

March 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.



Reach Out Committee – Movie Night Director

We wish to thank Katie van Huizen for all her work for Movie Night. She chose Reach Out approved movies, co-ordinated helpers, servers, cleaners and provided support each month. Katie has advised the Committee that her term as Movie Night Director will be completed after the April Movie Night.

The Reach Out Committee is now in search of someone to replace Katie as Movie Night Director. If you are interested please see Florence Jardine or anyone on the Reach Out committee.

Movie Night

Make plans to come out for Movie Night, Friday March 23, 2018. Doors open at 6:00pm. We will be featuring Disney's The Incredibles. Invite your friends and neighbours. This is a great opportunity to meet our community neighbours.

Training Event on Ministry and Aging

A training event called "Aging: Challenges and Opportunities" will help pastors, elders, deacons, disability advocates, and people in their third third of life and their loved ones minister within and embrace the life God gives us as we age. Dr. Syd Hielema will keynote this event at Maranatha CRC, Woodstock ON, on Saturday, April 21. Sponsored by Disability Concerns, the keynote and workshop topics will include growing in faith in the third third of life, resources for ministry with older adults, caring for aging parents, and aging and mental health. For more information and to register, see www.disabilityconference.org

MARANATHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY – ELEMENTARY TEACHING POSITION

If you are an OCT certified teacher, interested in joining a team of dedicated educators who serve the Lord by teaching and leading by example, we would like to hear from you. This is a full-time elementary teaching position beginning in September 2018. You must be computer literate and possess the skills needed to guide all students to learn effectively using current research-based best teaching practices.

Interested applicants are asked to submit the following to Wendy Kogel, Administrative & Human Resources Assistant, **by no later than April 15th, 2018:**

- cover letter
- current resume
- three professional references
- one Pastor's reference
- completed application form

Application forms are available from this link to our website: <http://maranathachristian.ca/about-the-school/employment/>. Completed packages can be mailed, hand delivered or emailed to wkogel@maranathachristian.ca.

Chatham Christian School – Educational Leaders

Chatham Christian School (CCS) is seeking educational leaders who are relationally focused and who have a desire to teach in their areas of strength. As CCS continues to develop its vision we are seeking:

- A certified high school special education specialist, level 3.
- A high school Math and Science teacher.
- A technical education teacher preferably with specialties in construction and mechanics.
- A potential Grade 1 teacher.
- Supply teachers and support workers (EA's, PSW's, etc.).

CCS is striving toward providing dynamic and vibrant educational experiences for each student and for God's glory. If you are an individual who is qualified in the areas listed above, and would like to find out if CCS is a good match for you, then forward your resume, philosophy of Christian education and statement of faith to kenvanminnen@chathamchristian.ca by March 23rd.

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Council Highlights

Council met on Wednesday March 7 and the following items were discussed:

- The minutes of the February 21, 2018 Congregational meeting were approved as presented. Council would like to thank Treasurer Harvey van Huizen for his good and faithful service for 19 years.
- Pastor Darrell Edgar will lead the Lord's Supper on Good Friday at our combined service with Windsor Ambassador CRC.
- Council continues to be working on the Elder and Deacon nominations. Council would like to encourage the congregation to prayerfully and thoughtfully consider any request to serve on Council or various committees within Essex CRC.
- A motion from Council Executive – that any reading service presented by an Elder or a member of the congregation be approved by the Chair of Council and one other Elder in advance of the delivery unless it was downloaded from the current approved sermons listed on the CRCNA website.
- Council heard other reports from various committees.
- Search committee Chair, Ralph DeVries, will be presenting a verbal update next Sunday, March 18.

Matthew House

On Sunday March 18 the Deacons will be taking an offering in support for Matthew House in Windsor. Matthew House is a Christian organization supported by churches and individuals of different denominations to help refugees who are fleeing for their lives and come to Canada. They are not part of any government program and receive no subsidies directly from the government.

Since their inception about 500 refugees have been helped to establish themselves into the community. Volunteers such as lawyers work with them for citizenship, volunteers help them learn English, help them get jobs; drive them to appointments, shopping doctor visits and more.

The Matthew House is supported through donations which mean an ongoing struggle to make ends meet. Expenses for 2016 were \$83,522.00 that supports housing, food, clothing and 4 part time staff. The donations brought in were not enough and some refugees were refused placement with Matthew House.

Many of the refugees that have been able to use this group have appreciated the services of Matthew House. Please give generously to help this Windsor based organization help others get a start in Canada.

Have You Been Heard?

As a Christian Reformed Church denomination, we are on a journey of God's work together. As with any journey, it is essential that as we travel we listen to each other and map our progress. With this in mind, our congregation is participating in the 2018 CRC denominational survey. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit www.crcna.org/survey and answer the survey questions by March 31. If you have any questions, or if you need assistance accessing the online survey or if you need a paper copy, please contact our church's survey coordinator: Beverley, Communication Coordinator

AOYC 2018

Now is the time to register for the All Ontario Youth Convention! Come experience God's love through teaching, worship, and fun, with 900+ teens and leaders. High school students and adult leaders can register online at allontario.com/register or visit facebook.com/allontario for more information.

Classis Chatham Youth Retreat

Youth and leaders! Mark September 28-30, 2018 on your calendars as the classis-wide youth retreat is back and will take place at Forest Cliff Camp. More details to come! Any questions, contact the planning team at classischathamyouthretreat@gmail.com

Save the Date

Please mark July 26- 29 onto your calendar. Maranatha CRC Woodstock will be hosting a Christian weekend event for all youth grades 9 -12 and their youth leaders. At this retreat we will explore the questions, "Who am I?", "What am I here for?" and "Where do I fit in?". More details will follow soon.

Checkout our website: searchwoodstock.webs.com.