

November 20, 2016

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Bethany Bugle

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Babysitting



BABYSITTING DAY AT BETHANY

Do you and your spouse need a day together without your children?

Would you like a day to run errands alone?

Christmas shopping to do?

Bethany MERGE are hosting a babysitting day on Saturday, December 3 from 8am to 5pm.

Bring your child(ren) for the day, for an hour, for the morning, for the afternoon. Come and go

as you wish. This is a day that we will take care of your children, so you can have a "kids free day"

Freewill offerings will be accepted for Bethany MERGE to be used for AOYC and SERVE projects next summer.

if you have any questions, please feel free to contact kathleenvanhof-fen@hotmail.com

Konnect20 Adults
are invited to coffee at
Pete & Denise
Glasbergen's house on
Sunday, November 27
after church.

(764 Foss Rd.)

For more details talk to Pete Glasbergen
or Andrea Veldhuizen



Council Bugle Report

Meeting: Monday, November 14th, 2016

Attendees:

Elders: Zach Beldman, Hilbert Bokma, Hans Dam, George DeRoo, Peter Glasbergen, Harry Hielema, Albert Janssen, Ed Slappendel, Pastor Colin Vander Ploeg, Richard VanLochem, Peter Veldhuizen.

Deacons: Leo Devries, John Enzlin, Bert Nauta, Jim Slappendel, Don Terpstra, Frank Vraets

Absent: Rob Bouwers with notice.

Chairman George DeRoo opened and welcome with greetings. This was followed with Scripture reading and a prayer of blessing, intercession and thanksgiving.

Minutes from council meeting held October 3rd, 2016 received and approved.

Matters arising from the council meeting minutes.

Youth Ministry Teams proposal to run some church education programs prior to the morning service as presented was turned down by Council. Grounds: With the Visioning weekend coming up soon, Council wanted to first finish the visionary process prior to making any decision on the proposal.



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Mental Health Network

CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 905-528-0353 or
Toll-free 1-866-347-0041
www.shalemnetwork.org

Confidential congregation-
ally supported counselling.

Elisha House
Pregnancy & Family Support Centre

CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 905-735-9934
Aft Hrs: 289-823-2424
(call or txt)

www.elishahouse.on.ca
info@elishahouse.on.ca

New Business.

Congregational meeting tentatively set for January 11th or 18th, 2017

Peter Bulk (Jr.) membership was lapsed as he and wife Amber are joining at Providence Presbyterian Church in St. Catharines. Council was thankful for his gifted contributions to Bethany over the years.

Shelby Kremer was accepted for membership in Bethany. She will be making a profession of faith this Sunday along with the baptism of her and Pat's new-born son. God is good.

Welcome to Alexandra Wouda whose membership has been transferred from Zion CRC in Pembroke.

Classis meeting was reported on by Hilbert Bokma. (Full report has been in the Bugle previously)

Deacons Report – Received for information. Collection schedule for 2017 approved.

Finance Team – 2017 Budget was reviewed. Will be approved at next meeting.

Fellowship Team – To look into opening the doors for the Christmas Parade float participants and treat them with Bethany's finest hospitality.

Buildings and Grounds - Report received for information

Youth Ministry Team,

Gems continues to grow in numbers and Bethany does not have ample rooms upstairs to accommodate them. Youth Ministry Team will investigate how we can have GEMS also use some downstairs classrooms with minimal impact on the Cadet program which already uses some of the downstairs classrooms.

Konnect 20 will kick-off the season soon as Mary Bokma has offered to act as host in this important ministry. Thank you Mary, it is appreciated.

Library – It was noted that due to program space constraints, the library is now being used for number of different programs during the week. Growing program participation is something to be thankful for. The Library Team requested that the weekly table & chairs be removed from the library for Sundays' use. Also, by way of reminder, anyone wishing to take out library material during the week needs to sign out the material as per usual so that accurate records and tracking can be maintained.

Visioning Team Report - the elders were reminded to finish calling their districts to personally invite members to the Visioning Weekend Nov. 25-26. For food planning purposes it is helpful to know how many people are planning to attend.

Correspondence - Received for information

Next Council meeting is slated for December 12th, 2016.

Hans Dam closed in Prayer.

Bethany GEMS is in need of a replacement Counsellor while Cynthia Nauta is off for her surgery. An additional Counsellor is also needed as the number of girls has increased. Please speak to Diana Slappendel or Cynthia Nauta if this would be something you feel called to do. (or Pete Glasbergen, Youth Elder)



School News

Smithville Christian High School Membership Meeting

Our Fall Membership Meeting is on Monday, November 21 at Smithville Christian High School. We will start with Praise and Worship at 7:45, and begin the meeting at 8:00. Agenda items include election of new board members. We hope to see you there.

M&M SCHOOL SHOP DAYS ARE BACK! On Monday, December 5, 2016, M&M is having their annual "School Shop Day". This event will run from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. 10% of your purchase will be donated back to N.A.C.E. One Day offer – Nanaimo Bars \$11.49 (regular \$14.99 and Pizza Bites – 2 bags for \$15.00 (regular \$8.99). All you need to do is come in any time on Monday, December 5th, identify yourself as a supporter of John Knox Christian School / Covenant Christian School or N.A.C.E. and make your purchase. Please support us.

Other News

Coffee Break: Ladies, looking forward to seeing you all here at Grace CR. C this coming Tuesday. After our sharing time we will again go our different groups to continue to study the book of Acts. Gail and Irene's group continues Lesson 20 question #7, Jane's group starts Lesson #21, and Jean's group continues lesson 21 question #11. Hope to see everyone back here again. It was nice to see some missing faces back again. Let us remember to keep in prayer those of our members who are unable to join us either through sickness or other reasons. Clean Up: Betty V.V., Alice B., Jean N., Snacks: Laney V.O. Theresa V.O., Theresa T., Lead: Jean N., Devotion: Tildy S., See you all Tuesday.

Shalom Manor & Gardens – November Sale – Saturday, November 26th

On Saturday, November 26th, 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.)

Concerts **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Performing Arts @ Mountainview invites you to join them for our **Annual Christmas Concert** on Saturday December 10th at 7:30 p.m. Featuring the Hosanna Choir with Herman DenHollander directing, Organist André Knevel, and Soprano Suzanne Schaafsma. The concert will take place here at Mountainview Church 290 Main Street East, Grimsby. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$35.00 per family (w/children 15 & under). Tickets will be available at the Dutch Shop in Grimsby or at the door on the evening of the concert. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the **West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation**.

Mark your calendars! The Awake to Praise Choir will be performing their Christmas concerts on Friday, Dec. 16 at 7:30pm and Saturday, Dec. 17 at 5:30pm and 8:00pm at the Vineland Free Reformed Church. We hope to see many of you there!

FRIENDSHIP CLUB– CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Friendship club welcomes the congregations of Grace, Bethany & Riverside to join us in a special night of worship with Riverside praise team. Join us for fellowship & refreshments and see what friendship club is all about. Grace Church– Monday, December 5th from 7:30-9:00pm.

You are invited to be part of “The Perfect Gift” a Christmas musical performance by The Robert Wood Singers under the direction of Deanna Schaus, accompanied by pianist Darlene Oord, and featuring flautist Cynthia Vermeer. The concert will be held on Sunday December 4 at the Sacred Heart Church on Empire St. in Welland starting at 2:30 PM.

See Andy Van Driel for tickets or at local outlets. (see the poster by the rear entrance) Ticket prices are \$12 for Adults & \$ 8 for Children 12 & under. See also www.robertwoodsingers.com

Enjoy the sounds of Brass, Choir and Organ as The Trillium Brass Quintet, the Oxford Reformed Christian School Chamber Choir and organist John VanderLaan invite you to a Christmas Concert on Friday December 9, 8pm at the Ancaster CRC, 70 Garner Road East in Ancaster. Advance tickets are \$20; students \$10 and 14 and under \$4. Reserve by calling 905-648-3170 or at john_vdl@hotmail.com. Tickets also available (by cheque) at the "Wilson Hub", 370 Wilson Str East in the Village Green plaza in Ancaster during regular office hours. Tickets also at the door.

Christmas Concert: O Come Let Us Adore Him!

December 2, 2016—Hear Redeemer's concert choir and music department faculty and students perform seasonal music for Advent and Christmas, featuring Vivaldi's Gloria and Corelli's Christmas Concerto. Tickets are available by phone at 905-648-2139 ext. 4211.

Address Changes

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CRC News

From Back to God Ministries International

BAPTISM - Water is ordinary, so why do Christians think touching a person's body with water in do such extraordinary things? Join Groundwork in studying Matthew 28 and Colossians 2 to discover what happens at baptism, who it's for, and the hope it gives to faithful believers. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to work's weekly emails for future episodes.

Special Advent Devotional Series - Looking for more meaning in the midst of a busy Christmas season? This Advent Frame Media offers a special email devotional series just for you. With daily devotions and encouragements from Family Fire, Groundwork, and the fun of Kids Corner, we designed it to help your whole family experience the true Christmas, the coming Christ. Subscribe at ReFrameMedia.com/Advent.

TURKEY ROCKET - On Thanksgiving Day all of Terrene comes out to help to celebrate being thankful, but Liz and encounters some tough challenges and hard times. Can they be thankful regardless of the circumstances? Subscribe at getkidscorner.com. Check out KC's special Advent Paper Chain Calendar craft at www.kidscorner.net.

From Chaplaincy and Care Ministries

Chaplain Sunday - The office of Chaplaincy and Care Ministry is eager to help reconnect churches to chaplains and to churches. A very significant opportunity to do just that comes each November on the second or third Sunday. The nation designates this day as Chaplain Sunday. Pray with us on November 20th for the safety and effectiveness of those who represent our denomination and our King of kings in many places you would not imagine: from the boiler room to the board room, from the hospital room to the battlefield, from the police car to the Pentagon, from a school playground to the floor of Parliament; from the deck of an aircraft carrier to a play room in a children's hospital.

From Christian Reformed World Missions

Visit the Holy Land - Join a learning tour from the CRC visiting the Holy Land next summer. This is a great opportunity to bring stories from the Bible to life while also learning about issues that Christians are facing here today. If you are interested, visit cwm.org/HolyLand.

From CRC Communications

Available Free in the Digital Library - "Expecting: Devotions for Advent" is available free to all in the CRC through the Digital Library (crcna.org/Library). This collection of daily Advent devotions by Rev. Scott Hoezee is excellent for personal, family, or congregational use.

From Office of Social Justice

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday - January 15 is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, and the CRC Office of Social Justice is pleased to offer resources for you and your church to honor the day--resources for worship planning, bulletin inserts, a prayer, and a responsive reading. This year, as we honor the Sanctity of Human Life, we want to lift up those who are grieving the loss of a child. This is why we are highlighting the story of Eloise, who was born at 25 and a half weeks and after 31 beautiful days of life went to be with Jesus. In her short time on earth, Eloise touched the lives of many, teaching about the value of every life created in God's image, no matter how fragile or small. Visit crcna.org/life for worship resources and to learn more about Eloise's story.

From Other

ART IN ORVIETO - NEW ICS course offering this summer: ART IN ORVIETO—an immersive exploration of art, religion, and theology! Practicing writers, artists, and anyone interested in academic engagement with the arts are welcome! Join Dr. Rebekah Smick, David Holt, John Terpstra, Dr. Thomas McIntire, and Dr. John Skillen for a four-week in-depth study of Christian understandings of the arts. This course will run June 18 to July 15, 2017, and consists of a graduate seminar and/or writers' and artists' studio workshops in beautiful Orvieto, Italy with guided weekly excursions to Rome, Assisi, and Florence. Meals and accommodations provided. Participants are eligible to receive graduate credit or a Certificate of Completion for their work. Application deadline: DECEMBER 10, 2016. For information and to apply, go to http://www.icscanada.edu/art_in_orvieto.

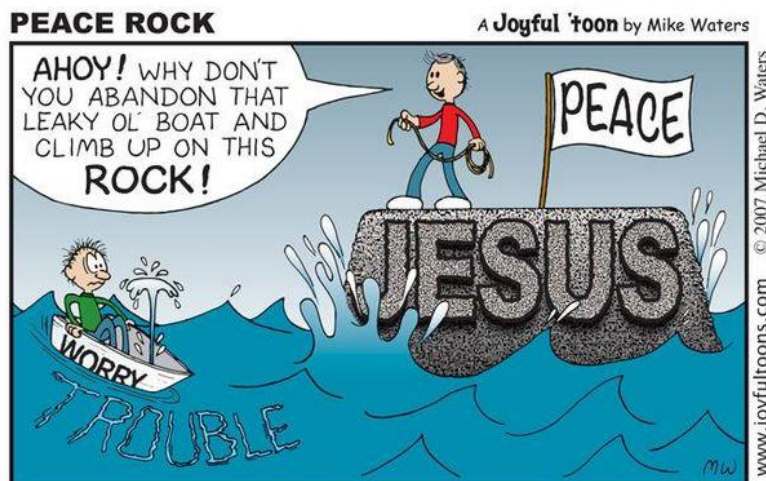
COME AND ENJOY A CHRISTMAS THEME BENEFIT CONCERT - Three men's choirs, Crescendo, Men of Note, and Men of Praise are performing together and hosting a benefit concert for The Lighthouse at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church 735 Frontenac Crescent, Woodstock, on Saturday November 26, 2016 at 7:30 pm. Come and enjoy an evening of music with us. There will be a free will offering to support the work of The Lighthouse. For more information contact Rob Datema at 416-535-6262 or rob@lighthousecentre.ca.

From World Renew

Sign Up for 2016 Advent Devotions! - Starting November 28, World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice will share a devotional series for Advent 2016 called The Things that Make for Peace, to orient your Christmas season. To sign up, go to: crcna.org/advent.



MOST JOB OPPORTUNITIES ARE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN BETWEEN THE WASH-ROOMS. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO CHECK IT OUT IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A JOB!



I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.
- JOHN 16:33 NIV