREE WEBINAR - Join us on May 21 for "Beyond the Bulletin" presented by Jerod Clark. In this webinar, we'll discuss a multi-media approach to communicating with members and your surrounding community. We'll look at websites, social media, email, in-service announcements and more. For more information and to register for this free, one-hour event visit crcna.org/webinars.

SHORE2SHORE WITH A ROAR 2014 - "Shore2Shore with a Roar" motorcycle trip will begin June 29 at Community CRC in Kitchener, Ontario and end two weeks later in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The downsized trip will provide opportunity for conversations about the devastating effects of pornography on families, churches, and on our relationships with one another and with our Lord. We'll also hear of God's redeeming love and his plan for sexuality. "Take every thought captive ..." (2 Corinthians 10:5.) Motorcycle enthusiasts are encouraged to join all or any part of the ride. Register online at www.shore2shore2014.com. There is no cost to register; donations to defray costs are encouraged.

SPRING CLEANING SALE - The Faith

Alive Christian Resources Spring Cleaning Sale ends May 30. Over 150 products are 20-60% off, and most resources are just \$1 to \$6. The sale includes adult Bible studies (Discover Your Bible, Word Alive, Infuse, and In the Works), devotional books, "God Loves Me" storybooks, songbooks, and youth resources. Order online at www.FaithAliveResources.org/Sale or by phone at 800-333-8300.

ENGAGE / EXPLORE / BECOME - Engage in a year of ministry alongside indigenous leaders at a grassroots level. Explore the Cohort of Missioners in one of four Latin American countries with CRWM. Become equipped for future ministry. More information available at: www.crcwm.org/cohort or volunteer@crcna.org.

PARDON OUR FRENCH - but Parlez Vous Francais? - Are you also interested in gender issues, biblical justice, food security, HIV and AIDS care and prevention, trauma healing, or environmental issues? Come alongside WORLD RENEW staff for 18 months in Niger, Mali or Senegal and see your BA degree come alive with hands-on experience as you bless others. Details on each volunteer position can be found at www.worldrenew.net or contact volunteer@crcna.org.

BRIAN DOERKSON CONCERT! - Friendship Ministries, together with Christian Horizons is hosting Brian Doerksen in concert on June 14 and June 15, 2014. Join us in Oakville at The Meeting House (June 14) or in Kitchener at Community CRC (June 15) for Brian's 'Level Ground' concert. Bring your family, your Friendship club Members, your friends! Go to www.friendship.org to order your tickets today! Let's celebrate inclusion together!

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