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.

COME AND SEE WHAT GOD IS DOING: The Christian Reformed Church is inviting you to Gather! In 2024 and 2025, we're bringing together Christian Reformed people from across North America in the spirit of fellowship, encouragement and renewal. Fifteen people from Classis Quinte are invited to attend Gather Niagara on **November 18-20, 2024** where they will join groups from four other regional classes. Through facilitated storytelling in small groups, participants will discuss ways God is bringing life to our congregations; how we can encourage greater participation; and where God is leading us in the coming months and years. All expenses will be covered through a generous grant. If you are interested in attending, please contact **Joanne Adema** at statedclerkquinte@gmail.com. To learn more, visit: crcna.org/Gather. Go to their video link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7WEBiRDimHU

***Need more information? Contact:* Joanne Adema**
Stated Clerk, Classis Quinte
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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.

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE (March 28 - April 8, 2025): Travel by motor coach (7 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH CONFERENCE, November 15 & 16 - CRC members and leaders of all ages are invited for an inspiring event you don't want to miss! God is doing great things within our region, our churches, and our denomination. We are chosen by God to walk alongside His vision for the world and play our part in its transformation. Join us Friday evening and Saturday (November 15 & 16) at Compass Point Church in Burlington, ON, for worship, a plenary session by best-selling author and disciple-maker, Caesar Kalinowski, and a variety of workshops related to young adult ministry, mission in your own backyard, Indigenous ministry, being a deacon, and more! We promise there is a workshop for (almost) everyone. Visit our website for details and pricing, workshop descriptions, and registration info: https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-faith. Register before Monday, October 14, and receive a free copy of Caesar's newest book, "Transformed: A New Way of Being Christian".

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This Issue

LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE SCHEDULE: 2024/25

Sunday, November 3, 2024
Sunday February 9, 2025
Sunday, April 20, 2025
Sunday, June 8, 2025
Sunday, September 14, 2025
Please join us. Everyone welcome

GROWING IN FAITH:

Family & Faith Formation Night: Our groups are starting again for another year. Thank you to all of our volunteers and participants for making these ministries successful. Welcome back. Truth Seekers, Club Kingdom Builders and Youth start at 6:30pm here at the church every Wednesday evening.

Ladies Bible Study: Coffee Break begins on October 3rd and then every Thursday at 9:30am; Nursery is available. Feel free to bring a friend. (Sept. to May).

Precept Bible Study continues on Monday's at 7pm or Tuesday's at 9:30am. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. Milly Nokes leads.

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

Something for everyone and everyone is welcome!

NEXT MONTH'S COUNCIL MEETING:

Next council meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 7th, at 7:30pm. Council packets will be distributed on the Friday prior to the Council Meeting.

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION EVENT:

EUCHRE & BOARD GAMES NIGHT
FRIDAY, Oct 25th, 2024 @ 7:30pm

Faith Formation is hosting a Euchre Tournament & Board Games Night. Please bring snacks to share and card tables if you have one. It's a great time of fellowship. Anyone interested in playing board games, please speak with Lena Wilms.

Monthly Finance Updates

OFFERING TOTAL RESULTS: SEPTEMBER 2024

Church Ministry Budget	$27,375.05
Special Offerings	
Redeemer University	$612.00
Resonate Global Mission	$585.00
Kawartha Lakes Soup Kitchen	$1,492.00
CRCNA Ministry Shares (Pledging to share Jesus)	$447.00
Deacons	$475.00
Heritage Christian School	$1,911.30
New Life Prison Ministry	$215.00
Kawartha Mission	$140.00
Kawartha Lakes Food Source	$750.00
Women's Resources	$85.00
Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre	$100.00
Ministry	$0.00
Property Purchase	$200.00
Facility Rental Income	$475.00
TOTAL INCOME FOR SEPTEMBER	**$34,862.35**
YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	**$329,510.37**

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

Church Family

NOVEMBER 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 posted online on the 1st Sunday of the month to update everyone on what is going on in our church, community and beyond. There will be a limited amount of copies available on the Welcome Centre for those individuals that do not have internet and for guests. *(For those that have internet please look there. We are trying this to help save some office expenses. ~ Council)*

THE ANSWER TO OUR PRAYERS: Early this summer my physical health declined. It started with Osteo Arthritis and next with Valvular Heart Disease. It has been a long and difficult time in my life.
Believing in the promises of God. In my trials, my faith became strong and miraculous healing took place. We have many skilled and dedicated doctors but, it is Gods hand that healed them. I am thankful for my church and family praying and supporting me.
"I will thank you forever because of what you have done in the presence of the faithful" Ps. 52:4 I will proclaim.
~ Jake Griffioen

HERITAGE UPDATE:
Gift card profits for the months of **September** was **$2,193.06**
If you would like to purchase gift cards or would like more information, please contact **Hank Bossema at 705-328-2061**.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Sat. Nov. 9th, 2024 at 8:30am. We'll be having a Right Now Media Study following breakfast on the Joby Martin study *"Be a Godly Man"*. Men of All ages are welcome. If you are able to assist with cooking or cleanup, please talk to Pastor Ben

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
2024 Shoebox Campaign

OUR COLLECTION DEADLINE:
Sunday, Nov. 17th
Shoeboxes, pamphlets and packing list will be available on a table in the foyer.
Please make sure to have your parcels labelled appropriately
For more info please speak with:
Joanna Charlton 705-340-1797

2024 M2S Christmas Parcel Drive

Ministry 2 Seafarers
Packing List etc. available at the Welcome Centre

Each parcel tells a seafarer they are *seen and valued.*

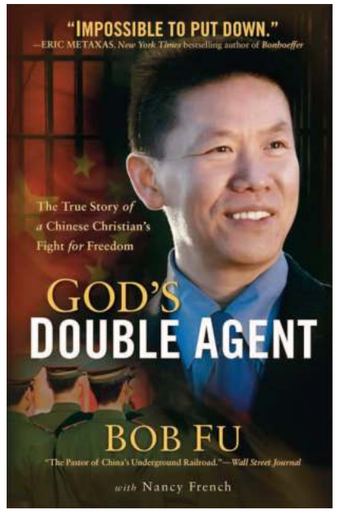
OUR COLLECTION DEADLINE: Sunday, Nov. 17th
There are Bags available in the Foyer
For more info please speak with:
Willem (Bill) Buwalda 705-799-7708

Precept Bible Study Schedule

LUKE PART 1: "Who Is This Man Who Forgives Sins?"
MONDAY EVENING 7:00 - 8:30 PM or
TUESDAY MORNING 9:30 - 11:00 AM
Begins: September 9/10 to March 3/4
Milly Nokes at 705-328-2629

2024/25 FALL MINISTRY KICK-OFF BBQ

~ photos submitted by Lena Wilm's



LIBRARY CORNER:

God's Double Agent: The True Story of a Chinese Christian's Fight for Freedom, Written by Bob Fu with Nancy French. Published by Baker Books, 2013.

How is Bob Fu a Double Agent?
The title is very intriguing: Bob was born in July 1968 as the youngest child to his parents who lived in a village in SW China. His mother was in poor physical health, and his father assisted the government agency with the management of the community's food and work, using an abacus to keep a tally.
There was a village primary school where Bob and his sister attended. When Bob graduated that school, he was invited to enrol at a high school several hours' bike ride away, a boarding school. Parents and sister encouraged him to continue his education. From there he, a voracious reader, went to university. He read newspapers and books as well as textbooks! He was interested in many areas of work and study. Even a professor of one class invited him over to his house for a further discussion of mutual interest.
Until a peaceful demonstration in Tiananmen Square to mourn the disappearance of a well-like teacher/professor; this experience is what changed him from being popular with his peers to being a 'suspect'. Agents of the province followed him everywhere, questioned him for days on end, asked him to "write a confession" in the back of a classroom. To be in the crosshairs of government agents is very discouraging: no friends, no hope, no distractions; becomes sad, cries, has suicidal thoughts. Even his favorite professor disagrees with him now.
Then a classmate hands him a booklet that changes his life, a biblical tract. This marks a turning point in Bob's life. He's baptised. His girlfriend, Heidi, also becomes a believer. After he graduates university, he and Heidi plan their wedding with help from friends. He has to learn to cool his evangelistic zeal by using indirect speech terms in social settings.
By day, Bob is a government employee. After work, he pastors an underground church.

So the double agent is born....

CRC COMMUNICATIONS

Thrive
Today is All Nations Heritage Sunday! To celebrate and give thanks to God for the beautiful gift of diversity, learn how to say "Thank you, God" in a new language every day this week. Practice these phrases as you pray with thanks to God for your siblings in Christ around the globe. Thank you, God! For more information about how you can support growing diversity in CRC ministries, leadership, and congregations, visit crcna.org/AllNations. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

ReFrame Ministries
Kids Corner: Beatitude 1: Depend on God – Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Matthew 5:3 is all about dependence. But what does it mean to depend on God? Can you think of one way to practice relying on God this week? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Liz and Friend Story Podcast: Change of Plans.

Groundwork: Live a Holy Life Set Apart for God – When the culture we live in makes our faith feel restrictive, the apostle Peter encourages believers to embrace a new perspective. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 1:13–2:3 to learn what it means to live a holy life, set apart by God for his purposes, and how God's Word provides the spiritual sustenance we need to maintain an active faith in all circumstances. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION

JOB OPENING! DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST - Resonate Global Mission - This is a full time, hybrid position in Burlington, Ont. Coordinate and support the activities of the advancement team in effective and efficient ways so that the relationships with the supporting community are stewarded wisely and financial potential grows for greater ministry impact. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

LIVING IN HOPE - WOMEN'S RETREAT - Come by yourself, with your mom or daughter, or with some friends and spend the weekend (November 1–3) with us at Gull Lake Ministries Center in Hickory Corners, Michigan. Enjoy the beautiful setting as we look at 1 & 2 Thessalonians to explore the theme of Living in Hope. Learn from Pamela Alderman as she leads us Friday and Saturday followed on Sunday by Marisol Cabrera. The weekend will be a wonderful time of learning and growing – or sign up for the single day option for a quick day away! Details at globalcoffeebreak.org/events

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Ages 17 - 32

A young adult focused conference designed to help young adults in their pursuit of God and God's Pursuit of them! This year, we will focus on the pursuit of purpose in our faith and our identity along that journey. For tickets go to www.thepursuit.ca

YOUNG ADULTS MEETING

Monday, October 7th at 6:00pm: All Young Adults are invited to join Jeff and Carol Pypker at their home for a delicious home cooked meal and discuss how you would like to continue meeting as a group. Address: 37 Blackbird Rd., Lindsay ON. For more information please contact **Carol at 705-328-4189** or jcpypker@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you there!