

January Newsletter

Folger's Coffee Cans

If you drink Folger's coffee sold in the plastic containers would you consider donating them to a local farm? Erin Kuipers works at a local horse farm and they use Folger's coffee plastic containers to mix the horses grains. With over 25 horses they need a lot of containers. This is a way to help a local farmer and divert plastic out of the waste management system. Please bring cans to church and give to Erin or Sarah.



Thank you for your help.

Nursery News

A warm thank you to all our moms and helpers who have faithfully served in our Church Nursery! To better serve our nursery needs I am asking for some volunteers who are willing to go on a list to be called down into the nursery on a Sunday morning when a larger than usual number of babies are in our care. We love to have them, but also need to ensure everything is covered, this only would be necessary from time to time and the list would be posted in the Nursery for everyone's convenience. Also parents please remember to sign your child in when you arrive so that this system works effectively. To anyone who comes to the nursery to pick up children or socialize, please ensure that you close the door behind you, there are three doors that any toddler could potentially leave from without supervision. Thank you everyone for your help in keeping our little ones safe! Please see Janet Geschiere for more details.

Attention Congregation

The Search Committee met this past week and has the following people serving on this committee. Ralph de Vries (chair), Ashley Allen (secretary), Betty Bults, Dan DeRaadt, Sarah Kuipers, Gerry Schinkel, Greg Yzerman and John van Huizen (Council rep). As they begin their selection process, the committee invites the congregation to forward any Pastors names for the committee to consider. You can speak to any of the members with your recommendations.

Movie Night

Make plans to come out for Movie Night, Friday January 26, 2018. Doors open at 6:00pm. We will be featuring Cars 3. Invite your friends and neighbours. This is a great opportunity to meet our community neighbours.

Council Highlights

Council met on Wednesday January 3 and the following items were discussed:

- A list of people who have agreed to lead the Pastoral prayer while we are vacant will be on the back page of the bulletin and on the monthly calendar.
- Treasurer Harvey van Huizen presented a draft 2018 Church Budget. Council accepted the budget after some discussion and changes. The Budget will be presented to the congregation at the upcoming Congregational meeting scheduled for Wednesday February 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm
- The Search Committee presented the Church Profile for approval.
- Council began the nomination process for Elders and Deacons. The terms of Ben Schinkel Sr (Elder) and Betty Bults (Deacon) will be complete in June. Council asks the congregation to submit names for consideration before the next Council meeting in February.
- After much discussion Council has made the decision that during this time of vacancy we will not be asking female Seminary Candidates or female Commissioned Pastors to lead us in worship as Pulpit Supply.
- Classis Chatham meeting will be meeting on Saturday February 3, 2018 at Good News CRC in London. Delegates will be Elders John van Huizen and John van Niejenhuis and Deacon Tammy Yzerman.

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Young Adults!

It's not too late! There is still time to register for the Young Adult Winter Retreat! Join others aged 18-30ish from across the province on January 26-28, 2018 at Maranatha CRC in Woodstock for a weekend assured to be full of spiritual encouragement, faith-based discussions, service, workshops, fellowship, and funtivities! We will be focusing on the theme of "Culture" and how we're to represent Christ to our neighbours around us, as led by our speaker Pastor Mike Collins. Visit our Facebook page "Young Adult Winter Retreat" or email ya.retreat.team@gmail.com for more details and the link to register. We hope to see you there!

Family Fire is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Calvin Symposium On Worship

You are invited to register and attend the annual Calvin Symposium on Worship, January 25-27, 2018, at Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary. The three-day conference brings together a wide audience of artists, musicians, pastors, scholars, students, worship leaders and planners, and other interested worshipers. There are excellent rates for students and groups from churches. All worship services are free and open to the public. For information and to register, go to worship.calvin.edu/symposium/.

Writers

Freelance opportunity, apply now. - Hey, have you seen the new Banner? The monthly publication of the Christian Reformed Church and its website thebanner.org has just had a makeover. We're looking for new writers to contribute to our news section with stories of our congregations, ministries, and members. Coaching is available. Inquire about joining our correspondent team at news@thebanner.org and our news editor will get back to you.

Exodus Vision Tour Led by a Resonate Missionary

Step back into ancient times and walk the paths of the Exodus from Egypt to Israel. From Saturday, April 14, 2018 — Sunday, April 29, 2018, you'll be given a vision of Christ's historical chosen people so you can build a vision for today's church. Deadline to apply is March 16. Visit resonateglobalmission.org/exodus for more information.

Washroom Fundraising

We have fundraised to date \$ 24,480.74

