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Bethany Bugle

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From Council

In order to support the ongoing worship ministry during the unfilled one year vacancy of the Worship/LIFE group coordinator, Council, upon recommendation of the Worship Ministry Team, is pleased to announce the temporary hire of Brittany Terpstra (from now till the end of December of this year). Brittany will be supporting worship service planning and organizing side along with a few other related tasks. Thank you Brittany for your willingness to take this on.

Mission Trip Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE!!

Do you want to do some grocery shopping, Christmas shopping, run errands, visit friends,

go to a spa, hang Christmas lights, have a day out...all without your kids?

DECEMBER 5 we are having a KIDS day at Bethany!! From 9am to 5pm, you can drop your kids off at the church and we will take great care of them.

Games, singing, crafts, worship, snacks, movie, we have a great day planned for them.

If you would like us to look after your children (any age) for an hour, for the morning, all day, please contact: kathleenvanhoffen@hotmail.com

You will need to reserve a spot for your child(ren) so feel free to send an email any time.

Free-will donation for Zambia 2016 team. More information to follow.

Hands at Work Zambia team

Now that Thanksgiving is over, it is time to stock your freezer with pies for Christmas.

We are selling APPLE CRUMBLE PIES!!

Pies are \$ 8.00 each and will be available for pickup at church November 7th or email kathleenvanhoffen@hotmail.com to arrange for delivery.

Order forms are available in your mailslots.

If you would like to help make pies with us on Saturday, November 7th in the morning, please contact Kathleen Van Hoffen.

If you have an apple peeler that we can borrow, please let me know. We would love to have you come and spend time with our team.



REPORT OF CLASSIS NIAGARA MEETING (regional church assembly) Tuesday, October 27, 2015:

Classis Niagara met for its Fall meeting at Riverside CRC, Wellandport. Bethany delegates were Pastor Colin, Elder George DeRoo, and Deacon George Gritter. A few highlights are as follows. Ms. Anita VanGeest was approved as the new Classis treasurer. Ms. Lesli Van Milligan was introduced as our Regional Faith Formation Ministries Catalyzer whose work it is to help resource local churches develop their ministries of faith formation (teaching, mentoring, life-long learning). Our Canadian Ministries Director, Rev. Dr. Darren Roorda presented the CRC's Emerging Ministry Plan that is focused on helping local congregations grow and flourish in ministries. Darren also reported on how Classis Niagara has often been ahead of the curve in working to have Classis become a more effective and focused body that helps local churches.

On that note, the Next Steps Team (for implementation of Classis ministry vision and plans) reported the completion of their work which included a number of recommendations that point Classis forward to grow in 5 areas: Prayerful Dependence—Authentic Community—Disciples Making Disciples—Leadership Development—Covenantal Relationships. A new implementation team is now being formed to move forward with initiatives to help Classis churches together grow in these areas.

Various other reports were shared including the approval of the 2016 Classis budget. Also two overtures (requests) from Covenant CRC were approved, one that gives permission for emerging churches (e.g. The Village Church, Thorold & The Bridge, Niagara Falls) to send three ministry leaders (ordained or not) to serve as delegates at Classis and a second overture that alters the way Classical Delegates to Synod (bi-national church assembly) are selected in light of the changes approved recently by Synod (used to be: 2 pastors, 2 elders ... now is 1 pastor, 1 elder (includes Commissioned Pastors), 1 deacon, and 1 other office bearer).

In the evening of the day, delegates travelled to Immanuel CRC, Simcoe and joined Classis Hamilton for an evening presentation and discussion on ministry to seniors as preparatory work for continuing discussions and any decisions concerning the future shape and scope of the Shalom Manor Chaplaincy in Grimsby. Feel free to talk to the delegates for more feedback on the meeting. If you would like further information, the Minutes (written record) of the meeting will be available on the Classis Niagara website at www.classisniagara.ca under Meeting Resources, or you may contact the church office for a printed copy. May the Lord bless the ministry of His church.

CROQUETTES AND BITTERBALLEN FOR SALE

Our Cadets are once again selling Croquettes and Bitterballen in time for Christmas. Proceeds will help to send our Cadets and Counselors to the All Ontario Camporee (next summer) and the International Camporee (2017) Order forms are in your mail slots.

GREATER

Promise Keepers November 13-14, 2015

Toronto, Ontario, Church on the Queensway
(1536 The Queensway) , Toronto, ON

Every man wants to know his life counts for something. He wants to know that there is a greater purpose and plan than the everyday routines and trials he experiences. The world teaches that a greater life is experienced through what you own, achieve, and experience. God teaches that greatness begins and ends with Him, and that by His grace, He invites and empowers us to a "Greater" life.

School News

NACE

FAMILY FUN FEST!

November 14th will be here very soon! Please note the new location will be in the Smithville Christian High School. Breakfast at 8:00 am. Coffee & Desserts from 10:00 – 1:30. Lunch from 11:30 – 1:30. Snack Shack from 6:00 – 9:00. All rooms open from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Many hands make light work and we are hoping that you can spare an hour or two? We can't make a day like this happen without our willing and faithful volunteers! If you have any questions regarding sign up and times please contact Julia Van Staalduinen by email at duaneandjulia@gmail.com or by phone at 905.957.9419. This week the committee will be calling to ask for your donations, whether food, baking, volunteering or other donations. We as a committee would like to thank you in advance for your willingness to help in all the needed areas. Please join us in praying for the members as they make the final touches on planning for this big day! Please join in our excitement as we look forward to our annual Community Fun-Filled Day! If you have any questions please call Elaine Van Hoorn 905-562-8299 or email at elaine@vanhoorns.ca.

NACE FALL DRIVE: When you read the information in your mailslots about the NACE Fall Drive, we hope you are struck by two things: a) that the Fall Drive helps out families very much like those around you and b) the Fall Drive benefits families who are quite different from those you might expect to find at Christian schools! In other words, we hope you will see that supporting the NACE Fall Drive is making a real difference for individuals and their families, but also that your support makes a real difference in the towns and cities around us as we make a difference, together! Fenwick – Pete and Lorraine Wierenga

Thank You from the N.A.C.E. Apple Pie Committee: What a truly wonderful and successful pie day we had! The NACE Apple Pie Committee would like to thank all the volunteers from our supporting churches who came out to help with peeling apples, making & rolling pie dough, and assembling over 1200 pies! God is good! A heartfelt thank you to all who came out. We could not have done it without you! We hope to see all of you again next year. Amount raised will be announced in a later bulletin.

SMITHVILLE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Smithville Christian High School Renovation Celebration

The board of directors of Smithville Christian High School cordially invites you to a Renovation Celebration on Monday, November 16 at 7 p.m., followed by the school's fall membership meeting at 8:30 p.m. Guests will be invited to participate in the creation of Flourish, a collaborative Floyd Elzinga art installation commissioned for the school's new atrium. Come and see what the Lord has done!

REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Come experience Redeemer! Visiting the campus in person is the best way to figure out if Redeemer is the right fit for you. Go to redeemer.ca/visit to book a date. Our next Campus Visit Day is Monday, November 16 with an overnight option on November 15.

Other News

Coffee Break: Ladies Tuesday is the day. What day you say? Well it the day we all get to see each other at Coffee Break here at Grace CRC. Every week we are ready to study and learn together more about God and His Word. We have a great group of ladies here and it

great getting to know each better and share with each our concerns, joys and sorrows. We will continue our study of Acts Jean And Henny are continuing the study of Lesson #5 question #11. The other two groups will be starting the beginning of Lesson #5 "Oneness of Heart" Read Acts 4 :32-5:16. Snacks: Lony V.O., Tina V.T., Rosie E.

CLASSIS NIAGARA REFORMATION SERVICE: Sunday November 8th at 5 p.m. the Christian Reformed churches of Classis Niagara will gather at Mountainview CRC in Grimsby for our Sixth Annual Reformation Service. At this time we will have the privilege to celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Rev. Jul Medenblik, President of Calvin Theological Seminary, will bring us the message based on Ephesians 2:1-10 entitled "Ladder Theology", God invites us to rest in the faith that He provides. May this be a blessed time of worship, reflection and spiritual feeding on God's Word and the sacrament of Holy Communion. An offering will be taken for Calvin Theological Seminary.

Please join us on Monday, Nov. 2nd at 7:30pm here at Mountainview CRC for a "Generous Space Conversation." Generous space is a new approach to being a healthy community of diversity centered around Jesus. Developed in the context of navigating diversity on LGBTQ+ matters, this posture applies to any issue over which Christians agree to disagree. This conversation will be facilitated by Wendy VanderWal-Gritter, author of "Generous Spaciousness: Responding to Gay Christians in the Church." Time will be given for dialogue and question & response. There is no cost for the evening, but an offering will be taken. Please feel free to share this invitation with others!

Shalom Manor & Gardens – November Sale – Saturday, November 28th

On Saturday, November 28th, you are invited to join us for our Annual November Sale! From 10:00am-2:00pm, you are invited to Shalom Manor & Gardens (12 Bartlett Avenue in Grimsby) for some food, fun and fellowship. Come on out to purchase some croquettes, plants and flowers, farm-fresh items and more. While you're here, be sure to take part in our lucky draw, vendor marketplace, boerenkool lunch, pictures with Sinterklaas and our Honour Tree. Mark it on your calendar – a day for both traditional and new enjoyment! (Please be advised that additional parking at Mountainview CRC with shuttle bus service will be provided.)

November 27: Voice of the Martyrs - Persecution in the World Today -

Mark Friday November 27 on your calendar to come join us as Floyd Brobbel (Vice-President of International/Operations) speaks to us about the persecuted Church and all the work VOM does around the world where Christians are suffering because of their faith. The evening will start at 7.30 pm with refreshments to follow. Please feel free to bring a neighbour or friend!

Zion Free Reformed Church, 1075 Boyle Road, Fenwick, ON L0S 1C0

Dear congregation: You were touched to action by the devastation of the earthquake that rocked Nepal six months ago. You held an offering to assist the victims of that earthquake. You entrusted that offering to World Renew, to share the love and grace of Christ with a suffering people. World Renew was and is and will be able to use the total of \$3,451,196.00 CDN for disaster response and rehabilitation. A description of some of the work, can be found in this link: <http://www.worldrenew.net/our-stories/earthquake-response-builds-community> (here). Thank you for your love and care.

Dutch Service will be held in the Ancaster Christian Reformed Church on November 15, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. Rev. John Klomps will be preaching this last service.

Gettys at Roy Thomson Hall: EduDeo Ministries is proud to present Keith & Kristyn Getty - composers of songs like In Christ Alone - at Roy Thomson Hall on Nov.23. Tickets for this Christmas concert are available online at RoyThomson.com or by phone at 416.872.4255.



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www.bethanycrc.ca