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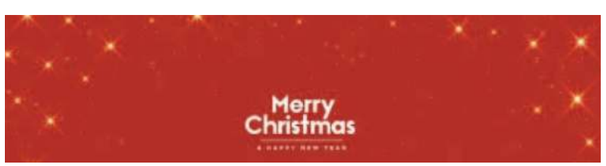
ONGOING SHELTER NEEDS INCLUDE:
Deodorant (men and women); shampoo; shaving cream; paper towels; toilet paper; all purpose cleaner; clear garbage bags ; canned food/non perishable food items; granola bars; & chocolate/candy. Donations can be brought to the church or dropped off at the shelter.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY CONCERTS

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Please join us on **Wednesday, December 20th** for our annual Christmas Concert. This year we are performing **"Hark the Herald Angel"**. We have two performances. One at **2:00pm** and the evening performance is at **7:00pm** in our gymnasium. Everyone is welcome and there is some handicapped parking and a lift for those who need one.

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!



DEADLINE ITEMS

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.

PLANNING TO PREPARE FOR MINISTRY? If you are planning on entering seminary studies this upcoming school year in preparation to serve as an ordained Minister in the CRC, we would like to walk alongside you. Your Classis Quinte Ministry Leadership Team (CQMLT) is designed to support you throughout your time of preparation. If you would like to be considered for financial assistance, we need to hear from you by January 31, 2024. Please contact the Classis Quinte Ministry Leadership Team for more info at classisquintemlt@gmail.com.

Calvin UNIVERSITY 1876

DID YOU KNOW... that you – as a member of the Christian Reformed Church – are also an "owner" of an amazing university? **Calvin University** has more than 100 program concentrations and a dozen graduate programs, as well as a robust Calvin Prison Initiative that sees Calvin University equipping students to be agents of renewal in God's world at a second campus within the walls of a prison! All of this grows out of the Biblical, Reformed worldview that our church and our university share.
Click here to watch President Wiebe Boer explain more about the exciting things happening at your university! https://vimeo.com/885009733/0c3924188c?share=copy.
God bless your celebrations of Christ's incarnation and the start of a new year of opportunity for service in His Kingdom!

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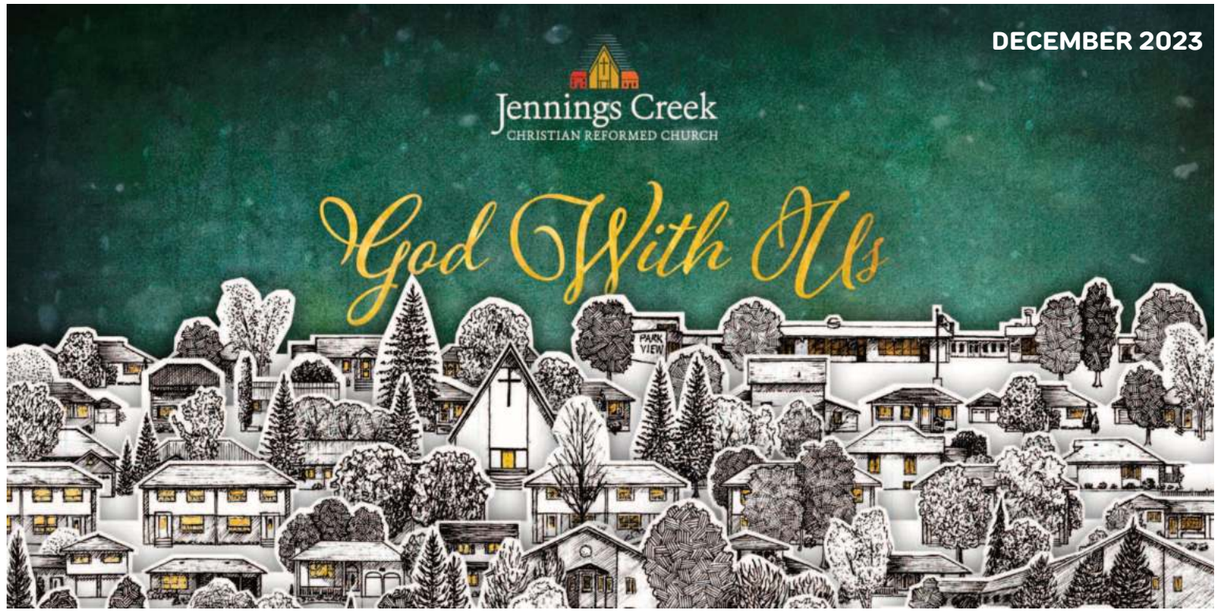
Jennings Creek Church Office Hours : **Wednesday 11-2:30; Thursday 9-3 & Friday 9-12:30**



This Issue

LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE SCHEDULE: 2023/ 2024
Monday, 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 **Truth Seekers** (JK-Grade 3). Please feel free to bring a friend!

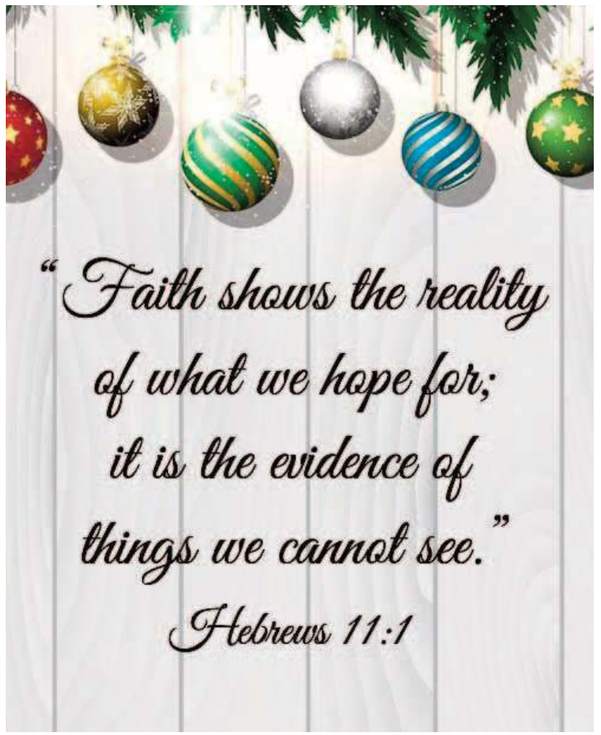
Ladies Bible Study: Coffee Break every Thursday at 9:30am; Nursery is available. Feel free to bring a friend. (Sept. to May). 1st session began on Thursday, Sept. 28th.

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, January 4th, at 7:30pm. Council packets will be distributed on the Friday prior to the Council Meeting.



Monthly Finance Updates

OFFERING TOTAL RESULTS: NOVEMBER 2023

Church Ministry Budget	$23,072.00
Special Offerings	
Chaplaincy & Care Ministry	$366.75
Building & Grounds	$500.00
Teen Challenge	$931.65
Property Purchase	$200.00
Facility Rental Income	$150.00
ReFrame Ministries	$542.50
Centre Community Church	$1,173.00
Kawartha Lakes Food Source	$50.00
Pulpit Supply	$200.00
Calvin Theological Seminary	$60.00
Deacons	$450.00
Heritage Christian School	$100.00
Redeemer University	$20.00
A Place Called Home	$150.00
Coffee Break	$155.00
Deacons ~ Community Family Need	$3,085.00
World Renew	$80.00
W/R Canada Food Grains Bank	$50.00
Race Relations	$55.00
Disability Concerns	$75.00
Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre	$75.00
Community Soup Kitchen	$20.00
TOTAL INCOME FOR OCTOBER	**$31,560.90**
YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	**$541,375.69+**

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

Church Family

JANUARY 2024 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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: Sarah Cooke is on holidays Dec. 25th - Jan. 2nd have a *Merry Christmas & Happy New Years!*

ASSISTED LIVING: I have been asked at different times, *"How do you like living in an assisted living community (or home)?"* For me, it was a prayerful decision, so it should be for everybody thinking about it.

Like every change in life, it takes time to adjust. You meet new people and make new friends with different faith and religions, which can be a challenge.

Our place provides good entertainment and exercise and it is our choice to participate. Meals are at different times and visitors can stay for lunch.

I enjoy the good care that God has provided for me and the amazing staff looking after us. Praise God!

~ submitted by Jake Griffioen

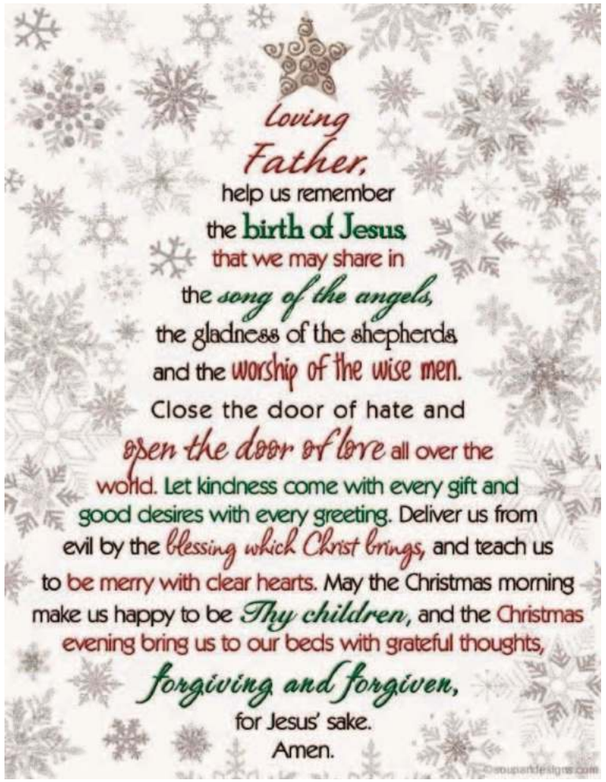
UPCOMING IN 2024

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.

Precept Bible Study Schedule

EXODUS - LET MY PEOPLE

LESSON 6	December 4 & 5
	December 11 & 12 - **DVD**
	December 18 & 19 - **DVD**
	"The Search for the Real Mt. Sinai"
NO LESSON - CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS	
LESSON 7	January 8 & 9, 2024
	January 15 & 16 - **DVD**
LESSON 8	January 22 & 23
	January 29 & 31 - **DVD**
LESSON 9	February 5 & 6
	February 12 & 13 - **DVD**
NO LESSON - February 19 & 20 - FAMILY DAY	
LESSON 10	February 26 & 27
	March 4 & 5 - **DVD**
LESSON 11	March 11 & 12
	March 18 & 19 - **DVD**



Calling all our Ladies for a Ladies Night!

Christian Reformed Church

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THRIVE

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – Ponder this quote from Mother Teresa: "This Christmas when Christ comes, will he find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own concern." How might you and your family love and serve others during this season? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

WORLD RENEW

The Light of the World is Jesus – At the darkest time of the year, Christmas is the light of hope. What will you do this Advent season to prepare the way for Jesus to be born into this world for you? Share God's light of hope with those who live in poverty through World Renew's Gift Catalogue. Spread the good news of hope for the future at worldrenew.ca/gifts or call 1–888–975–3769 to give.

REFRAME MINISTRIES

Kids Corner: The Prophet's Message of Hope - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. The devotion is all about how the prophet Isaiah talked about how light shining in the darkness gave people comfort. We know Isaiah 9:2 is about Jesus coming to earth and dying on the cross for our sins. How amazing is that! The hope we have is a person! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "The Story of the Prophets."

Devotions for a Blue Christmas – In the midst of hard times, find strength and encouragement through God's word. A set of fourteen encouraging Today devotions reassure you that even during the darkest of Christmas seasons, you're not alone. Receive this free email series and ebook when you subscribe to Today at todaydevotional.com/bluechristmas

Groundwork: Jesus: Our Wonderful Counselor - The prophet Isaiah calls the coming Messiah a 'Wonderful Counselor." Join Groundwork as we explore Isaiah 9:6, Proverbs 1:1–7, 1 Corinthians 1:18–24, and Colossians 1:15–19 to discover what this title communicates to us about Jesus and its connection to the biblical wisdom tradition. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

OTHER

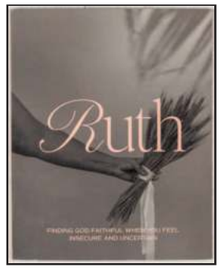
Curious about the Institute for Christian Studies? – Want to know more about what it's like to be a student at ICS? Join us for our online MA/PhD Open House, this Thursday, December 7 at 6pm ET! Learn about the ICS program structure and how Reformational Philosophy forms our scholarship; hear from one of our faculty about their time as a student and how it formed their career; and listen to a conversation between two of our current students on their experiences as online ICS students - and bring any questions you have! To join us, RSVP to recruitment-coordinator@icscanada.edu and get the Zoom info. You can also learn more about our programs by visiting icscanada.edu/academics. We hope to see you there!

SELF DEFENSE CLASS 2023

~ photos submitted by Carol Pypker

Truth Seekers group in action...

COFFEE BREAK ~ FALL SESSION



WINTER

SPRING

SUMMER

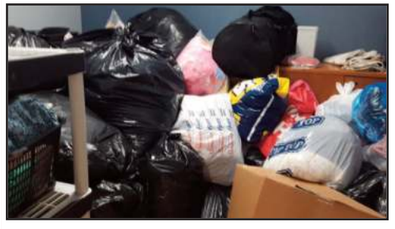
FALL

Coffee Break this year has welcomed a number of new members.
It is wonderful to see how the Lord leads others to join our CB family.
We started our season with a time of getting to know each other and celebrating each other.
We divided our ladies into seasons to celebrate our birthdays.
Each season group used their creative skills to make a table centerpiece that represented their season and we use it on our snack table during their Birthday season.
It was a very enjoyable morning together of reconnecting and welcoming newcomers. God blesses greatly. Our study began with delving into the Book of Ruth.
We see how God received Ruth (a Moabite by birth) into His family. Ruth had no idea what was in her future when she chose to go to Bethlehem with Naomi, her mother-in-law. She followed God's leading. We sometimes too have important decisions to make. Do we trust God to wait for His leadership and guidance? When we put our faith in Him, he will lead us in the right direction. It's not always an easy path. We can be assured that God is always with us. He loves us as His children.

~ submitted by Lena Wilms

KAWARTHA MISSION UPDATE

Kawartha Mission continues to grow in so many ways.
We have had new volunteers join both the Tuesday and the Wednesday group and we treasure each person who joins us.
We have also grown, in that God has opened doors to more people and groups who are excited to support our work.
As of recently, we have had many generous donations of medical equipment and supplies from 2 Lion's Clubs in the area as well as many donations of clothing from Church Rummage Sales this fall and The Lindsay Mission Thrift Store as well as individuals.
Here is a look at how we have been blessed recently.



Most of what you see in these photos has now already been boxed up and delivered to Canadian Food For Children in Mississauga and has been loaded onto 40' containers and is on its way to the needy in 3rd world countries.
CFFC is not the only outlet that we support. We have also donated to the recent need for winter coats at the Correctional Facility here in Lindsay as well as APCH and Street Level Advocacy in Peterborough.
Another wonderful blessing is that several local stores allow us to pick up banana boxes to help with the packing.
We certainly live in a community of generous people. God has blessed each one of us through being able to help those in need.
We appreciate your support of KM and also ask that you continue to pray for our volunteers as well as the work we do.
Through this past year we have lost 3 precious volunteers. We remember Ginny Tamsma, Trixie White and Marg Buwalda. Even though Ginny had not been able to volunteer for quite some time, she was still a part of our group and we miss all 3 of these wonderful ladies.
May the Lord continue to bless Kawartha Mission

~ submitted by Lena Wilms

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION NIGHT ACTIVITIES

GEMS Girls' Clubs

SENIORS SOUP & SENIORS LUNCHEON CENTERPIECES NIGHT