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Bethany Christian Reformed Church  
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# Bethany Bugle

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**On Monday Dec. 4 at 7:30 pm Council will be meeting with Classis Niagara Church Visitors.** Based on the model in Scripture of the Apostles visiting the churches to encourage and admonish, the church historically has always practiced some form of this. The purpose of Classis Church Visiting is to offer encouragement and accountability between the churches of Classis concerning the ministry work of the office-bearers of the church. These visits also provide an opportunity for any members of the congregation to bring forward any concerns about the leadership of the church that they have already brought to Council but feel are still unresolved. If any member wishes to speak to the Church Visitors they are to contact the Council beforehand to arrange to meet with Church Visitors prior to the Council meeting. Our Classis Visitors will be Rev. Fred Vander Berg of Mountainview CRC and Elder Ben Winter of Fruitland CRC.

## Dear friends at Bethany Christian Reformed Church,

*Thank you for your generous gift towards the ministry of Resonate Global Mission—your congregation is making a difference and building up the global church! We recognize that with these gifts also come the prayers of God's people. Your congregation's giving in the amount of \$6,660.33: to Resonate: Ministry Share - \$5,838.93; Resonate: North America Fund - \$659.00 and Resonate: Salaam 2.0 Project - \$162.40 is changing lives and communities. We are grateful to have partners in ministry like you. Your partnership with Resonate means that your congregation is joining God on mission. Through missionaries, church planters, and ministry leaders here in Canada and around the world, you are having an eternal impact. The work of missionaries and church planters has grown the church in amazing ways, but this work isn't finished yet! More than 1.5 billion people still have not heard the gospel. Together with you, we are continuing to build up God's church—planting churches and supporting ministry in Canada as well as sending missionaries around the globe to share the good news—to the ends of the earth. Thank you for joining us in living out the gospel. Trish DeJong Missions Support Developer*

## Other News

### More than "Welcome!"

Are you "included" in the life of church? Does everyone in your congregation "belong"?

On Thurs. Nov 30 @ 7P.M., join us at Calvary CRC, 265 Middletown Rd, Flamborough for dessert over a presentation and discussion on what it means to be a congregation that not only welcomes people but misses them when they are not there. Using her own story of raising children with disabilities, Sara Pot ([sara-pot.squarespace.com/thepotfamily/](http://sara-pot.squarespace.com/thepotfamily/)) will facilitate our evening, giving us time to both listen and interact as we explore ways our faith communities can share the Kingdom expression of belonging. Along with enjoying some fellowship and treats, the night promises meaningful ideas sharing on how we can truly be a community where every single person belongs. For more information, visit [www.orchardhome.faith](http://www.orchardhome.faith).

## ROSE CITY KIDS OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for an Open House Celebration of our newly renovated addition. We've transformed the former Hope House into the new home for the RCK Youth Centre. This new space will allow us to serve even more youth in Welland, and we can't wait to show you around!

Tours of the newly renovated facility and refreshments will be available.

Date & Time: Friday, December 8, 2017 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 1:00-4:00 pm

Frank Campion, Mayor of Welland will officiate the opening on

Saturday, December 9 at 1:30 pm

Location: 116 Division Street, Welland, ON L3B 3Z9 (Former Hope House)

Gift opportunities in support of the new RCK Youth Centre are available.



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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)  
Confidential congregation-  
ally supported counselling.

**Elisha House**  
Pregnancy & Family Support Centre

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**Coffee Break:** It was nice to see the return of some of our members who have been unable to make it. This coming Tuesday we will again meet and discuss 1 Peter. There have been some very good discussions in the different groups. Coffee is ready at 9:15 and we start promptly at 9:30. Gail and Irene start lesson #6, Barb's group lesson 6 #7, Joyce/Carla's group starts lesson #7, Wendy's/Mary's group starts lesson #8. They are starting 2 Peter: 1-11. "The Long Way Home".

We will also have more information for our gift wrapping morning at Rose City Kids. Dec 19 is our Christmas morning celebration. Leading: Gail. Kitchen Clean-Up: Renee M., Nancy G., Pauline W., Babysitters: Sylvia B., Jennifer R., See you Tuesday!

### **Employment opportunity at Niagara Christian Gleaners.**

Niagara Christian Gleaners is a Christian charitable organisation that wants to help feed the hungry in the third world with the excess of our blessings. Gleaner organisations take the imperfect foods rejected by stores and consumers, and makes these into a dried soup mix or snacks. These then will be shipped to the hunger stricken areas of the world as a nutritious source of food.

We are currently raising funds for the construction of a processing and warehouse facility in Smithville Ontario. The property has been purchased and we hope to be operational in the fall of 2018 the Lord willing.

We are currently taking applications for a Manager.

The successful candidate:

Must be a sincere practicing Christian.

Must have a zeal to feed the hungry

Has great people skills in managing the volunteer work crew.

Has a good understanding of nutrition and food inspection demands.

Is well organized and has computer skills.

Other assets will be:

Experience in fund raising

Experience in leading in devotions and presentations.

Receiving groups and giving tours.

Please check our website for more information [www.niagaragleaners.org](http://www.niagaragleaners.org)

Send your questions or resume to [joebok55@gmail.com](mailto:joebok55@gmail.com)

## **Concerts**

**The Robert Wood Singers** will be in Concert presenting "The Wonder of Christmas" at the Sacred Heart Church on Empire St. in Welland Sunday Dec.3rd at 2:30 PM.

Tickets are available from Andy Van Driel or Frank Dam. \$15 for adults or \$8 for 12 & under.

See the poster at the rear entrance.

**Handel's great work, THE MESSIAH**, will be performed at Welland Centennial School Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 3. CHORALIS CAMERATA, a Niagara Region chamber choir under the direction of DAVID BRAUN, will be performing this beautiful music, along with guest soloists, and orchestra.....also being presented on Dec. 2 at Knox Church, St.Catharines.

**The Awake to Praise Choir Concerts** - We welcome you to join us for our Christmas concerts, titled, "Eternal Hope" which will be held at the Vineland Free Reformed Church on Friday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 16 at 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. There will be a free will offering with all net proceeds going to the Niagara Christian Gleaners ([niagaragleaners.org](http://niagaragleaners.org)).

**LIBERTAS MALE CHOIR**, "SOUNDS OF THE SEASON" CHRISTMAS CONCERTS: Martin Mans director, Martin Zonnenberg, organ, Special guest - Tenor, Berand Wiltjer from the Urker Mans Formatie. Wednesday Nov. 29 2017 @7:30pm - Knox Presbyterian Church 59 Riddell St. Woodstock Thursday Nov 30 2017 @7:30pm - Georgetown Christian Reformed Church 11611 Trafalgar Rd. Georgetown Friday December 1 2017 @7:30pm - St. Andrews Presbyterian Church 47 Owen St. Barrie Saturday December 2 2017 @ 7:30pm - Redeemer University College 777 Garner Rd. E. Ancaster Order tickets online [www.libertasvoices.com](http://www.libertasvoices.com) or contact [info@libertasvoices.com](mailto:info@libertasvoices.com) or call 905-522-0001 . Adult \$20, Youth \$10, Children under 10, Free.

**The AMBASSADORS CHRISTIAN MALE CHORUS & FRIENDS** are presenting their 2017 Christmas Concert Friday, December 15, 2017 entitled 'WHEN WILL HE COME', a joyous musical performing "The Winter Rose" a SATB Cantata by Joseph M. Martin

Mount Hamilton Christian Reformed Church – 1411 Upper Wellington at Stone Church Road, Hamilton, ON  
Concerts start at 7:30 PM. info call: 905-389-2104 or 905-689-5266 email: [bdehaan@gmail.com](mailto:bdehaan@gmail.com) or [kleis.hensen@gmail.com](mailto:kleis.hensen@gmail.com)

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Performing Arts @ Mountainview invites you to join us for our Annual Christmas Concert on Saturday December 9th 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.

