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Bethany Bugle

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Fundraisers

KIDS DAY AT BETHANY On December 5, we are having KIDS DAY at Bethany. This will run from 9 AM to 5PM and your child is welcome to come for an hour, a half day, or all day! We will have singing, praise and worship, games, movie, snacks, crafts and more. If you would like your child(ren) to attend, they need to register before the day. This day is open to others as well, not just members at Bethany, so invite your friends. Please contact: kathleenvanhoffen@hotmail.com to register. Spaces are limited, so sign up today. Free-will donation (tax-receipts available) for our Hands at Work team Zambia. Your child will need to bring a nut-free lunch and a blanket and/or pillow for movie watching. We will provide snacks throughout the day. We look forward to having a great day together!



Merge is selling poinsettias as a fundraiser. A 6" pot for \$8.00 & an 8" pot for \$20.00. Contact a student in our church or Andrea to order. andrea@bethanycrc.ca

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True Women Conference: On September 22-24, 2016 (Thursday-Saturday) there will be a women's conference at the *Indianapolis Convention Center* in Indianapolis, Indiana. Speakers include Nancy Leigh DeMoss and Mary Kassian. Keith and Kristyn Getty will be the worship leaders.



There are a number of women who plan to attend so we are looking into hiring a coach bus. This is early but we need to confirm the bus in January because these buses are used for "Fall Colour" tours. If you are interested in attending this conference and going by coach bus, please let Lorraine Wierenga know asap. Seating is limited to 56 people. If enough show interest another bus may be hired. Payment will hold your seat. The bus will be approximately \$90 return. For more information about the conference go to: <http://www.truewoman16.com/>

FROM PASTOR COLIN: Our grieving, while everyone is getting excited for Christmas, is often hidden from view. In order to honor the real pain of loss, especially during the season of Advent and Christmas, the Pelham Clergy Fellowship together with Lampman & James L. Pedler Funeral Homes, offer a **Service of Hope for the Bereaved**. This combined service of the Pelham churches takes place Wed. Dec. 2 a 7pm at Pelham Community Church (461 Canboro Rd). All are welcome, and especially if grief and loss are a part of your journey this season. Let us together seek God's comforting good news in Christ Jesus.



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

The Robert Wood Singers & The Wood Kids
Spread a Little Christmas Cheer!

Sunday, December 6 at 2:30 PM
Sacred Heart Church
72 Empire Street, Welland

Friday, December 11 at 7:30 PM
Bethany Christian Reformed Church
1040 Balfour Street, Fenwick

Adults: \$15
Children 12 & under: \$8

Tickets available from:
Fonthill Pharmacy
(At the Log Cabin)
155 Highway 20 West,
Fonthill

Visit us at: www.robertwoodsingers.com

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 for more details.

2015 Bethany Reflection Video

We are busy putting together a video to celebrate the past year at Bethany. We have many photos already but would love more shots from within the groups of our busy congregation! If you have any pictures from this year's activities at Bethany (Gems, Cadets, Konnect20, Bible Studies, group trips, etc) please send to kathleenvanhoffen@hotmail.com.

If you are unable to email the photos please connect with the Bethany office so they can be included.

Deadline for photos is December 6th. Thanks!

School News NACE

Does the job of parenting seem like a never ending battle? Do you feel at odds with your kids? Are you quickly defensive in your conversations with them? Are they quickly defensive? Are you tired of thinking up 'consequences', or feel like punishment is just not working?

On Monday, December 7 @ 7:30pm, NACE is hosting the first of two evening focussing on restorative practices in the home and at school. Owen Webb, an educator from Hamilton currently doing doctoral work in the area of Restorative practice will speak with us about

"Working WITH our kids: Parenting through restorative relations".

This evening will take place at John Knox Christian School in Stoney Creek, and is directed at parents, teachers, and anyone who works with children. This evening is a gift we are offering to our communities, so you are encouraged to invite a friend, a neighbour, or family member to come out and learn together with us. Parenting is a wonderful and challenging journey that we don't need to walk alone!

REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Ten Thousand Villages Sale at Redeemer University College

Shop unique Christmas gifts! Choose from a variety of clothing, music, toys, spices and chocolates. Support artisans from around the world, and assist in raising funds for Redeemer service learning trips. This will be held on campus in Executive Dining Room A on December 2-3rd from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Email mvandijk@redeemer.ca for more details.

The Redeemer Concert Choir, accompanied by the Alumni Choir and an orchestra, performs Handel's beloved oratorio The Messiah this Christmas season. December 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Redeemer, December 5 at 8:00 p.m. at McNab Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, and a sing-along Messiah at December 6 at 3:00 p.m., also at McNab. For tickets and more information, visit the Redeemer Today page at redeemer.ca, or call 905.648.2139 x4211.

Other News

Coffee Break: This coming Tuesday we will be meeting at The Cafe beside

Rose City Kids and wrapping the Christmas gifts for the children there. Those of you that are meeting in the church parking lot should be there at 9:00 Those of you that are going directly should be at the Cafe by 9:15. Parking is free at the Market parking lot. It is a morning filled with busy people who are having a great time working together to make another happy. We need as many as possible so come on out and help. There will be refreshments. coffee and tea for us. Snacks: April L., Mary D., Heather S. See you all Tuesday

Ladies if your name is on the Christmas special list, please start thinking of some ideas for that morning as it is only two weeks away.

Grieving? Know someone who is? When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our Surviving the Holidays seminar helps participants prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future. Join us at Mountainview Church in Grimsby Friday December 11th from 7 – 9 pm in the Fire-side Room. For more information email: griefshare@mountainviewcrc.org, or call us at 905-945-0004.

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE: Healing was and still is a significant part of Jesus' ministry. Come learn about and experience healing prayer at Mountainview Church's upcoming Healing Prayer Service on Sunday, December 13 at 5pm. Address is 290 Main Street East, Grimsby. All are welcome! "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give." Matthew 10:8

Concerts

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 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.

To the King Male Chorus, directed by Mendelt Hoekstra and accompanied by pianist Julie Hoff presents, "A Christmas Celebration" with special guests, Toronto-based string ensemble, Quintessence on Friday, December 4, 2015 and welcoming back Smithville Christian High School Choir, directed by Dawne Warkentin on Saturday, December 5th. Join us in old world acoustics for either or both of two intimate concerts at St. Thomas' Church, 99 Ontario Street, St. Catharines. Both concerts begin at 7:30pm. \$15/person (13 years and older). Children 12 years old and under are free (tickets must be presented for children). Seating is limited, so these tickets will be only available online or in advance from a choir member. Visit www.totheking.ca for more details or email tickets@totheking.ca.

Christmas Concert: on Saturday December 12th at 7:30 p.m. Performing Arts @ Mountainview invites you the 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 Pan-flutist 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.



We're on the web!
www.bethanycrc.ca