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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ONGOING SHELTER NEEDS INCLUDE:
Deodorant (men and women); shampoo; shaving cream; paper towels; toilet paper; all purpose cleaner; clear garbage bags ; canned food/non perishable food items; granola bars; & chocolate/candy. Donations can be brought to the church or dropped off at the shelter.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY CONCERTS

THE KAWARTHA LAKES SINGERS, an award winning auditioned mixed chorus in Lindsay, is preparing for their upcoming concert. Welcome Yule, on Sunday, December 10, 2023 at Cambridge St. United Church, 2:30 p.m. Tickets can be bought from Marilyn Kuiperij, or at the door. Come to join in the Christmas spirit!

AN ADVENT CHRISTMAS CONCERT is being held at the Maranatha CRC, Bowmanville on Saturday November 25, 2023 at 7 p.m. It is being organized by John Vermeulen (Rachel Alber's father). The $ raised will go to buying a grand piano for the new Durham Christian nursing home, Bowmanville area. Organists, pianists various instrumentalists and a children's choir will make up the program. Marilyn Kuiperij has been asked to participate. Free will offering. Posters will be circulated in the near future.

THE PETERBOROUGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA is presenting "Believe" , at Showplace, 7:30 p.m., in Peterborough. Saturday December 2, 2023. A symphony orchestra is full size composing of 80 to 100 musicians. Players are from the Peterboro/Kawartha Lakes area. To obtain tickets, please check out the Peterboro Symphony Orchestra website.

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.

ZION CHURCH GOD + PEOPLE + CITY

Zion CRC in Oshawa is hiring a Worship Coordinator! For a job description or to apply, please visit www.zioncrc.ca/careers

Zion Christian Reformed Church 409 Adelaide Ave., E. Oshawa, ON | L1G 2A2 **(905) 436-3255**

SOCO BEACH PROJECT UPDATE: If you are a young adult or know one, be part of SOCO summer 2024 ~ living in an intentional Christian community while having a summer job, learning how God's story shapes your story to impact the world's story. For more information: www.southcoastbeachproject.org. In this newsletter, meet some of the first SOCO house guests enjoying the quiet restful space, including our spring Getaway Giveaway winners.
Newsletter:
https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-oct-19-6057045.

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This Issue

LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE SCHEDULE:
2023/ 2024
Sunday, Nov. 12th, Sunday, Dec. 25th, Sunday, Feb. 4th, 2024
Sunday, March 31st(Easter), Sunday, June 9th, Sunday, July 7,th
Sunday, Sept. 15th

Please join us. Everyone welcome

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!
Ladies Bible Study: Coffee Break every Thursday at 9:30am; Nursery is available. Feel free to bring a friend. (Sept. to May).
Precept Bible Study 1st session began on Thursday, Sept. 28th. 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, December 7th, 7:30pm. Council packets will be distributed on the Friday prior to the Council Meeting.

Tjitske (Teresa) Zylstra
March 26, 1930 - September 27, 2023

I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber;

Psalm 121 NIV

Monthly Finance Updates

OFFERING TOTAL RESULTS: OCTOBER 2023

Church Ministry Budget	$119,160.00
Special Offerings	
Deacons ~ Community Family Need	$3,895.00
Resonate Global Mission	$1,054.50
Disability Concerns	$427.00
Property Purchase	$200.00
Facility Rental Income	$150.00
World Renew	$215.00
Faith Formation Ministries	$404.75
Calvin Theological Seminary	$200.00
WR ~ World Hunger	$178.00
Race Relations	$60.0
Durham Christian High School	$95.00
Deacons	$550.00
Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre	$75.00
Kawartha Lakes Food Source	$30.00
Shalem Mental Health Network	$100.00
TOTAL INCOME FOR OCTOBER	**$126,794.25**
YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	**$509,814.79**

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

EUCHRE NIGHT FUN

We had 20 people come out to euchre and enjoy the fun evening.
High scorer was **Helen McIlhargey**
Low scorer was **Barb Kellett**
Bill Buwalda got the last lone hand prize.

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 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.

Library Corner

Canadian West Series: *by Janette Oke.*

~ submitted by Cora Wilms, Librarian

Many years have passed since we had Janette Oke books in our church Library.

About two years ago,a number of this authour's books were donated by one of our members.

You will be able to borrow some familiar titles from the Canadian West series by Janette Oke. There are four traditional Canadian West series titles: When Calls the Heart; When Comes the Spring; When Breaks the Dawn; When Hope Springs New. In recent times two more have been added featuring the adopted son and daughter of school teacher Elizabeth and her RCMP officer husband Wynn Delaney – Beyond the Gathering Storm, and When Tomorrow Comes.

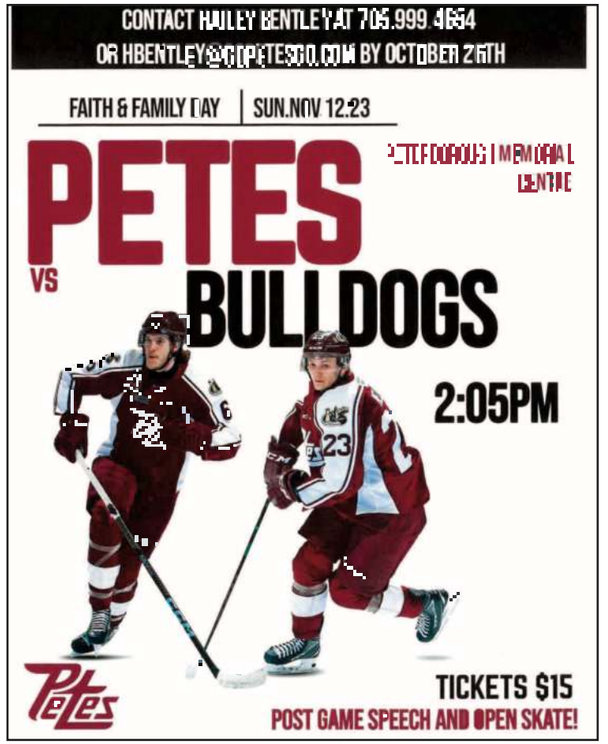
Please note that our library is growing and most readers prefer Fiction; so I've tried to use the top shelf on the left wing for the titles by authours with last name starting with A or B. I'm still running out of space even so! Maybe I should start using the bottom shelves again...

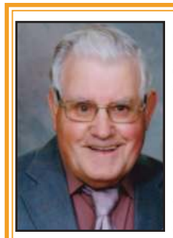
HERITAGE UPDATE:

Gift card profits for the month of **October** were **$2,084.03**

The profit from the Potato Bin at the fair this year was almost **$50,000.00.**

If you would like to purchase gift cards or would like more information, please contact **Hank Bossema at 705-328-2061**.





On Tuesday, October 10, 2023, after a year of failing health **Michiel "Mike' VandenBerg** was called home to his Lord. Mike's faith was a sure and strong foundation on which he built his life. Loving husband of Johanna VanPelt. Beloved father of Brian VandenBerg, Mitchell VandenBerg, Richard VandenBerg (deceased), Peter VandenBerg, Phillip VandenBerg. Cherished grandfather of 13 grandchildren and he will be sadly missed by his 7 great-grandchildren & by stepchildren: Ruco Braat, Eydie Vandenberg, Arnoud Braat, and 4 step-grandchildren. A Service was held on Saturday, October 14, 2023 followed by a celebration of Mike's life. In memory of Mike, and in honour of Peter, donations can be sent to the Community Living Trent Highlands 205 McLaughlin Rd. unit 200, Lindsay ON K9V 0K7.

"God is our refuge and strength" Psalm 46 vs 1

Precept Bible Study Schedule

EXODUS - LET MY PEOPLE

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

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

JENNINGS CREEK CRC'S UPCOMING EVENTS

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

UPCOMING IN 2024

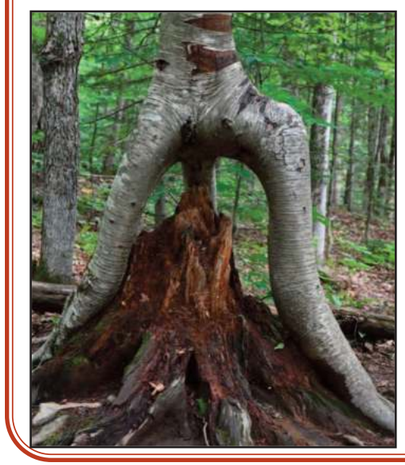
TOUR THE BIBLICAL LANDS OF ISRAEL - February 26 – March 8, 2024. Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, 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.

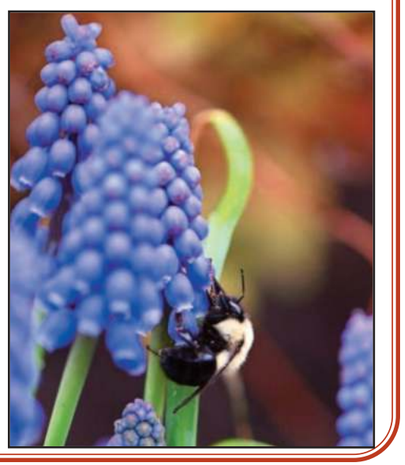
THANKSGIVING DECORATIONS 2023

~ photos submitted by Nancy Duursma

GIVING THANKS FOR GOD'S BEAUTY

~ photos submitted by Mackenzie Greidanus





YOUTH RETREAT 2023

204 ANGELINE ST DEMOLITION

On Saturday, Oct. 28th a group of volunteers (Bill VanHalteren, Ron Fintelman, Arnold Depooter, Gord Haan, Dennis Whitton & Ken Whitton) came together to demolish 204 Angeline St. North beside the church. Thank you everyone for all your hard work! Once again we are blessed to have those within our church family use their God-given gifts to serve when called.

FALL FUN ACTIVITIES

GEMS Girls' Clubs

PUMPKIN CARVING

Summary of Classis Quinte Meeting Sept. 26, 2023

Thank you to Zion CRC in Oshawa for a fine job of hosting classis. Also thank you to Pastor Brad Close for chairing, and Pastor Josh Friend for his assistance as vice-chair. Many people work together to make classis run as smoothly as possible, and your efforts are appreciated.
Classis opened with a reading from 1 Corinthians 12:12–27, where we are reminded that we are the body of Christ. All parts work together for the glory of God. We are also reminded that God goes before us – we may make plans, agendas, and addendums, but God always goes before us.

People who serve:
John VanderWindt was successfully to be a Minister of the Word and Sacrament. He was ordained on September 30.
Rita Klein-Geltink and Bill Groot-Nibbelink were approved for a second year on the CIC.
Ryan Braam was approved for his first term on the CIC.
Josh Tuininga was affirmed as Synodical Deputy for Classis Quinte.
Debbie Smit was approved to be on the board for Ministry to Seafarers (M2S)
Ron VanAuken was nominated to be the Classis Quinte representative to the Council of Delegates.

Decisions were made:
The Classis Quinte budget for 2024 was approved. Of note are an added line for the young adults conference, and an increase for M2S.
That Classis Quinte return to the practice of having church visiting teams, as outlined in the Church Order.
Following a report from Crossroads CRC in Whitby, classis approved the disbanding of this church effective December 31, 2023. Classis joined in a time of lament and prayer following this decision.

Reports were presented:
Canadian Indigenous Ministries is made up of a committee, 3 urban centres, and is capably led by Adrian Jacobs. The committee provides leadership and support to education CRC members, oversight and direction of the centres, The Hearts Exchanged Learning Journey, works to welcome First Nations believers as valued and needed partners in the Body of Christ. Reported by Marlene Wolters.
Canadian Advancement: Roshani Norton is new to this position. She has experience with a non-profit, and understands the need to collectively invest in God's kingdom. Building God's kingdom is a team sport, because we are better together. When one ministry succeeds, we all win. She looks forward to meeting with each church.
Ministry to Seafarers: Michelle DePooter reported that relationships between crews, captains, and M2S continue to grow. While striving to bless the seafarers, she stressed the importance of networking with the National Seafarers Welfare Board and North American Maritime Ministry Association where together they discuss care of seafarers. Special days such as Day of the Seafarer or World Maritime Day are recognized at the centre. She would also like to remind us that Christmas and the much appreciated Christmas Parcel campaign are coming!
Resonate seeks to help the churches of Classis Quinte proclaim the gospel. Resonate has three prongs – mobilizing you congregation, sending missionaries, and planting churches. Martin Spoelstra reminded us that the "Witness curriculum" is a valuable training tool, and he is willing to assist by congregational coaching, volunteering around the world, and living out the gospel in your own community.
Momentum Campus Ministries: Steve Kooy reported that Momentum is now active in 6 cities: Kingston (3 campuses), Loyalist in Belleville, Trent University and Fleming College in Peterborough, St. Lawrence in Brockville and Cornwall, two campuses in Oshawa
Canadian National Gathering was a time to strategically celebrate, discern, and envision bold next steps for the CRC in Canada locally, regionally, and nationally. This year's theme was "Hearts Exchanged" and focused on Truth and Reconciliation
Ministry reports were received:
Transitional Directors report gave a brief summary of Synod 2023, Celebrating our Growing "One Family", Ministry Shares, Thrive Pastors Conference, and the Canadian National Gathering
Historical Committee and Heritage Hall encourage classis and congregations to send minutes directly to Heritage Hall. They would also like to encourage use of their website. https://library.calvin.edu/hh/crcna
Redeemer University welcomes 300 new students to campus this year; Dr. Peter Neumann is appointment as vice present, academic; Rev. Dr. Bill DeJong has taken on the new role of Faculty Chaplain, renovations are taking place to update dining hall and Commons, and they are looking forward to a variety of events during this academic year.
Diaconal Ministries highlighted a new online Stewardship course, two workshops - "Every Day Justice," as well as "Helping without Harming in Church Benevolence", and reminded us that May 7 is "New Ground" Sunday.
World Renew reported on work in Ukraine, Syria, Bangladesh, West Africa and North America. There are opportunities to serve on Disaster Relief, as well as opportunities to learn. Many refugees are being assisted under the Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement Program (RSRP).
If you would like any more information regarding matters of Classis Quinte, please contact the clerk at Statedclerkquinte@gmail.com or check out the website: www.classisquinte.com.

Christian Reformed Church **News**

STATEMENT ON ISRAEL-PALESTINE CONFLICT
OCTOBER 11, 2023

This past weekend, many of us were shocked and horrified to hear about the unexpected attack that happened in southern Israel. The militant terrorist group known as Hamas launched an unprecedented attack on Israeli communities near the Gaza strip. They killed hundreds of residents and took dozens of hostages. Soon after, the Israeli military responded with defensive actions inside Israel and in Gaza, which resulted in more loss of life.
Even as the numbers of those injured and killed continues to climb, we recognize that this weekend's atrocities are just the latest examples of hate and injustice that have existed in this region for years.
In line with the decisions of Synod on Just War and the Christian calling to peacemaking, I would like to urge all Christian Reformed people to join me in praying for peace in Gaza, Israel, the Middle East, and around the world. Pray that those in positions of power will exercise restraint, especially for the sake of civilians caught up in this cycle of violence. There are roughly 2 million Palestinian civilians living in the Gaza strip right now, unable to escape the violence. Pray also that governments will advocate and take actions towards peace and justice.
For those who wish to learn more about the situation and actions that North Americans can take, I urge you to read this statement from Churches for Middle East Peace, of whom the CRCNA is a participating member.

Your partner in peace,
Rev. Dr. Zachary King, General Secretary

Prayer (Based on Psalm 85)
I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—but let them not turn to folly.
God of peace, God who loves us and who loves the people of Israel and Palestine, God who loves the poor and the powerful alike, we will listen to you. We pray, O God, that nations will not turn to folly. We pray, for wisdom, for patience, for temperance and justice.
Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Love and faithfulness meet together; justice and peace kiss each other.
God, we are in shock and horror as we consider the violence that has been happening in this world. We long for your glory — which looks like grace, flourishing, and peace — to dwell in this world that you created. Bring your salvation near to us, O Lord.
Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and justice looks down from heaven. The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.
God, you are the author of peace, the creator of justice. We pray that you might bless the work of our hands, as we work for the peace that we so long for. We pray for an end to bombings, blockades, and retaliation. We pray for an end to hostage taking and shootings. We pray for an end of vengeance, of terror, and of threats.
Justice goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.
Empower us, through your spirit, that our homes, our nations, and countries around the world might become havens of peace. By your grace, help us to see every human being as a child of God. Bring healing to those who have experienced violence and trauma. Give protection to those who serve in the military. Give courage to those who are the first responders when a bomb strikes. Give wisdom to those who lead nations, that they will strive to work harder for peace than they do for war.
Show us your unfailing love, Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Amen.