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TEEN CHALLENGE

A big thank you to all who helped out with the Teen Challenge service last week Sunday! Greeters, ushers, sound and tech, fellowship group for providing lunch and cleaning up and especially we thank the men who came to share their testimony of how Christ has changed their lives. If there is anyone you may know of who needs to hear this message of hope, you will find some pamphlets in the kiosk or ask Nicole for more information. You can also go to their website at teenchallenge.ca

FROM THE VANDENBERG FAMILY

On behalf of the Vandenberg family we would like to thank you all for your prayers and support in the passing away of our mother. We give thanks to God for her life here on earth and the many memories she left behind. She is now in that mansion of many rooms with all that have gone before her. Praise be to God. Also a special thanks to all the ladies that came out to Grimsby church to prepare a wonderful lunch. It was greatly appreciated.

Bill and Tina Vahrmeyer

Everyone welcome! Bring a friend and join us on Sunday, December 1 to celebrate with our Friendship friends this Advent season. There will be singing, Christmas songs, a bible story for children to hear, learn about what Friendship has been learning and enjoy hot chocolate and goodies immediately following the 4:30 pm service. See you all there!



GEMS Father/Daughter Night



A reminder to all girls and their dads/friends/family members that we will be having our father daughter night this coming Monday, November 18 at 7pm. Please meet us at Kingsway Lanes 215 Riverside Dr. Welland, ON. The cost is \$5.00.

We are excited to see you there!!!

BRA DRIVE

I am collecting used bras. They will be sent overseas to assist girls who have been rescued from the sex trade, girls as young as 8-10 yrs. Apparently used clothing is a big commodity, and the girls can sell them to make a living as they go to school.

So check the back of your drawers for used bras and drop them off in the box in the fellowship hall before Nov 30.

For additional info : freethegirls.org

thanks, Joyce De Roo.

SAMARITANS PURSE: Today is the last day to bring the shoeboxes to Bethany. If you still have some at home you will have to bring them to Well-spring Church on South Pelham Road, Welland. Any questions call Ann Van Lochem

Collection Center Hours of Operation	
Monday, November 18	9 am – 3 pm
Tuesday, November 19	9 am - 3 pm
Wednesday, November 20	9 am - 3 pm
Thursday, November 21	9 am - 9 am
Friday, November 22	1 – 4 pm
Saturday, November 23	1 – 4 pm
Sunday, November 24	1 – 4 pm

Other News



Coffee Break: Ladies, we are continuing to come together every week, to study and learn. Also the fellowship, trust and laughter are an important part of our mornings as we are studying the book of Romans. Lesson 19 deals with chapter 15: 14- 16:27. "Brothers & Sisters in Christ" is the topic. What have you appreciated most about your relationship with other Christians? Join us Tuesday mornings. We start promptly at 9:30 am. See you there. Snacks: April. Remember on Dec 3rd we will be wrapping gifts for Rose City Kids somewhere. We will be meeting at the church at 9:15.

Shalom Manor & Gardens – November Sale – Saturday, November 30th

On Saturday, November 30th, you are invited to join us for our new and improved November Sale! From 10:00am-2:00pm (please note change in time), you are invited to Shalom (12 Bartlett Avenue in Grimsby) to take in some old and new attractants at the Sale. While we will have the old favourites such as croquettes, plant and flower sale, lucky draw, farm-fresh food items, cake and coffee and a huge vendor marketplace, we will also be offering new items such as a boerenkool lunch, pictures with Sinterklaas and an 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.)

The Mattaniah Christian Male

Choir hopes to perform a concert at Vine-land FRC, the Lord willing, on Friday, November 29 at 8:00pm. The choir, directed by Herman den Hollander and accompanied by André Knevel (Organ) and Joyce Postmus (Piano), will present an evening of song and praise. There will be a free-will offering in support of Word & Deed Ministries. For information, please call 905-628-1211, email hdenholland-er@yahoo.com, or visit <http://www.mattaniah.org/>

CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT for Grimsby Benevolent Fund Music @ Mountainview is pleased to present The Arcelor Mittal Dofosco Mal Chorus and ladies Choral Ensemble On Monday November 25 At

Mountainview Christian Reformed Church 290 Main St. E Grimsby. at 7:30 pm. tickets are available at The Dutch Shop 52 Main St. E. as well as Grimsby Benevolent Fund 40 Elm St. Grimsby also at the door the night of the concert (\$15/person children under 12 free=

St. Catharines Right to Life Benefit Concert : Featuring the Mantini Sisters and The Torchmen, Friday, November 29, at 7:30 p.m., Glenridge Bible Church, 310 Scott Street, St. Catharines. All are welcome. Refreshments afterward. A freewill offering will be taken for St. Catharines Right to Life. For more information, visit chooselife.ca, or call the office at 905-684-7505, email: info@chooselife.ca.



The Robert Wood Singers under the direction of Andrew Carruthers are artistically presenting "The Child at

Christmas" with just one concert on Sunday, December 8 at 2:30 PM at the Welland Centennial School on Thorold Rd. It promises to be variety of sacred music and a concert for the whole family. The Wood Kids are participating in a memorable concert of music. See the poster in the Fellowship Hall or visit www.robertwoodsingers.com for details. The ticket price is \$ 15 for adults and \$ 8 for children 12 & under. Contact Andy Van Driel (289) 820-6836 or Frank Dam (905) 892-2140 for tickets.

"A God-glorifying, festive tradition, Arcady's acclaimed Baroque performance of Handel's Messiah is scheduled for 7:30 PM, Saturday, December 7 at the Vineland Free Reformed Church. Proceeds from this year's concert will support Gospel and development efforts in Guatemala. Tickets are \$25 each and family and student rates are available. For tickets or information, please call Michael or Victoria Zwiép at 905-892-9160 or email mzwiép@edudeo.com."

LIBERTAS MALE CHOIR CONCERT

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to recognize the sacrifices of our Canadian veterans and to celebrate the 70th anniversary in 2015, of the liberation of the Netherlands. Nov. 21, 8 p.m., Mountainview CRC, 290 Main St. East Grimsby; Nov. 22, 8 p.m. Georgetown CRC, 11611 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown; Nov. 23, 8 p.m., Alexandra Presbyterian Church, 410 Colborne St. East, Brantford. For tickets contact info@libertasvoices.com or phone 905-522-0001 or Jim Visser at 905-459-5299.

To the King Male Chorus, directed by Mendel Hoekstra and accompanied by pianist Julie Thompson present, A Christmas Celebration on December 13, 2013, at Central Community Church, St. Catharines. 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.

THREE MALE CHOIRS hosting a Benefit Concert: Come and enjoy an evening of Christmas music on Saturday December 7, 2013 at Maranatha CRC in Woodstock (735 Frontenac Crescent) at 7:30pm. Men of Praise, Men of Hope and St. Thomas and District Male Choir are performing a benefit concert of The Lighthouse in Toronto. If you wish to have additional information, contact Rob Datema at rob@lighthousecentre.ca or 416-535-6262.

CHORALIS CAMERATA presents Handel's MESSIAH

Sat Nov 23 - Sun Nov 24
Welcome the Christmas Season with the rich sounds of this 50 voice choir, 4 talented guest soloists and orchestra performing Handel's best loved masterpiece. Featuring: Barbara Mantini – Soprano, Debra Kingsley - Mezzo, Bud Roach - Tenor and Jonathon Dick-Bass.

Saturday, November 23 - 7:30 pm

First Grantham United Church, 415 Linwell Road, St. Catharines

Sunday, November 24 - 2:30 pm

St. Alexander's Church, 50 Pelham Town Square, Fonthill

For tickets call: 905-646-9225 or 905-354-4348 or book online at www.choraliscamerata.com

School News

NACE

CHRISTMAS URN WORKSHOP—BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, NACE is again providing the popular Christmas Urn Workshop (\$50 for one, with the option of making a friend, call a neighbour and make it a fun night out!! All proceeds go to NACE!! We had so much positive feedback from last year, we brought it back again!!!

The Workshops will take place at Covenant Christian School on Friday evening, November 29 at 7:30pm. If you are interested in taking part in this awesome event; sign up by calling Wendy at 905-957-7796 or email her at ccs@nace.ca. We will also have a sign-up sheet at the bazaar, but don't delay!! Space is limited!! SEE YOU THERE!!

M&M MEAT SHOPS: It's that time of year again ... 2013 School Shop Days are back! On Wednesday, December 4, 2013, they are having their annual "School Shop Day." This event will run from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. 10% of the NACE school supporters purchases of products made that day will be donated back to NACE. New for 2013, they are also offering some great one day specials for school supporters. All you need to do is come in on Wednesday, December 4, between the hours of 9am - 8pm and identify yourself as a NACE (John Knox or Covenant) school supporter. Watch for flyer coming home with today's Journey. Share it with your friends and relatives. Grimsby or Niagara M&M Stores only.

NACE Fall Drive

Thanks Be To God! Many responses to the Niagara Association for Christian Education (NACE) Fall Drive letters have come in already! This week volunteers will begin their follow-up phone calls. We pray that many people will take this opportunity to show their support for local Christian Education. Response cards can be mailed directly to NACE or left in Ryan and Andrea Veldhuizen's mail slot.

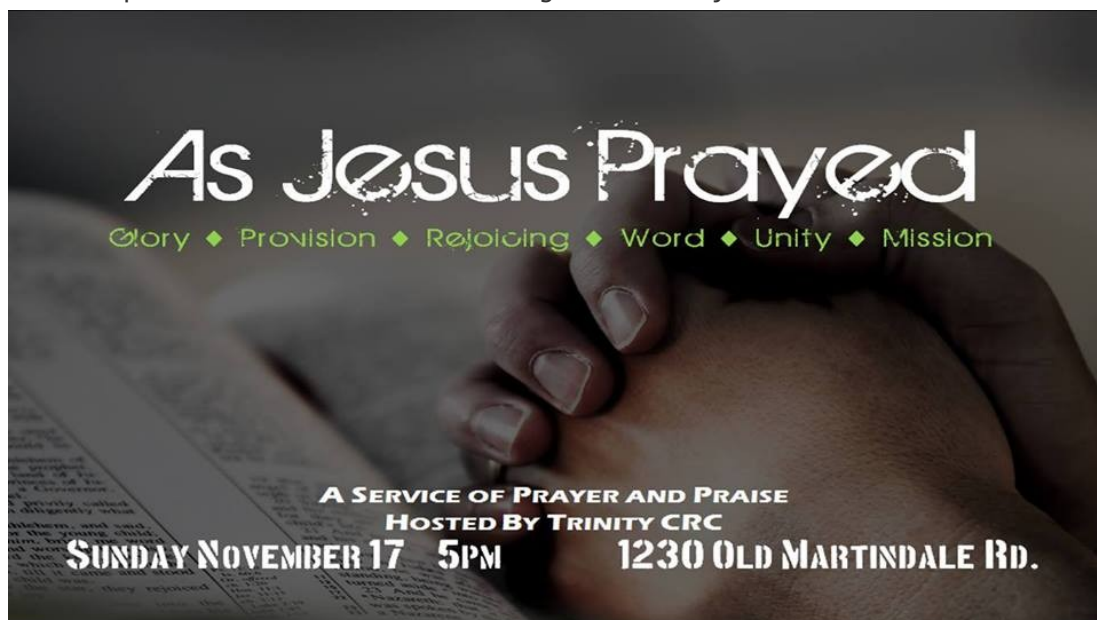
SMITHVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Dinner and Auction: Please join us at Smithville Christian High in support of the 2014 South Africa trip team. Dinner starts at 6:30, on Friday November 22. Call the school to reserve your \$10 tickets; 905-957-3255. Amazing auction items and an evening of good food and entertainment. Please join us and support our trip.

Smithville Christian High School Membership Meeting

The Fall Membership Meeting will be taking place on Monday, November 18 at Smithville Christian High School. There will be a reception and orientation for new families from 6:45 until 7:45, and time of fellowship for all members from 7:45 – 8:00 p.m. The business portion of the meeting begins at 8:00 p.m. Make sure you come out to hear how God is blessing our school and society.

The only way to stand firm in this world is to fall to our knees. Please join us for an evening of prayer and praise at Trinity CRC (1230 Old Martindale Rd., St. Catharines) on November 17 at 5pm. We are calling people to prayer and praise to give glory to God and pray for revival in our hearts and churches. Using John 17 we will be led to pray As Jesus Prayed in worship and Word. Join with us so that together we can join with God.





CRC Denomination

CALVIN COLLEGE - The Hugh & Eve Meeter Calvinism Awards for High School Seniors are given annually for research papers on a topic dealing with John Calvin or Calvinism. Awards are payable to student tuition accounts at the following colleges: Calvin, Dordt, King's, Redeemer, Kuyper, and Trinity Christian. 1st Prize is \$2,500 and 2nd Prize is \$1,250. The research topic for 2014 is "John Calvin and the Lord's Supper". Papers must have a January 15, 2014 postmark. For further information on the awards and research tips and guidelines please visit <http://www.calvin.edu/meeter> and click on the Fellowships and Scholarships tab. Also feel free to contact the Meeter Center at meet-er@calvin.edu or 616-526-7081.

WORLD MISSIONS - A Gift with a Lasting Impact: Christian Reformed World Missions missionaries in West Africa have translated several books of the Bible into the local language. Now they hope to give out copies so people can read about Christ for themselves. Help Christian Reformed World Missions' spread the Gospel through this and other projects by making a donation at www.crwmm.org/projects.

GROUNDWORK - Believing the Resurrection: The Apostle Paul never passed up an opportunity to present the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is certainly true when he visits Athens and speaks into the Athenians' love of intellectual conversations. Join the Groundwork discussion based on Acts 17; find a local radio station or listen online anytime at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER - Route 32: Liz and his dad go on a road trip, but experience many bumps in the road. Liz gets very frustrated, but his dad encourages him to think that problems are just opportunities in disguise. But there's more to the story!

Check out www.kidscorner.net for the rest. Kids Corner is a member of the HisKids.net alliance—working together to provide quality entertainment for kids that is Christ-centered and Bible-based. Visit HisKids.net to find great Christian programs and music for kids.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS - Sign Up for Daily Devotions during Advent! Starting Dec. 2, World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice will share a devotional series for Advent 2013 called, "Strangers in the Land." These daily email meditations bring you stories of strangers and those who welcome strangers—and the narrative of God's care for the stranger to orient your Christmas season. To sign up, go to www.crcna.org/pages/osj_adventdevotions.cfm. Note - if you've received our devotions in the past, you are already subscribed. Enjoy!

WORLD RENEW - Philippines Typhoon Haiyan – On Nov. 8, a super typhoon battered the central Philippines, affecting 11.3 million people, displacing 673,000 people, and killing an estimated 2,500 people. Through the Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines and Philippine Relief and Development Services, World Renew is providing emergency food assistance, temporary shelter, and hygiene kits to those most in need. Your support is vital. Donations marked "Philippines Typhoon Haiyan 2013" can be made online at worldrenew.net/haiyan, by calling 1-800-730-3490, or by sending a cheque to World Renew, 3475 Mainway, STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON, L7R 3Y8. Gifts received BEFORE DECEMBER 9 will be matched by the Canadian Government's Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund, to which World Renew and other qualified organizations will be eligible to apply. Please donate today!

LIGHTHOUSE CENTRE - Come and enjoy a Christmas theme evening celebrating Christ on Dec. 7, at Maranatha CRC in Woodstock, Ont. (735 Frontenac Cres.) beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Men of Praise, The Men of Note and St. Thomas Male Choir will be hosting a benefit concert for The Lighthouse. For information contact Rob at 416-535-6262 or rob@lighthousecentre.ca.

SEEKING GOD'S FACE ADVENT SAMPLER - Advent starts on Sunday, Dec. 1. Visit www.FaithAliveResources.org/SGF to download a free Advent sampler of the daily prayer book "Seeking God's Face: Praying with the Bible Through the Year." Discounts of up to 50% on the books are available until Decem-

ber 16, 2013. Order online or call 800-333-8300 for more information.

WEBINAR BY 'SPACT' - On November 19 and 22 a two-part webinar Discerning God's Mission Together will explore the changing cultural dynamics inside and outside the CRC, and the effect they have on the churches we attend. The CRC's Strategic Planning & Adaptive Change Team (SPACT) is hosting a number of gatherings across the US and Canada to explore these issues and these webinars will be the 'online gathering' for those not able to attend one of those events. For complete details and registration for these free, one-hour events visit cra.org/webinars.

DISCERNING GOD'S MISSION TOGETHER - You are Invited to Join the Conversation on Nov. 23, 2013 at CrossPoint CRC, Brampton from 1:30 - 5 p.m. The CRC's Strategic Planning & Adaptive Change Team (SPACT) hopes to hear from you as we seek to chart our future as local churches and as a denomination together. Electronic copies of the presentation materials are available on request. For more info, contact SPACT members Pastor Shiao Chong, 3dchristianity@gmail.com (CRC Chaplain at York U) or Pastor Darren Roorda roordadarren@hotmail.com (CRC Board of Trustees).

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THE TOUR OF A LIFETIME! - March 13-24: Visit places you've heard about in church since you were little: Herod's palace at Caesarea and Elijah's Mount Carmel; Galilee, the foundations of the house where Peter hosted Jesus and the synagogue where our Lord taught. See Roman ruins, the Pool of Bethesda, the old City and the Wailing Wall. In Jordan travel the highway Moses led the people of Israel on, and mount Nebo. The hotels are excellent; the bus modern; the guide and driver experienced and secure. The fellowship will be great. Pastor John Veenstra, interim pastor, Hope CRC Thunder Bay, will do Biblical teaching. The tour is limited to 44 participants—the deadline to register Dec. 1. Arrangements through Verstraete Travel. Call Pastor John at 807-473-0726 or email him at cnortenwheeler41@gmail.com.

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