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Bethany Christian Reformed Church  
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# Bethany Bugle

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## 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](mailto: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.

## From World Renew

To the congregation of Bethany CRC: Thank you for your gifts to World Renew received in October. Your donation of \$5,840.00 will be used, as directed, in

World Renew's work with internally displaced people in the Syrian conflict. Thank you for your prayers and financial generosity.

### OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF SPONSORING SYRIAN REFUGEES

The Pelham Clergy Fellowship (leaders of Pelham's churches) with the support of the Mayor of the Town of Pelham is hosting an information night on Thursday, November 26 at 7PM in Fenwick United Church (1-50 Church Street Fenwick). Pastor Colin will be leading the meeting as we hear what we as the people, churches, or other organizations of Pelham are able to do through the shared support program:

**The Blended Visa Office Referred (VOR) initiative is a program designed to resettle refugees identified by the United**

**Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and submitted to Canadian visa offices abroad. It is referred to as a "blended" program because it is a cost-sharing arrangement whereby Citizenship and Immigration Canada and Sponsorship Agreement Holders (World Renew is one such holder) both contribute to financially supporting the refugees. Refugees under this program have already met eligibility and admissibility criteria, making them travel-ready.**

**However, they must be matched with a sponsor before they can travel to Canada.**

That's where we come in. These refugee families and individuals need sponsors to be able to escape the dire situation they are in in war torn Syria and the refugee camps that they have fled to. **So come out on Nov. 26, 7pm and hear more and see what the Lord moves you to do.**

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### 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.



**SAMARITAN PURSE BOXES:** It is time to collect all the Shoe Boxes. Anyone still wanting to fill a box can use a shoe box and label for a "Boy or Girl" and the age. Please do not wrap the boxes. They need to be returned to Bethany on Sunday Nov. 16 and if yours are not ready yet you can bring them to the Wellness Church at 370 South Pelham Road, Welland on the following days and times. Collection Week

is November 16-22. Our hours are Monday-Thursday from 9am-3pm and Friday-Sunday from 1-4pm. Thank You for all your support for the SAMARITANS PURSE BOXES.



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Mental Health Network

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 905-528-0353 or  
Toll-free 1-866-347-0041  
[www.shalemnetwork.org](http://www.shalemnetwork.org)

Please join us on Thursday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at Jubilee Fellowship, 13 Wilholme Dr. St. Catharines, 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. [www.newdirection.ca](http://www.newdirection.ca)

## School News

### 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](http://redeemer.ca/visit) to book a date. Our next Campus Visit Day is Friday, November 27 with an overnight option on November 26.

Enjoy An Evening of Music featuring the Redeemer Jazz Band and the Redeemer Concert Band on Friday, November 27 at 8:00 p.m. in the Redeemer University College Auditorium. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for senior/students. For tickets call (905) 648-2139 ext. 4211 or visit [www.ticketwindow.ca](http://www.ticketwindow.ca)

## Other News

**Coffee Break:** Ladies we look forward to seeing you all again this Tuesday morning at Grace CRC. We will gather for our coffee, tea, and goodies and meet in our big circle to greet, share, sing and pray together to start our morning Bible study. We might even hear a bell. :) Then we separate to our separate rooms to continue our study of "Acts" Jane's group starts Lesson # 6 "Persecution and Expansion", Jean and Irene's group starts Lesson #7 "Spirit and Wisdom", and Jean and Henny are starting on Lesson #8 "The Power of Suffering". In Lesson 8 We meet Philip and Saul. Saul is putting all his energy into destroying the rest of Jesus' followers and Philip is full of the Spirit and Wisdom. Read Acts 8.

Snacks: Betty VV, Thresa VO, Ina B. See you Tuesday.

### 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

### Village Church update:

Greetings from the Village Church in Thorold. At the end of January we will be saying goodbye to Mike and Donna Collins; Mike and Donna have served the Village Church with much love, wisdom and great leadership and we will greatly miss them. Please pray that God will clearly guide the Transition Team as they seek another pastor to serve the Village Church for the next stage of our journey as a church.

## Concerts

**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](http://RoyThomson.com) or by phone at 416.872.4255.

**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

### LIBERTAS MALE CHOIR CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG CONCERTS

Join us to celebrate the Christmas season as we together sing songs of hope, peace and love! We welcome our director, Martin Mans, Martin Zonnenberg accompanist, Jan Scheper guest soloist all from The Netherlands. Wed. Dec. 2, 2015 @7:30pm, Alexandra Presbyterian 410 Colborne St. Brantford N3S 3N6 Thurs. Dec.3, 2015 @ 7:30pm, Smithville Canadian Reformed Church, 330 Church, 142 Ontario St., Stratford N5A 3H2. To order tickets online: [www.libertasvoices.com](http://www.libertasvoices.com) or contact: Tjitske Van Teenen 905-522-0001 or 905-520-0207. Adults \$20. Youth 10. Children under 10 Free. New members are always welcome, please visit our website for more information.

### Advent and Christmas Concert.

You are invited to attend the annual Advent and Christmas concert at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 342 Simcoe Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake on Saturday, November 28, at 7:00 p.m. Participating choirs are the St. Andrew's Church Choir, the Cantata Singers under the direction of Dr. Gerzinus E. Hoekstra and the To the King Male Chorus under the direction of Mendelt D. Hoekstra. The evening includes Advent and Christmas anthems, spirituals as well as congregational carol singing, accompanied by organ and brass ensemble. A meaningful beginning to the Advent and Christmas season. There is a freewill offering in lieu of admission and refreshments will be served after the concert.

**The Lighthouse** presents a Christmas Benefit Concert featuring London District Christian School Concert Choir, Crescendo, Men of Note and Men of Praise at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church 735 Frontenac Crescent, Woodstock on November 28, 2015 at 7:30 pm. Come and enjoy an evening of Christmas music with us.

There will be a free will offering to support the refugee work of The Lighthouse. For more information contact Rob Datema at 416-535-6262 or [rob@lighthousecentre.ca](mailto:rob@lighthousecentre.ca).

**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.

#### **ROBERT WOOD SINGERS**

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](http://www.robertwoodsingers.com) for more details.

Family Outreach Ontario Christian Addiction Support Services  
Special Outreach Event



Featuring **Judy Tomczak**

Canadian Author of

***When the Light at the End of the  
Tunnel is Another Train***



Judy faced losing her daughter again and again to the dangerous lifestyle that kept pulling her downwards. The guilt, shame, and fear that a mother feels while watching her child fight this battle is more than anyone can bear alone. This is the story of one mother's struggle to overcome that which she cannot control.

"The reality is that very few of our loved ones will make it through addiction without huge costs. Some of them won't survive, and some of us won't survive to see them come through. I decided to give myself a motto to follow:

**What I cannot control will not control me"**

Judy shares her story of victory over the struggle of codependency in her daughter's addiction to drugs.

Thursday November 19, 2015

Ancaster Canadian Reformed Church

575 Shaver Rd, Ancaster, ON

Doors open at 7:00pm

Presentation begins at 7:30pm

## **CRC News**

### **From Back to God Ministries International**

50 Years of BTGMI Spanish Ministry - Today's offering celebrates 50 years of the CRC's media outreach to Spanish-speaking people worldwide. Your gifts, offerings and ministry shares make it possible for Back to God Ministries International to reach millions of people like Requejo who wrote, "When my father was alive he listened to your program. After 30 years I now have the desire to personally know Christ. Now I listen to Christian radio and Internet." Pray that this ministry continues to help people grow in faith.

**IN TRUTH AND LOVE** - Are truth and love at odds? Have you ever felt like you've had to make a choice between living what you know is true and compromising that truth to show someone love? Join our Groundwork discussion as we dig into 2 John to discover what it really means to live our faith in truth and love. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**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](http://ReFrameMedia.com/Advent).

**STAND UP SPIKE** - Knock, Knock! Who's there? Spike knows all the good jokes, and the KC gang wants to put him on the stage at the talent show. But when Spike switches things up, he has to learn a lesson about what really is funny. Listen and have a laugh with Kids Corner. Follow the adventures of Liz and his pals every week: subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Be sure to download this special song, "Leap of Faith," at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net).



## From Chaplaincy and Care Ministries

Chaplaincy and Care Ministry - Please join us in honoring our chaplains on Chaplain Sunday, Nov. 22. The CRCNA chaplains are specially trained men and women who serve in hospitals, hospices, counseling agencies, long term care facilities, correctional facilities, community service agencies, Veterans Affairs centers, the military, and the workplace. They touch hundreds of lives every day with the presence and the love of Christ. Our network of chaplains stretches literally from the prison to the Pentagon. Whether in a nursing home or on a battlefield, our chaplains have served with courage and distinction over the course of the last century.

## From CRC Communications

FREE WEBINAR - Join us on Nov. 17 for a free, one-hour webinar on the topic of "Youth Ministry and Intergenerational Faith Formation". Youth ministry programs and intergenerational faith formation are like the right and left hands that together build sturdy discipleship. This webinar will examine the many ways that an entire congregation blesses its teens. To register visit [crcna.org/webinars](http://crcna.org/webinars).

## From Diaconal Ministries Canada

Job Opportunity: DOE - Ancaster Coordinator - Diaconal Ministries Canada (DMC) is looking for an event planner for the Day of Encouragement (DOE) in Ancaster. This person's primary responsibility is to plan and coordinate the event, held on the 3rd Saturday of every October. This is a contract position involving approximately 400 hours of time during February – November. Interested applicants are invited to call the DMC office at 1-800-730-3490, or email [mrobins@crcna.org](mailto:mrobins@crcna.org) for a copy of the job description and/or to submit an application. Closing date: November 30, 2015.

## From Other

LIBERTAS MALE CHOIR CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG CONCERTS - Martin Mans director, Martin Zonnenberg accompanist, Jan Scheper guest soloist: Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m., Alexandra Presbyterian, 410 Colborne St. Brantford, Ont. Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m., Smithville Canadian Reformed Church, 330 Station St., Smithville, Ont., Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m., Knox Presbyterian Church, 142 Ontario St., Stratford, Ont. Order tickets online [www.libertasvoices.com](http://www.libertasvoices.com) or contact Tjitske Van Reenen 905-522-0001 or 905-520-0207. Adult \$20, Youth \$10, Children under 10, Free. NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME, visit the website for information.

## From ServiceLink

English Teacher in Asia - Teaching English classes in Asia brings learners in contact with the church and opens doors to share Christ with others. World Missions invites volunteers to spend 4–8 weeks in the early summer of 2016 to GO and tell. Additional details can be found at [www.crwmm.org](http://www.crwmm.org) or contact [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org).

ESL IN BANGLADESH - Facilitate individual and group 'English as a Second Language' learning, including conversational and written English for World Renew staff and partners. And learn some Bangla language yourself as you engage in ministry alongside them. More information on this 2–3 month volunteer opportunity is available at [www.worldrenew.net](http://www.worldrenew.net) or [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org).

## BELT OF TRUTH

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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[www.bethanycrc.ca](http://www.bethanycrc.ca)

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist,

— EPHESIANS 6:13–14 NIV