**CONGREGATIONAL ASSISTANCE PLAN (CAP):** Shalem Mental Health Network provides professional faith-based counselling services to our church through the CAP ministry. CAP usage is confidential and available to all congregants, at no cost for the first 6 sessions. To book an appt, or for more info, please call Shalem directly at: 905-528-0353, 1-866-347-0041, or text 289-335-3543, or email office@shalemnetwork.org.

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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:**
Schedule to come...

**GROWING IN FAITH:**
**Family & Faith Formation Night:** Wednesday's 6:30pm-8pm Youth Group; Adult Bible Study. Something for everyone & everyone is invited! GEMS; Cadets and **NEW* Truth Seekers** (JK-Grade 3). Please feel free to bring a friend! Starting Wednesday, Oct. 4th.

**Ladies Bible Study:** Coffee Break every Thursday at 9:30am; Nursery is available. Feel free to bring a friend. (Sept. to May). 1st session began on Thursday, Sept. 28th.

Precept Bible Study continues on Monday's at 7pm or Tuesday's at 9:30am. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. Milly Nokes leads. ***"Exodus - Let My People".*** (Schedule on pg. 7)

**Odyssey** takes place every 4th Sunday of the month. Youth are released after the Sermon. We will resume classes in Sept. ***Something for everyone and everyone is welcome!***

**NEXT MONTH'S COUNCIL MEETING:**
Next council meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7th, 7:30pm. Council packets will be distributed on the Friday prior to the Council Meeting.

Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre

***Annual Fall Banquet 'Come as You Are'***

**Where: Fairview Baptist Church**
**When: Friday, October 20, 2023**
*(Doors open at 6:00)*

**Tickets now on sale $30.00/person**
Available at the Centre or call 705-878-8527

*Evening Includes:*
- *Hot and cold buffet*
- *'Come As You Are' play about what the Centre is all about*
- *Fellowship*
- *Music*

## Monthly Finance Updates

**OFFERING TOTAL RESULTS: SEPTEMBER 2023**

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|---|---|
| Church Ministry Budget | $23,330.00 |
| *Special Offerings* | |
| Durham Christian High School | $976.25 |
| Resonate Global Mission | $544.30 |
| Heritage Christian School | $2,240.00 |
| Property Purchase | $200.00 |
| Facility Rental Income | $410.00 |
| Women's Resources | $820.75 |
| Safe Church Ministries | $552.00 |
| Ukrainian Outreach ~ Deacons | $25.00 |
| Kawartha Mission | 120.00 |
| Deacons | 350.00 |
| Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre | 75.00 |
| Worship Ministries | 30.00 |
| **TOTAL INCOME FOR SEPTEMBER** | **$29,673.30** |
| **YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL** | **$383,020.54** |

*This is the month in summary and includes Sunday morning Offerings, and August's PAR & GIVE App totals.*

## Church Family

**NOVEMBER 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 Wednesday (9:00am) prior to the end of the month. The Newsletter will be distributed on the 1st Sunday of the month to update everyone on what is going on in our church, community and beyond.

**THE GOLDEN YEARS:** As the saying goes,"getting older is no fun". Growing old is an attitude. A person can celebrate a ninetieth birthday and remain young in Spirit. An individual outlook on life depends on sustaining faith and looking forward to the future. I am also being challenged but my Heavenly Father has made my old age justifiable, and I am proud and enjoying it.

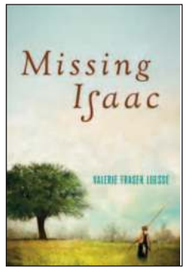
*~ submitted by Jake Griffioen*

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Happy **70th** Birthday Barb (Kellett). May God bless you with boundless love, calming peace and heavenly joy throughout the coming year and many more after that.

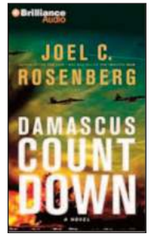
**HERITAGE UPDATE:**
Gift card profits for the month of **September** were **$1993.00**
If you would like to purchase gift cards or would like more information, please contact **Hank Bossema at 705-328-2061**.

## Library Corner

Some random bits of information follow—
Two years ago, I purchased almost a shelf full of new-to-us books, fiction, and before putting them out I added a star sticker to the spine, hoping that observant individuals would see them! As space in the regular shelves arises, I add those to fill the gaps.
If you wish to borrow an item when it's convenient to you, please use the pencil and paper at the spot labelled for that purpose.
Books and some DVD's for our youngest members may be overlooked so please help me remind the kids to have a look. And everyone else should have a look and ask me for help finding something you prefer.
During the week I stop by with my computer software and catch up.
**Now a QUESTION:** If the opportunity comes up, should we move the library from its long-time 'temporary' corner to a separate room?
Meanwhile, it has come to my attention that fiction we've had for a year or two has only been read once, and that was this year, or not at all. So I've read a couple of those —

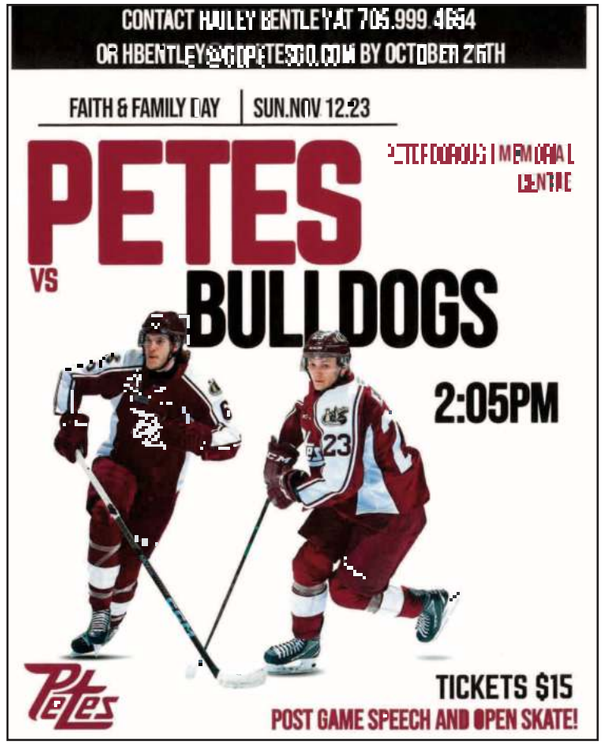


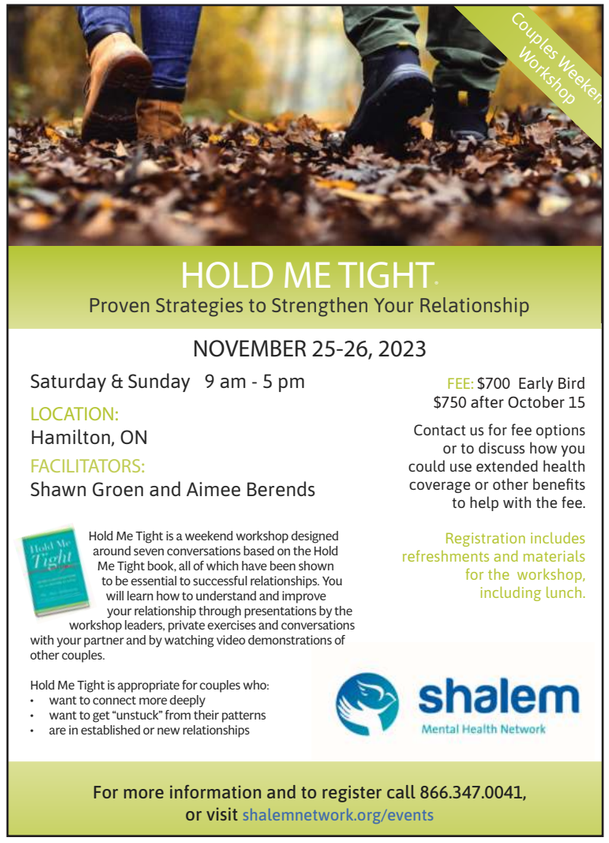

**Missing Isaac,** *by Valerie Fraser Luesse.* Although she has written other pieces, this is her first novel. Set in Glory, Alabama in the early 1960s –an era when White cotton farmers hired help with planting and harvesting, Blacks and needy Whites, too. After the day's work each returns to their own neighborhood, never to mingle, with occasional exceptions... In the first chapter, we meet 11-year-old Peter, only child to his parents, has suddenly lost his precious Dad. And then we meet Isaac, a 30-year-old Black farm laborer who first worked for Pete's grandfather. Isaac is a Christian who owns his own pick-up truck and is quick to help anyone he can. In this context he and his truck both went missing. Pete is distraught, wants to find his mentor.




**Damascus Countdown**, *by Joel C Rosenberg*
This author writes spellbinding fiction, this one set in the Middle East, involving American intelligence CIA agents in the region, specifically, in Iran. Also there has been the rise of the Twelfth Imam. We learn that as that Imam rises in power with his allies and their weaponry, their purpose is the remove the state of Israel from the map using nuclear weapons. No one expect certain Twelvers really knows how many nukes the Muslim community under the Imam can wield. Will they succeed in this diabolical goal?
Be prepared for surprises as our questions are resolved. My opinion is that God Wins!

*~ submitted by Cora Wilms, Librarian*



## Precept Bible Study Schedule

**EXODUS - LET MY PEOPLE**

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| **LESSON 2** | ~~September 25 & 26~~ |
| | October 2 & 3 - **DVD** |
| **NO LESSON** - October 9 & 10 - THANKSGIVING | |
| **LESSON 3** | October 16 & 17 |
| | October 23 & 24 - **DVD** |
| **LESSON 4** | October 30 & 31 |
| | November 6 & 7 - **DVD** |
| **LESSON 5** | November 13 & 14 |
| | November 20 & 21 - **DVD** |
| **LESSON 6** | November 27 & 28 |
| | December 4 & 5 - **DVD** |
| **LESSON 7** | December 11 & 12 |
| | December 18 & 19 - **DVD** |
| **NO LESSON** - CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS | |
| **LESSON 8** | January 8 & 9, 2024 |
| | January 15 & 16 - **DVD** |
| **LESSON 9** | January 22 & 23 |
| | January 29 & 31 - **DVD** |
| **LESSON 10** | February 5 & 6 |
| | February 12 & 13 - **DVD** |
| **NO LESSON** - February 19 & 20 - FAMILY DAY | |
| **LESSON 11** | February 26 & 27 |
| | March 4 & 5 - DVD |

# UPCOMING EVENTS HERE AND SURROUNDING AREAS

CHRISTIAN Stewardship SERVICES

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

*Are you one of the approximately 50% of Canadians who do not have an up-to-date Will?*
Do you want to support the charities you love more effectively?
On **Sunday, November 19th, 2023**, Christian Stewardship Services Consultant, **Marinus Koole** will be sharing a Will & Estate Planning Presentation after the morning service.
For more information, or to book a personal consultation, please contact CSS at marinusk@csservices.ca or call 1-800-267-8890 ext. 225

IN RECOGNITION OF

**With the ever-changing increase in Homelessness and the lack of Affordable Housing in our community**

**A PLACE CALLED HOME IS INVITING YOU TO ATTEND A**

**HOMELESS AWARENESS DINNER.**

**October 14, 2023**
**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**
**40 William Street North, Lindsay**
**Gathering: 5:30 pm Dinner: 6:00 pm**

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Dr. Brian J Walsh,** author of ***Beyond Homelessness, 15th Anniversary Edition: Christian Faith in a Culture of Displacement*** will speak about the current plight of homelessness.

**Jody Curry,** President of ***Places for People*** in Haliburton, will speak about solutions to the problem of homelessness and affordable housing.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

To the **Ontario Trillium Foundation** for their support of A Place Called Home through the Resilient Communities Fund in 2022-2023

***Attendance at this event will not only enlighten you to our current housing crisis but will examine some of the solutions that are presently being practised in our community.***

**Please RSVP by October 1, 2023**
**jennifer@apch.ca or 705 878-6817**

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www.TheCollingsworthFamily.com

# FALL KICK-OFF BBQ 2023

*~ photos submitted by Lena Wilms & Dave McKague*

**AVAILABLE TO A GOOD HOME!**
Used electric wheelchair, in excellent working condition, (batteries are charged) needs a good home. Contact **Gord Haan** at **905-914-5353**. This was donated to Kawartha Mission.

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENT**

**FAITH FORMATION** will be hosting a Progressive Euchre Night on **October 27th** starting at **7:30pm**.

***Bring a snack to share.***
Card tables needed, if people could bring them that evening it would be appreciated.

# CRC COMMUNICATIONS

## RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION

**HEALING HEARTS, TRANSFORMING NATIONS:** *Are you at a loss for how to handle conflict in your family, church, and community?*
God calls all believers to live together in unity, but sometimes conflict causes pain and drives communities apart. So many pastors and believers are at a loss for how to engage and reconcile the pain caused by ethnic and racial differences, political disagreements, generational divides, and so much more in our families, churches, and communities. How do we heal from pain, reconcile with one another, and walk a path forward together? That's what Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations is all about. You are invited to participate in a 3-day, 4-night HHTN event to experience for yourself a fresh encounter with Jesus at the cross, which, by the power of the Holy Spirit, is the foundation of reconciliation.
September 5-9 at Fair Havens Camp & Conference Grounds, Beaverton, ON, Canada.
Here is the link for more details and registration for both:
https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/healing-hearts-transforming-nations

# DEADLINE ITEMS

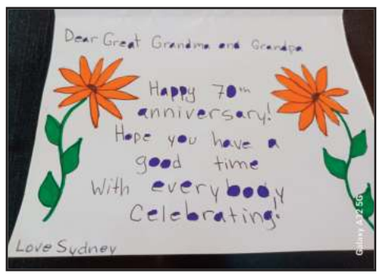
**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2023** ***SAMARATIN'S PURSE:*** It's time to begin preparing for National Collection Week, Nov. 13-19! You can start preparing NOW. **Joanna Charlton** is our Church's Co-Ordinator and she will put up a display in front hall. Each mail box will receive a flyer with all info. People can use their own shoe box or ones supplied at the table.. Please contact her directly for more info. Our collection date is **Sunday, Nov. 12th**.

**MINISTRY 2 SEAFARERS:** We accept parcels each year from October to December and the earlier the better. We start handing out parcels the last week of November (for those ships we know will be out to sea over Christmas) and continue through to January (for the ships we missed who were out to sea over Christmas). Our collection date will be announced when we have it.

# UPCOMING IN 2024

**TOUR THE BIBLICAL LANDS OF ISRAEL -** February 26 – March 8, 2024. Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho, and much more), and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, cost, and registration, go to website: toursofisrael.wordpress.com or call Peter Tuininga: 1 289 877-8433 or e-mail: peter.tuininga@gmail.com.

# Congratulations Bert & Marie VandenBerg!

70th Anniversary

Our Life Together
70 YEARS OF MARRIAGE
840 MONTHS OF HUGS
3650 WEEKS OF LAUGHTER
25,550 DAYS OF PATIENCE
613,200 Hours of Love
A WHOLE LIFETIME OF
PRECIOUS MEMORIES
Happy Anniversary