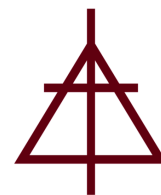




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REPORT OF ELDERS MEETING HELD OCTOBER 3, 2013

The elders met this week and had a discussion regarding the upcoming Home Visiting season. We feel that the practice of meeting with members of the congregation is a valuable way to foster fellowship and provide mutual blessing and encouragement. The elders are appreciative of the cooperation received when efforts are made to meet together and arrange times that work best. The theme this year is "The Joy and Humility of Living in Christ" and is based on the book of Philippians. The recently completed four week study on the book of Philippians will be the lead into our home visits and we look forward to the time spent coming together as a church family.



Parents of college/university students or children who have left for missions.

We need your help in putting together a display that lets our congregation know where our students are, what they are up to and how we can pray for them. We would love to have an updated picture and email address or website that we can post on the wall as well as info in regards to what they are doing, where they might be attending school and what they are working towards. We are also looking for families to partner with these students, keeping in contact through email to see how they are doing, sending cards of encouragement and prayers, care packages for their birthdays etc. Please send your information to Kathleenvanhoffen@hotmail.com as soon as possible. Thanks so much!

REFORMATION SERVICE (combined with Classis Niagara)

Date: Sunday, October 27 at 5:00 p.m.

Where: Mountainview Church in Grimsby

Pastor Chris deWinter, Trinity CRC will bring the message

Offering will be for Home Missions

Nursery will be available for children under the age of 2 and **Little Lambs** for ages 2-4

You are invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship following the service.

Christian Education Information Night!!

On Tuesday October 29th @ 8:00pm the Deacons will be hosting an information session on Christian Education. Tony Kamhuis will be joining us to talk about the cost, the bursaries, and the many benefits of Christian Education. Matt Dam will also be talking about financial planning for Christian Education.

There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for anyone that is interested. From young families to grandparents, we encourage everyone to come out and join us! Bethany CRC Deacons



Bake Sale tomorrow here at church!

The Honduras Mission team will be having a small bake sale at church Monday after the Thanksgiving service. If your interested in purchasing any baked goods be sure to come see us!! Thanks!!

Mystery Coffee Social – Oct 27th

Don't forget to check your mailbox this Sunday morning as Coffee Social sign-up sheets are out! Please take the time to fill them out before the end of the service. Fellowship committee members will be collecting them at the back doors as everyone exits. If you're not sure whether you are able to participate, or whether you want to host or be a guest, the deadline to return the form is next Sunday morning Oct 20th (just place in Becky Van Lochem's mailbox). Extra forms can be found at the Information Kiosk in the Fellowship Hall.

Coffee Break: Though we are getting well along in our study of Romans, you



are more than welcome to join us here Tuesday morning at Grace CRC. Gail and Jean's groups are studying lesson 14 and Jane's group is studying lesson #13. Chapter 14 "The Future of Israel" based Romans 11. Do you think Jewish people are still God's people? We start promptly at 9:30. There will be refreshments. So ladies see you on Tuesday morning.

The Ambassadors Christian Mail Chorus (since 1969) under the director of Harold de Haan and accompanist Laura Pin will be hosting the much travelled and

popular "Hi-Five" woodwind quintet from the Netherlands with a series of concerts around the Hamilton/Niagara area in November 2013. The concert tour will be a "Special Friends Tour"; celebrating the friendship of "Hi-Five" and their hosts and remembering the special connection of thankfulness the people of Holland have with Canada since 1945. Freewill offering will be accepted. Concerts will take in Burford-Nov.8; Drayton—Nov.15; Hamilton—Nov.10; Woodstock—Nov. 9; and Grimsby—Nov.16. For further details and places to go to: website www.ambassadorschristianmailchorus.ca



MERGE

We're up and running again and we'd love it if you came!!

This fall we're going to be looking at our stories—what God has done in our lives and what He's doing in the world around us.

Not sure if you'll like it? Talk to any of the youth who are already involved and they'll tell you all about it ☺

When: Every other Friday night—next meeting: Oct 18th
Time: 6:30-9 pm
Place: Diana deVries' – 238 Church St.

All high school aged youth are welcome!!

If you have any questions, talk to Diana deVries or Janelle Roorda



YOU'RE INVITED HARVEST DINNER



We're at it again! Please join us as we start this seasons fundraising of with some great comfort food. We'll have soup, stew, and maybe even some chilli, as well as dessert and refreshments. Take the night off from cooking and come out to support the amazing youth we have at Bethany ☺

Where: Bethany's Fellowship Hall
When: Friday, October 25th
Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm



Free-will offerings will be accepted at the door.

DIRECTORY UPDATE: Please add Ron & Wilma Acaster to your directory with the following phone number: 289-897-9689

School News

NACE Bazaar News

Tell me... where can you get your Christmas Shopping, Grocery Shopping, Children's Entertainment, Auction and lunch and dinner in one place??? There is only one place....BAZAAR!! J Come on out **NOVEMBER 9** to John Knox Christian School in Stoney Creek!

9:00-1:00 Rooms are open (bake, book, produce, toy, games)

11:30-1:30 Lunch

5:00- 6:30 Supper

7:00-10:00 Auction

We need your help to make this day a successful one.

* Auction Items * Silent Auction Items * Bake Goods * Your time to Volunteer

Please keep your bazaar committee in your prayers as we work hard to make this Bazaar a great success!

If you have any questions or would like to call us with your many donation items please email us at elaine@vanhoorns.ca or Call Elaine Van Hoorn 905-562-8299

SMITHVILLE CHRISTIAN HIGHSCHOOL

As part of fundraising for an educational trip to Ottawa the grade 10 students of Smithville Christian High School are looking for jobs to do on the PD days on October 24 and 25. If you need help with fall cleaning, work at your business etc. please call the school (905-957-3255) or email Al at akorvemaker@smithvillechristian.ca to hire one or more students for one or two days. This is an opportunity to get much needed work done and benefit a student's education.

Do you have an old BBQ, dishwasher or Chevy just sitting on your front lawn? Why not bring them to Smithville Christian High School during the month of October. We are looking to collect as much steel as possible as part of our fundraising efforts to send the Smithville Christian High grade 10 class to Ottawa for an educational trip. Just drop it off behind the school where there will be a steel bin from V and R recycling. If you have any questions please email Al at akorvemaker@smithvillechristian.ca

Interested in playing ball hockey? Well, as a fundraiser for the Smithville Christian High School South Africa trip, we are holding a Ball Hockey Tournament! It will be on October 26th, 2013. This tournament will be held at George and Tina Kooiman's in Smithville. Teams have to be made up of 6 -

8 people. All ages invited! It is \$100 per team. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to Reuben K. or Tyler V. Or you can send an email to rkikkert14@gmail.com or tyler.j.vanderwal@gmail.com or call 905-945-6112.

"Be strong and courageous" Joshua 1:9



November 15th & 16th at Church on the Queensway, Toronto

"There's a place in every man's heart that longs to be courageous, to be bold and gutsy and etch a masculine mark of bravery on the human landscape. In our hearts, we know that a part of the core of true manhood is courage." Dennis Rainey

Life gets busy; new responsibilities, work, family, bills- the everyday stuff can feel like a treadmill. Storms come. We emerge; sometimes better and sometimes broken. Where is the strength we need for the everyday and the storms? Our strength is not in ourselves. Our strength is in Jesus. He longs to walk with us, bless us, use us to impact those we love, and make us stronger. He is our strength. Learn what it means to live in Christ's strength. Join men from across Canada for Stronger - PK Canada's National Men's Conferences. Be the hero God calls you to be. Be Stronger. Speakers include: Bill Farrel (author), Pete Wilson (pastor), Mark Buchanan (Pastor, Author), Ken Bevel (Actor from movie Courageous), along with Worship Leader, Andrew Thompson. For anyone who would like to attend for the first time, Ed Roorda has 2 free tickets. If interested, please contact him.



CRC Denomination

WORLD MISSIONS - Attention Young Adults—Volunteer in Latin America! Are you interested in community development and relational evangelism? Do you know or are interested in learning Spanish? Visit www.crwmm.org/volunteer to see if Christian Reformed World Missions' cohort opportunities in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua are for you.

GROUNDWORK - Pentecost: The book of Acts contains many stories detailing the growth and spread of the gospel and the beginning of what today we call the Early Church. This week on Groundwork we'll look at the event that marks the start of the apostles' ministry. Join the conversation based on Acts 2. Find a local station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER - Disoriented Express, Part 1: It's Granny's birthday! She invites the kids to a special party on a train, complete with a magic show. Spike doesn't believe in magic, but even he can't explain it when Granny disappears right before their eyes! Listen at www.kidscorner.net. Then contact Kids Corner at P.O. Box 5070, Burlington ON L7R3Y8 or email kids@kidscorner.net for great resources for kids and parents.

WEBINAR INTRODUCING THE NEW

HYMNAL - Join us on October 16 at 12:00 p.m. EDT for "Lift Up Your Hearts: Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs" presented by Rev. Joyce Borger. This webinar will look at key aspects of the new hymnal including how it was developed, what makes it unique, the formats available, and how they can be used in churches. Bring your questions, too, for a time of Q&A. For registration and more details visit crcna.org/webinars

ONE BODY, MANY GIFTS, ONE MISSION - The Annual Day of Encouragement is this Saturday, October 19, at Hamilton District Christian High School in Ancaster. Registrations are still available, but hurry – workshops are filling quickly. Keynote speaker is Michael Goheen, music led by Ruth Ann Schuringa, 44 workshops, tour of displays, 20 service sites and chatrooms. Snacks and lunch are included with your registration. For information, ask your pastor, a deacon, or the church administrator. Register online at www.diaconalministries.com, call 905-336-0967 ext. 4278, or email jadem@crcna.org

IMPACT LIVES FOR CHRIST - It's been more than 2 years ago already that an earthquake and tsunami hit Japan and changed people's lives forever. But another way that lives are being changed in Japan is through the ministry of the Christian Reformed Church. Missionaries have found

that more doors are being opened to hearing the gospel message and so at this time World Renew invites you to join a small team of workers from Nov 11 - 22, to show a visible, tangible expression of Christ-like love to the Japanese people. Want to impact lives? Contact volunteer@crcna.org

Join God's redemptive momentum! - World Missions plants churches in the Dominican Republic and partners with communities in the construction of their places of worship. In order to provide a financial audit, it is of utmost importance that there is appropriate documentation of these churches and other denominational buildings and properties. Are you someone with administrative skills and a heart for missions who could do this work? Would you love to see mission work first hand this winter and participate in what God is doing in the DR? Want to be part of the momentum? Contact volunteer@crcna.org

FREEING FAMILIES FROM POVERTY - As you reflect on God's gifts this Thanksgiving, World Renew would like to thank you and your church for joining us in helping families around the world overcome poverty, hunger, malnutrition, and illiteracy. Through your generous support, individuals and whole communities are embracing the resources and skills God has given them in new, life-changing ways so they can take better care of themselves and those they love. As you rejoice in God's blessings, please also prayerfully consider a gift to support World Renew's Free A Family® program. Find out more at freefamily.org.

CONCERT - This Thanksgiving, Campfire! Bible Camp and EduDeo Ministries would like to announce a special ticket offer of only \$45 for the few remaining seats at the upcoming Getty concert on October 24 (while quantities last)! Offer includes a free download of the song 'My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness'. Purchase your seats by contacting Linda Kay at gettyconcert@campfirebiblecamp.ca.

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