Advent 2022

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION: This year Worship Committee is inviting you, whether as a family or individually, to participate in the artwork that will accompany this year's Advent series From Generation to Generation... The invitation is simple—to write down the names of people who have somehow impacted your faith journey, no matter how small or even how well you know them. These names might be those of family members, teachers, mentors, a particular author or pastor or public figure; and you may submit as few or as many as you can think of. Kits with green strips of paper and a gold ink pen will be made available in the upcoming weeks. Please return, with the pen, no later than **Sunday, Nov. 20th**.

So why are we asking you to participate in this way?
From Generation to Generation... is a reminder of the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are interconnected and woven together. Part of the mysterious beauty of the Christmas story is how God placed Christ within a family tree of ordinary, often messy, people. And part of the wonder of the Christmas story is that we are now welcomed into the family tree of believers springing forth from the root of Christ. This Advent, may you remember that you belong—to a story etched into the wrinkles of time, to generations that have come before and will come after, to a love that won't let you go.

Council Highlights

OCTOBER 6, 2022 MEETING

- The fall kickoff barbeque at the Fintleman's property was well attended and enjoyed by many.
  Freewill money collected was added to the church offering.
- Fall congregational meeting has been set for Nov. 24th at 7:30pm in the fellowship hall.
- Fall Classis meeting was held in Bloomfield CRC and attended by members of council.

Community Event

THE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS:

Saturday, November 19th, 11am - 1:30pm
Lunch for $10.00, served from 11am–1pm
Cambridge St. United Church. **705-324-3547**
• Cookie Sale • Browser's Corner • 5" Small Frozen Fruit Pies (Apple, Blueberry, Cherry)

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Jennings Creek Church Office Hours : **Wednesday 11-2:30; Thursday 9-3 & Friday 9-12:30**

Jennings Creek
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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This Issue

LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY, NOV. 6TH, 2022

SUNDAY, FEB. 5TH; APRIL 9TH; JUNE 11TH & SEPT. 17TH, 2023

GROWING IN FAITH:

Family & Faith Formation Night: Wednesday's 7pm–8:30pm GEMS; Cadets; Youth Group; Adult Bible Study. Something for everyone & everyone is invited! Please feel free to bring a friend too!

Ladies Bible Study: Coffee Break every Thursday at 9:30am; Nursery is available. Feel free to bring a friend.

Odyssey takes place every 4th Sunday of the month. Youth are released after the Sermon.

Something for everyone and everyone is welcome!

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Next council meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 1st, 7:30pm**. Council packets will be distributed on Nov. 24th.

MEN'S BREAKFAST:

FAITH FORMATION sponsored a Men's Breakfast on **Saturday, Nov. 5/22**. They used a Right Now Media Video Study. Men of **ALL** ages were invited and encouraged to bring a friend.

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

GRACE LIKE RAIN: During my sabbatical I had the opportunity to meet with a spiritual director. During one of those meetings we unpacked the difference between shame and guilt. I began to realize how I was allowing shame to hold me prisoner and prevent me from experiencing God's grace in my life.
There is a substantial difference between guilt and shame. Guilt can, in many ways, be helpful and move us to positive changes in our lives. Guilt is often something we feel when we have done something wrong. But guilt is also more than a feeling, guilt occurs when we have done or failed to do something we believe or value. For example, when we fail to love our neighbour we are guilty of sin, whether we feel guilty or not. Guilt then can lead us to seek forgiveness from God and move us to align our actions with what we believe or value. On the other hand, shame is a debilitating feeling that we are broken and not worthy of God's love.
Essentially, guilt says, "I have done something wrong" and shame says, "I am wrong." Shame begins to whisper lies to us; "you are not worthy", "you are unlovable", "you are a failure..." Shame is a deceiver and seeks to destroy. Shame comes from the evil one. It prevents us from fully understanding the good news; from fully understanding the forgiveness God made available to us through his son Jesus Christ. As children of God, we have the promise that we are forgiven sinners. Our identity is now in Christ!
After the session with my spiritual director, I kayaked across Stoney Lake. I failed to pay attention to the weather ahead of time, and got caught in pouring rain. As I floated in my kayak - with the rain soaking my skin and clothing - God put a song in my mind and heart. "Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me. Hallelujah all my stains are washed away, they're washed away." All the raindrops around me would just drop into the lake... and disappear forever. And God reminded me that all the shame I was experiencing over my own sin was washed away and gone forever, and I could just bask in the comfort of His amazing grace.

Finance Updates

OFFERING RESULTS: OCT 2, 2022

Church Ministry Budget	$8,942.00
Special Offerings	
Kawartha Lakes Food Source	525.00
Property Purchase - Budget	11,000.00
Photo Directory	214.80

OFFERING RESULTS: OCT 9, 2022

Church Ministry Budget	$2,167.00
Special Offerings	
Kawartha Lakes Food Source	552.00
World Renew	20.00
Facility Rental Income	50.00
Photo Directory Income	34.00

OFFERING RESULTS: OCT 10, 2022

Church Ministry Budget	$370.00
Special Offerings	
World Renew	763.00

OFFERING RESULTS: OCT 16, 2022

Church Ministry Budget	$2,802.00
Special Offerings	
Disability Concerns	165.50
World Renew	40.00
Faith Formation	20.00
Heritage Christian School	200.00
Ukrainian Outreach ~ Deacons	30.00
Property Purchase	25,000.00

PAR OFFERING RESULTS: SEPTEMBER 2022

Church Ministry Budget	$875.00

GIVE APP OFFERING RESULTS: SEPT. 2022

Church Ministry Budget	$4,090.00
Special Offerings	
Ukrainian Outreach - Deacons	65.00
Resonate Global Mission	90.00
Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre	75.00
Deacons	50.00
Heritage Christian School	165.00
Safe Church Ministries	60.00

OFFERING RESULTS: OCT 23, 2022

Church Ministry Budget	$2,875.00
Special Offerings	
Faith Formation	290.00
World Renew	100.00
Disability Concerns	140.00
Ministry to Seafarers	70.00
Kawartha Lakes Food Source	40.00
JCCRC Photo Directory Funds	16.95

Finance Updates

OFFERING RESULTS: OCT 30, 2022

Church Ministry Budget	$4,979.00
Special Offerings	
Ministry to Seafarers	412.05
World Renew/World Hunger	40.00
ReFrame Ministries	40.00
Heritage Christian School	150.00
Property Purchase	5,000.00
Facility Rental Income	100.00

Church Family

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER:
If you have something that you would like to share with the congregation, please submit to the church office. *Deadline for contributions is the Thursday (9:00am) prior to the end of the month.* This Newsletter will be distributed the ***first Sunday*** of every month to update everyone on what is going on in our church, community and beyond.

Invitation to join us in a

Sunday, November 13th, 2022
Adalyn Marie Karelsen &
Jeremiah Richard Koornneef

Christmas PARADE

Jennings Creek CRC
Christmas Float

This year we are having a float in Lindsay's Christmas parade **Sunday, Nov. 20th**. Please plan to come out and enjoy the afternoon.

ROOM For RENT

STUDENT HOUSING NEEDED: Young Christian male SSFC Student beginning in January 2023? looking for room and board from *January to July 2023*.

If you have or know of anyone with this type of accomodations please contact **Dave or Debbie Miles** at 1-613-885-9208. Family would prefer a Christian home if at all possible.
For more information please speak with **Gord Haan**.

Church Community

DIACONAL MINISTRIES CANADA IS HIRING!

We are currently hiring for two (2) positions here at Diaconal Ministries. Below is a bulletin announcement we would appreciate you putting into your bulletins, newsletters, social media pages, etc. for the next 3 Sundays.

JOB OPENINGS AT Diaconal Ministries Canada: Are you looking for rewarding work? Want to be part of a dynamic and committed team? Diaconal Ministries is currently hiring for two (2) part-time positions:

OFFICE ASSISTANT & FINANCIAL COORDINATOR

Apply for one of these positions or both. You'll have the ability to work remotely but proximity to our Burlington office is ideal. Visit our website for more details and the full job descriptions:
https://diaconalministries.com/our-team/careers-opportunities/
Please help us spread the word by sharing these opportunities with someone you think would be a great fit! Thank you for helping us spread the word! If you require anything else, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

DIACONAL MINISTRIES CANADA

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Upcoming **LORD'S SUPPER SERVICES 2023**

Sunday, Feb. 5th
Sunday, April. 9th
Sunday, June 11th
Sunday, Sept. 17th

Please join us. Everyone welcome

KAWARTHA LAKES Singers

Present ***"Welcome Yule"***
Sunday, December 11th at 2:30pm
Cambridge St. United Church
Featuring UnBElievable

Tickets: $25.00 • $10 for children 12 & under
Purchase tickets at klsingers.ca
or from **Marilyn Kuiperij**

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL EST. 1978

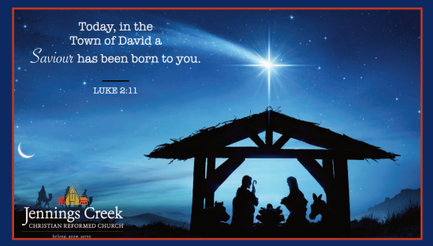
HERITAGE UPDATE:
Gift card profits for the month of **September** were **$1,340.25**.
If you would like to purchase gift cards or would like more information, please contact **Hank Bossema at 705-328-2061**.

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL EST. 1978

HERITAGE UPDATE:
Gift card profits for the month of **October** were **$2,294.47**.
If you would like to purchase gift cards or would like more information, please contact **Hank Bossema at 705-328-2061**.

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL EST. 1978

HERITAGE POTATO BIN UPDATE:
This year the profit for the Potato Bin at the Lindsay Exhibition was **$35,000.00**!
Thank you to everyone who helped, supported & contributed to this event.



Christmas Cards for Inmates:
Would you be willing to send a note of encouragement to an inmate at the Central East Correctional Centre (Lindsay Prison) this Christmas? We have cards available in the foyer on the Welcome Centre for you to use (*See image above*). Take as many as you like. We have committed to sending 500 cards to inmates insuring that every inmate receives a card this Christmas. Feel free to share an encouraging word, or a favourite scripture passage, or a simple Christmas blessing. Please do not include your name or any contact information. Completed cards can be place in the mailbox on Pastor Ben's office door by **November 13th**.

Celebrating 60 Years of Marriage

We, the Ottens family, would like to extend a huge and warm thank you to each and everyone who came out to help celebrate the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Heike and Gertie.

We had a beautiful day and feel so loved and blessed!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Sincerely
The Ottens Family

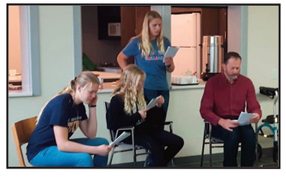
–Photos submitted by Lena Wilms

Dutch Psalmen Sing Song Event

Dutch Hymn Sing (Hollandse Psalmen Zingen): We had a wonderful attendance of 30+ people.

It was heartwarming to see people we hadn't seen for some time and be able to share praise and worship to God with sisters and brothers in the Lord.

A huge thank you to **Marilyn Kuiperij and Sonja Bons** for organizing this event. Thank you also to **Pastor Ben** for your words and **the Bons girls** for accompanying us in guitar and voice. You are all appreciated.



We were also treated to a delicious Dutch 'boter koek' and apple dessert.

–Submitted by Lena Wilms

Ministry to Seafarers 2022

M2S Christmas Parcel Drive 2022: Each parcel tells the story of the Greatest Gift of All...*Jesus Christ.*

Collection Day: Sun. Nov. 14th

Operation Christmas Child 2022

Contact Person: Joanna Charlton
Please put your parcel(s) under the table located in the carport foyer.

Collection Day Nov. 14th!

FOR MORE INFORMATION on programs offered here at Jennings Creek CRC please go to ***www.jenningscreekchurch.ca***

Kawartha Mission Update!

KAWARTHA MISSION

The Lord continues to bess His Mission: We keep getting more contacts who are excited to partner with us in sending to those in need.

We have individuals and groups that support our work. Canadian Food For Children appreciates seeing our bus drive into their drop-off area.

Recently Dr. Andrew Simone, CEO of CFFC lost his wife, Joanne, to cancer. She was by his side in the work and in the travelling they did as part of CFFC.

She will be missed. We have expressed our sincere condolences to him as well as their organization. Dr. Simone continues to carry on God's work around the world, and we continue to support that work.

Here are some snapshots of what came to Kawartha Mission recently.

The boxes are labeled and ready for shipping.

In the bus and packed to ship.

On Nov. 1st we received an email from Angela Kesthley who runs *"Milk Bags Unlimited"*. She keeps count of the number of milk bag mats that are being shipped and distributed. The count so far for 2022 is 5,015 mats. Each mat contains 600-800 milk bags depending on the size. Can you calculate how many milk bags have been kept out of the landfill sites so far this year? Here is a little story that Angela shared with us.

"We hired a new lady at our office who is originally from El Salvador. I told her about the milk bag mats and how Canadian Food for Children sends containers of donations to her country. Here is the amazing part.. she is from the same city where the containers are delivered and her mom knows the mission where the supplies go. Her mom has a neighbour who has a milk bag mat. The two ladies started talking and the lady with the mat said she had a bed that was pretty rough to sleep on, so now she sleeps on her mat EVERY night. First hand reports like this make my heart swell. I hope she has a beautiful big fluffy mat."

God certainly is blessing our ministries and those who receive from them.

-submitted by Lena Wilms-