

# November Newsletter

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## **Custodian**

The Board of Administration is seeking applicants for the position of Custodian for the two-year term January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019. All applications should be submitted no later than Sunday November 19, 2017. For further information please contact Greg or Linda

## **Gardener/Groundskeeper**

The Board of Administration is looking for volunteer/volunteers to look after the flower gardens on the church property beginning in the Spring of 2018. Nick and Jean have looked after this for many years and are now retiring from this position. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Greg or Linda

## **Christmas Bake Sale & Luncheon – Saturday December 9 from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm**

Get ready for our upcoming Bake Sale & Soup Luncheon next month. We will also be hosting a White Elephant table at the same event. We are looking for small items, books etc to sell. Please no clothes or large items. We will be looking for baked goods and your handicrafts to sell. See Rita for more details.

## **Attention Crafters**

We are planning to include a Craft Table at our Annual Bake Sale and Luncheon on Saturday December 9 and are asking those who craft to donate Christmas crafts and gifts. Looking for woodworkers, knitters, crocheters, quilters etc. to help us expand our venue. For more information see Rita.

## **Movie Night**

Make plans to come out for Movie Night, Friday November 24, 2017. Doors open at 6:00pm. We will be featuring Despicable ME3. Invite your friends and neighbours. This is a great opportunity to meet our community neighbours.

## **Save The Date – Libertas Male Choir presents**

Sounds of the Season Christmas concert series with special guests from the Netherlands. Martin Mans, director; Martin Zonnenberg, organist; Barend Wiltjer, tenor. November 29, 7:30 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock; November 30, 7:30 p.m. at Georgetown CRC, Georgetown; December 2, 7:30 p.m. at Redeemer University College, Ancaster. For more information and tickets go to [www.libertasvoices.com](http://www.libertasvoices.com) e-mail [info@libertasvoices.com](mailto:info@libertasvoices.com) or call 905.522.0001. Adults: \$20, Youth (10-14) \$10, children under 10 free.

## **Christmas Theme Benefit Concert**

Two men's choirs, Crescendo and Men of Note, are performing together and hosting a benefit concert for The Lighthouse, at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church, 735 Frontenac Crescent, Woodstock, on Saturday, November 25, 2017 at 7:30 pm. Come and enjoy an evening of music with us! There will be a free will offering to support the work of The Lighthouse. For more information contact Rob Datema at 416-802-5943 or [rob@lighthousecentre.ca](mailto:rob@lighthousecentre.ca)

## **From Youth Unlimited**

After decades of doing youth ministry alongside churches, we know that faith-forming experiences like SERVE are often the place where students discover God's love, grace and desire for a personal relationship. Youth Unlimited is very thankful for your partnership. Together, this is the kind of response we are getting from students: "After SERVE, I began to analyze faith—specifically my faith—in a different way. I began investing in my own church's youth group, and started to make connections within my church." –Serve student participant. Thanks for your ongoing gifts for this ministry.

## **Youth Service**

Stratford CRC will be hosting a youth service on November 19. Come join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and Worship! Doors open at 5:00 pm with soups and Buns being served at 5:30 pm. The Worship service will be starting at 6:30 pm led by the Stratford CRC Youth Praise Team. If possible, for food purposes if you could email with the number of people you have coming we would appreciate it to make sure that everyone is well fed! Email Tom Mosterd at [mosterdtom@gmail.com](mailto:mosterdtom@gmail.com) We hope to see you there!

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## Council Highlights

Council met on Wednesday November 1 and the following items were discussed:

- Council received a report from the Deacons regarding the partnership with Heritage of Faith through Partners Worldwide. A letter was received from Partners Worldwide that they have removed Heritage of Faith from their charitable donation list. After some discussion Council has decided to follow Partners Worldwide example and will remove our support for Heritage of Faith in 2018.
- Council heard a report on Church growth from Gerry Schinkel. It was proposed that the Reach Out committee discuss this presentation.
- Council began a Search Committee selection in which they discussed a mandate to be prepared by the middle of November.
- Other reports from the Elders and Board of Administration were heard.

## Classis Chatham Deacons Event

Registration is now open for this morning of education, visioning and sharing presented by Diaconal Ministries Canada in cooperation with Classis Chatham's diaconal committee. All Deacons and former Deacons of Classis Chatham are strongly encouraged to attend. All others who are interested in, or involved with diaconal ministries, are also welcome!

This is not a workshop based event. Rather, while there will be some teaching, the event is designed to help us learn and dream together!

**Date:** Saturday, November 18, 2017

**Location:** Grace Christian Reformed Church in Chatham 255 Tweedsmuir Ave W

**Time:** 9am – 1pm (*Lunch included*)

**Registration:** In order for us to have enough handouts, food, and refreshments, please register soon at [Classis Chatham Deacons Event](#)

**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](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

## Washroom Fundraising

We have fundraised to date \$ 18,702.74

