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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING REPORT PACKET

Hello Congregation,

Along with your weekly newsletter you are receiving a copy of the Congregational Meeting Report Packet. As we couldn't hold the annual spring meeting we wanted to let you all know what the individual ministries reported. Those who receive the newsletter via email have the packet attached with that email. Those that have their newsletter mailed have them in the the same envelope as your newsletter.

Sincerely,

Pieter VanOudenaren
JCCRC Council Chair

2020 Spring Congregational Meeting Reports

Kawartha Mission Report Spring 2020

Our Theme for Kawartha Mission is based on *Matthew 25:45*

Jesus says, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me"

As you know, we are closed down for the time being. It's sad not to be able to gather together and prepare boxes and layettes etc for shipping. God does not stop working in our midst

though. We have a couple, Trixie and Vic, who continue to weave the milk bag mats. We also had the pleasure of fulfilling a request for a wheelchair on April 20. So, you see, we continue to

work even though it is not at the scale we are used to. If a request for anything comes our way and we have the item available, we will try to honour and fulfill that request.

We have been keeping in touch with each other through texting, mass emailing and telephone calls. May the Lord continue to bless everyone through the ministry of Kawartha Mission.

Lena Wilms

Women's Bible Study Report Spring 2020

There are 5 of us. We are blessed to meet a few times around my dining room table. Sharing – Praising & Praying. Thank you Lord.

Cynthia Scout

Deacon's Report for Congregational Meeting

The Deacons continue to be busy behind the scenes helping those in need in our church and community.

- a. In September, we as a church, bid farewell to Sheila Dykstra and Jonathan Weverink as they concluded their mission work as Christian Education Specialist/Consultant to West Africa with Resonate Global Mission. We thanked them over a luncheon after the service.
- b. We continue to faithfully support the local community work of the Kawartha Lakes Food Source and the Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Center through regular quarterly donations, as well as with additional offerings.
- c. We reviewed the local organizations our church supports and we are striving to build strong relationships with them to help them in ways other than monetary alone. This would also be including them in our services such as in a Ministry Moment.
- d. We have updated the protocol on Benevolence Guidelines to help those in need more efficiently. We have put together a new list of places people can turn to when they are in need.
- e. Offerings and Donations – Due to COVID 19 we aren't able to collect our offerings in the usual way so efforts have been made to make giving more accessible. Special offerings are listed in the **weekly newsletter. God continues to bless us during this uncertain time.**

Methods for giving include:

- i. Cheques can be mailed or dropped off at Sarah Cooke's house.
- ii. PAR monthly withdrawal
- iii. The Bridge App which includes Special Offerings
- iv. Donate online directly to the organization eg. KLPC
- v. We are looking into using Canada Helps online
- f. At the beginning of April we purchased care packages from Euro Delight and delivered them to the Seniors and those going through illnesses. We included The Banner and our first church newsletter, as well. It was important to remind them that their church loves them and care about what they are going through.

We are continuing to work on the Narrative Budget, as well. However, due to not being able to gather together as Deacons, we are not able to work on the collaborative portion of it. We have postponed this information and presentation until the Fall Congregational Meeting.

Thank you to all those continuing to give whether by donations or volunteering in support of our church. You are all appreciated.

The Deacons: Betty B, Al F, Chris T, Aaron B, Jacqueline G

Coffee Break Spring Congregational Meeting Report 2020

This has been an interesting season for Coffee Break. The first half of our season was spent on a study from **Everyday Matters Bible Studies for Women** named "*Prayer & Confession*". Our spiritual practices help us ask the questions at the heart of our lives. "How do we live in God's presence, and how do we make His presence known? What does it mean for our faith to be living and active? Prayer and confession are about showing up and about what God shows us when we do: His unlimited love." This study certainly makes us ponder on the reality of our relationship with God and how we present that relationship. During this time of gathering, we met in the church basement.

2020 started with studies being held in the church basement and then in February, we were glad to be able to continue meeting in the parsonage as the church kitchen was being renovated. We soon started a new study **Everyday Matters Bible Studies for Women** named "*Bible Study & Meditation*". With the COVID19 interruption, we were only able to begin this study. We are praying that we will be able to continue in September. We give a special 'Thank you' to Cora Wilms and Hillie Nettinga who serve the Lord by caring for our children. If there is anyone who would like to join them in this ministry, please let us know. It would be nice to have someone who could fill in when one of them is sick or unavailable. This 1 1/2 to 2 hours a week of childcare truly is a tremendous blessing to our young moms!

We have been keeping in contact with each other through texting, mass emailing and messaging. It is good to know that we are all still there for each other. Who would have thought that the technology of today would be such a tremendous blessing in keeping in touch while personal distancing. God is good and we pray for His continued guidance, strength, encouragement and hope.

Lena Wilms

Building Enhancement Committee Report May 5, 2020

The Building Enhancement Committee would like to update the congregation on the progress of the latest project as it pertains to the kitchen and the washroom upgrades in the basement of our church. Well to start it has been a bit challenging to say the least as it pertains to the impact COVID-19 has had on all our lives, as well as this project. Having said that, thanks to the work of a number of volunteers from the congregation, things have continued to progress albeit at a somewhat slower pace. After a shutdown due to COVID-19 the counters were installed last week and the appliances are being delivered this week. The project is substantially complete and we are happy to report that the kitchen and washroom look amazing and we are sure you will be impressed at the results. There are a few things that need to be tidied up and a couple things the

plumber and electrician need to hook-up. As part of the final steps would need to organize the set-up of the new kitchen. This would require some volunteers, subject to adhering to public health recommendations as far as the current pandemic is concerned. Hopefully sooner then later. As a committee we are very excited to show all of you how things have turned out.

On behalf of the Building Enhancement Committee.

Frank Geerlinks

**Building Enhancement Fund
Financial Report as at April 20, 2020**

Cash and interest received in 2020	\$ 10,511.62
Total of ALL cash received to date	\$207,310.91
Phase 1 expenses paid in 2020 (Sidewalk heater and acoustic sound panels)	\$ 8,942.26
Phase 2 expenses paid to date	\$ 20,199.98
Total of ALL expenses to date	\$142,805.94
Building enhancement cash in bank as at April 20, 2020 \$ 64,504.97

Faith Formation Committee Report to Congregation, May 2020

The Faith Formation Committee consists of Pastor Ben, Al Fielding, Adriana Koornneef, Nancy Matthew, Barb Kellett and Liz Depooter.

This year saw a continuation of the Family Faith Formation evenings on Wednesdays. GEMS, Cadets, Youth and Adult Bible Studies all made JCCRC a hub of energetic activity with many children, youth and adults engaged in various ministries encouraging spiritual growth.

We also continued our semi-annual contact with the leaders of the various ministries in the JCCRC congregation to encourage them and to hear from them about the joys, challenges and concerns in their respective ministries. Kid Connection and Odyssey, GEMS, Cadets, Youth Group, Coffee Break, Prayer Ministry and Adult Bible Study are vibrant ministries. Our planned spring visits with ministry leaders are suspended at this time as programming is currently shut down due to Covid-19.

Together with Council, we hosted the Ministry Summit in February 2020. Attended by approximately 35-40 people, we were delighted to have Leslie van Milligen, a facilitator for CRC Faith Formation Ministries lead us in a workshop on the "Four Building Blocks of Faith".

The Faith Formation Committee organized the annual Prayer Service held on Wednesday, March 11. Participation in the prayer service by GEMS, Cadets, Youth, Adult Bible Study and Faith Formation Committee covering the topics of Agriculture, Education, Church/Family, Business/Industry, and Country/Community made for an enriching, varied service. A social time afterwards was enjoyed by all.

The Faith Formation Committee is also encouraging members to pray for each other. Working through the church directory, the names of three families will be printed in the weekly bulletin.

The one euchre night held this year was enjoyed by 32 people.

Normally, the Faith Formation Committee plans an end of season BBQ/Church picnic, however, it remains to be seen whether that event will be allowed to happen this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Faith Formation Committee

WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

As a committee, we oversee worship here at Jennings Creek CRC. The many ways that we do this is by following our mandate to ensure that our services and our worship is:

- Biblical - God speaks and we as a congregation respond
- Catholic - we adhere to the Church universal as opposed to our Ethnic preferences
- Confessional - both in our response to God, but also by participating in the sacraments
- Pastoral - we seek to encourage our members and pray for them and include them in our worship services

We strive to meet the needs of our congregation, as worship is one of the most important things we do as a Church.

We also oversee the Greeters and Ushers as well as the Nursery, as those are all aspects of a Sunday morning that assist our congregation to be able to worship freely

and comfortably. We also maintain close contact with our audio/visual team, pianists and praise team, and of course our church council. This committee looks after the scheduling of musicians, the worship team, and the congregational prayer volunteers. Our current members are: Owen Hoogsteen, Terri-Lee VanHalteren, Kim Fintelman, Peggy Hartle, Betty Boomsma is our Council rep, and Pastor Ben joins us as well. We will be looking for two new members as Terri-Lee and Owen finish their terms this June. During this unusual time of the COVID Pandemic we have tried to assist Pastor Ben with lists of songs he can draw from for the online services as well as a current list of scripture readers who are available to record themselves for use during the recordings. In Service to Him,

Terri-Lee VanHalteren

Cadets Congregational Report 2020

Theme: Hi God, It's Me!

This year the Cadets enjoyed a visit to Ron's Taxidermy shop. They learned about the process involved in mounting a hide, a behind-the-scenes look at what a taxidermist uses to get to the finished project.

Our Christmas craft turned out really well – an owl made of a piece log and bark and feathers. The eyes were painted on chips of wood glued on.

In February we hosted another Snow Derby in Bethany on a really nice day that was ideal for the purpose. Everyone had a good time.

Richard Wilms

Report from the Board of Stewards

With so much focus on the church building improvements we thought everyone should know that several members of the Board of Stewards - including the Chairman - also sit on the Building Enhancement Committee. This ensures ongoing co-ordination between the building maintenance activities and the ongoing church enhancements.

Items from the Board of Steward's:

-Sidewalk: Our experience with the heated sidewalk system last winter has lived up to expectations.

-Technology: As a result of some issues with the electronic devices in the church office earlier this year, we are now benefiting from "a fix" which came with an unanticipated blessing. Two weeks before we learned of the need to begin broadcasting entire church services on-line, we replaced our problematic internet service with a new, dependable, high-speed internet service. (At no additional cost.)

-Custodial services: The Board of Stewards wish to thank Gord Haan and Al Fielding for stepping up and carrying out the many custodial tasks in support of our church. During the current closure of the church they are now pitching in on a voluntary basis to ensure everything is well maintained.

-Parsonage: Also just prior to the COVID-19 closure, both GEMS and the CoffeeBreak group began holding their gatherings in the parsonage. While it was only for a brief period, it proved quite successful. Apart from this, there have been no new developments as we await God's direction on the future of this property. Costs associated with the parsonage continue to be kept to a minimum.

-Maintenance costs reported in the 2019 financial statements came in under budget for a variety of reasons; partly because so much of the church has been, or will be, "made new again." Also, the largest single item - 'snow removal and sanding' - came in well under budget.

Bob Matthew

Odyssey Report Spring 2020

This year Kim Griffioen and Lori Thalen have been teaching the Grades 7-10 in Odyssey. Kim has had the younger youth and Lori the older. Kim has been working with the Walk with me series. There is always lots of lively discussion and the kids ask a lot of good questions and enjoy being together. This group meets out in the youth portable and have fun playing some ping pong before and after the lesson. If everyone is there she can have up to eleven students.

Lori Thalen is working with the Believe it! Series studying the Belgic Confession over a two year period. It has been going well with good discussion and questions from the kids. Lori can have between five and eight students.

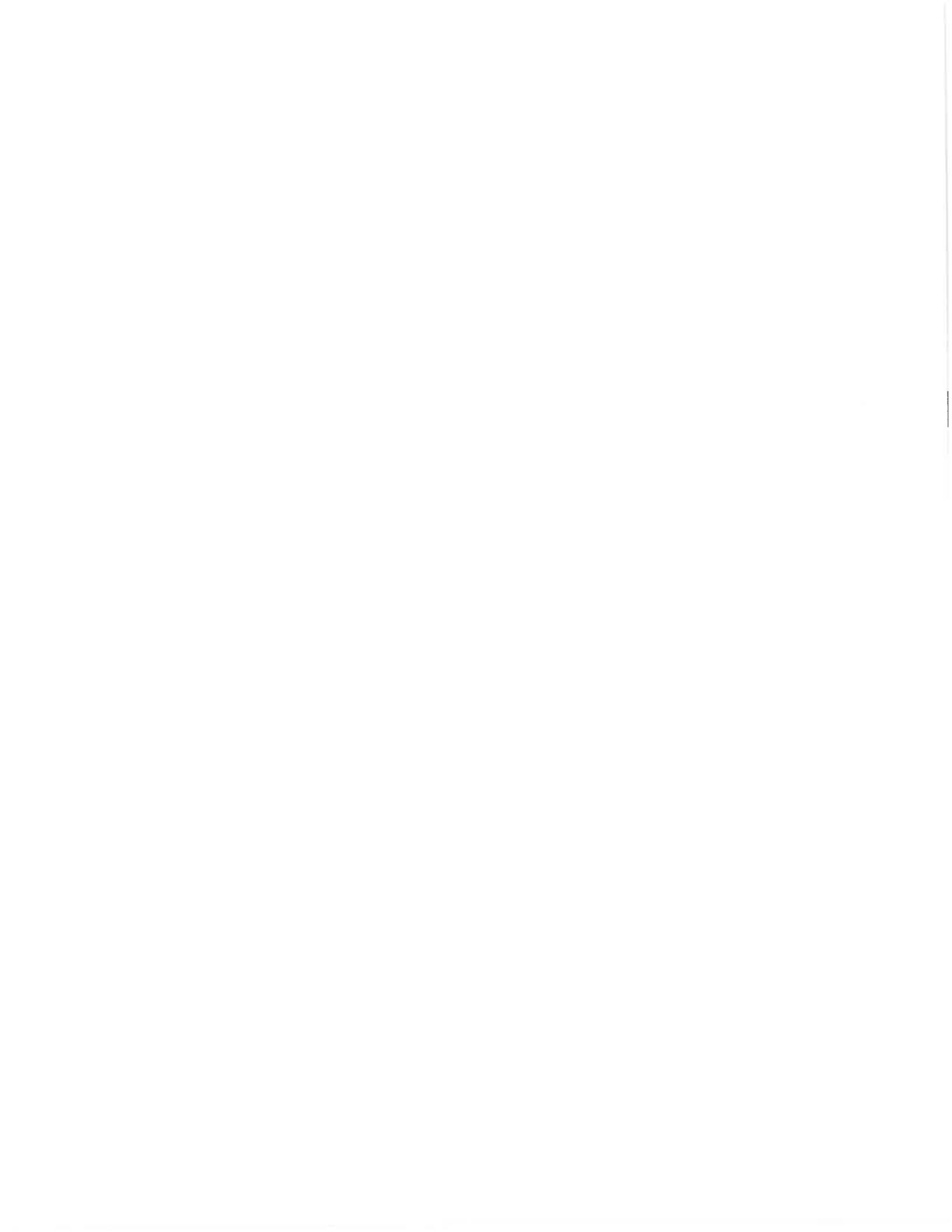
This year Odyssey took place September through to February. March to June will not take place due to the shut downs occurring due to the Corona Virus. The kids are missed and we look forward to getting together with them again soon!

Kim Griffioen and Lori Thalen

Nursery Spring Report 2020

We have a great team of nursery attendants and helpers. We have implemented a new sign in system this past year and have updated some of the nursery policies. We plan to have a team meeting in the fall.

Sarah Karelsen



YOUTH NEWS

2019/2020 Season



Jennings Creek Youth

We kicked off the 2019/2020 year with a fun night at Heritage Christian School. Crab soccer proved to be challenging and entertaining.

The year began with four great leaders Owen Hoogsteen, Emily Geerlinks, Sarah Sollitt and Pastor Ben vanStraten. Each night we had an amazing group of youth attend with representation from 4 different high schools. On average we had 10-15 youth out each week. We began each youth night with worship. We experienced a variety of ways to worship such as: Prayer, humour, journaling, singing, drawing and even silence. After worship we began our study/discussion. This year we worked through the Alpha Youth Film Series. The Alpha Youth Film Series is 12 high-energy episodes designed to engage young people in conversations about faith, life and Jesus. Following our discussions we had an opportunity for free time or a group activity.

We had youth registered for All Ontario and SERVE, unfortunately both of these events have been cancelled due to COVID 19. Our season has been cut short but we hope to schedule some events once we are able to gather together again.

Once a month we had a fun night



Volunteering at Mission Thrift Store



HUGE THANKS TO SOME GREAT LEADERS

Thank you Owen Hoogsteen and Emily Geerlinks for your consistent leadership and for using your gifts to glorify God.

Special thanks to Sarah Sollitt who helped us kick off the season but was unable to continue leading as her school schedule changed.

We look forward to seeing what God has in store for all our youth and the next youth season.

