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.

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.

SOCO BEACH PROJECT UPDATE: Recruitment has begun for SOCO 2025. If you are a young adult between 18 - 29, check out this summer opportunity (May - August) to deepen your faith and live in intentional Christian community, all while having a summer job in beautiful Port Dover. Check out this week's newsletter, celebrating God's faithfulness to young adults through SOCO. Be part of this ministry with a year end gift!
https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-november-21-8565954

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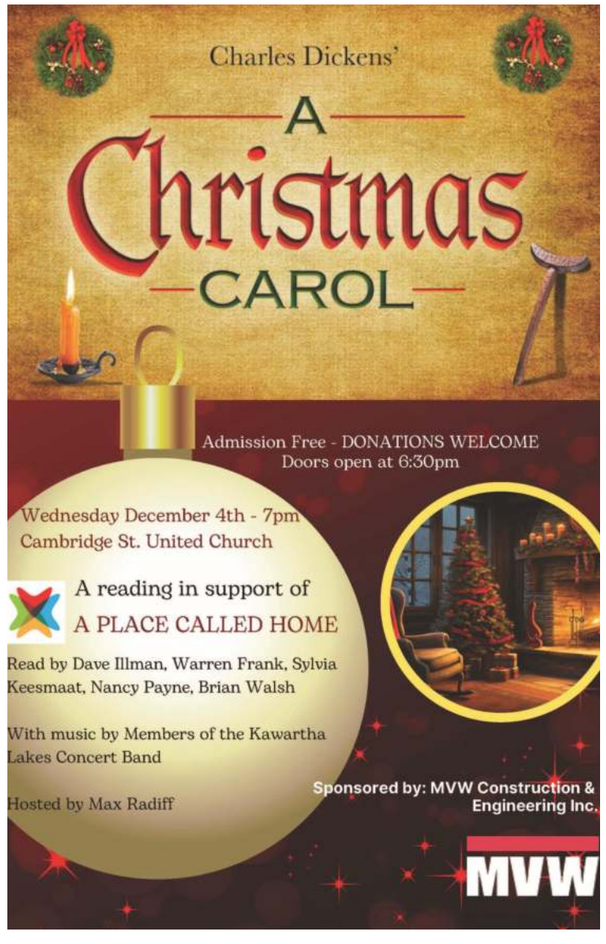
ONGOING SHELTER NEEDS INCLUDE:
Deodorant (men and women); shampoo; shaving cream; paper towels; toilet paper; all purpose cleaner; clear garbage bags ; canned food/non perishable food items; granola bars; & chocolate/candy. Donations can be brought to the church or dropped off at the shelter.



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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: 2024/25

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 meeting 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 is on 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, January 9th, at 7:30pm. Council packets will be distributed on the Friday prior to the Council Meeting.

SIMPLE CHRISTMAS ADVENT THEME

You're Invited to a Simple Christmas at Jennings Creek Church

Dec 1 - 25, 2024; Sunday's @ 10am
Amidst the holiday season's noise and busyness, it's easy to lose sight of what truly matters. This Christmas, we invite you to join us in embracing a "Simple Christmas" at Jennings Creek. Together, we'll set aside distractions and focus on the heart of the season—Christ and His first coming.

Throughout Advent, as we light a candle each week, we'll reflect on a simple yet powerful truth that Christ's arrival brought to the world. Come and celebrate with us as we remember the hope, peace, joy, and love that Christmas truly represents.

Dec. 1 - Dec. 25: Sunday's @ 10am.
Nursery & children's programs available.
Candle Light Service: Dec 15, 6:30 pm |
Christmas Day Service: Dec 25, 10 am

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Monthly Finance Updates

OFFERING TOTAL RESULTS: NOVEMBER 2024

Church Ministry Budget	$20,017.00
Special Offerings	
W/R World Hunger	$3,002.00
Tuition Assistance Fund	$1,000.00
ReFrame Ministry	$470.00
Deacons	$950.00
Thrive-Chaplaincy Care Ministry	$691.45
Resonate Globle Mission	$724.00
Thrive-All Nations Heritage Sunday	$90.00
Kawartha Lakes Food Source	$270.00
A Place Called Home	$200.00
Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre	$250.00
Heritage Christian School	$263.00
Thrive-Disability Awareness Sunday	$90.00
Ministry to Seafarers	$215.00
Linday Soup Kitchen	$150.00
Property Purchase	$200.00
Facility Rental Income	$500.00
TOTAL INCOME FOR NOVEMBER	**$29,082.45**
YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	**$388,737.42**

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

Church Family

JANUARY 2025 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 YOUNG ADULT WINTER RETREAT (YAWR) is back again at Maranatha CRC, Woodstock! We would like to encourage all young adults ages 18–30 to join us for this weekend of faith-based discussions, service, fellowship, and funtivities! We are excited to announce that Pastor Stephen Terpstra from First CRC Iowa will be leading us in a series of discussions on engaging in the church community. The retreat will take place from January 24–26, 2025, with the theme Engage. Early bird registration is $60. Don't miss this chance to grow in faith, build lasting connections, and have fun! For more information or the registration link, follow us on Instagram (yawinterretreat), Facebook (Young Adult Winter Retreat), or email us at ya.retreat.team@gmail.com.

HERITAGE UPDATE:
Gift card profits for the months of **November** was **$2088.85** **Cash Back** is **$2526.91** & **Total** is **$4615.76** If you would like to purchase gift cards or would like more information, please contact **Hank Bossema at 705-328-2061**.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

Please join us at 11:00am for Coffee, Social & Carol singing. Dinner at 12:30. If you have a story, scripture or memory to share let Lena Wilms know and bring it with you!

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
NO LESSONS -
Christmas - New Years
Milly Nokes at 705-328-2629

JAM NIGHT

~ Photos submitted by Nancy Harris

SATURDAY, NOV. 16TH: Jason & Nancy hosted our first "Jam Night" at their home in Bobcayegon. It was open to all of the congregation interested in getting together to worship.

GUITAR CARE CLINIC AT JCCRC

~ Photos submitted by Jason Bick

SATURDAY, NOV. 23RD: Jason Bick offered a Guitar Care Clinic here at the church. We are so thankful for the gifts that are within our congregation and the willingness to share them with each other.
Thank you Jason!

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CRC COMMUNICATIONS

Give a Gift Giving Tuesday - Giving Tuesday is on December 3rd! Your support on this day and beyond can help the CRCNA to equip CRC churches to grow gifts of spiritual disciplines, empower a new generation of leaders, foster hospitality among diverse groups of people, and share the gospel all across our country. Your gifts give extra horsepower to areas where God is already at work. Donate now: crcna.org/canada/giving-tuesday

CANADA POST STRIKE - With the holiday season upon us and the Canada Post strike affecting mail delivery, we want to make it easy for you to support your favourite ministries! You can still make your year-end gifts quickly and securely online at crcna.org, by calling us at 888-827-5272, or through The Bridge App. If your donation was sent in the mail during the strike, we will confirm its receipt as soon as we can after the strike is over. Strike or no strike, your support makes all the difference for our ministries —thank you for making this season one of hope and generosity!

INTRODUCING THE POSTMA POST! - Stay connected with Al Postma, Executive Director of the CRCNA in Canada, as he shares updates, reflections, and key highlights about the incredible work God is doing in our communities. Through this new email, you'll receive updates like highlights from the Canadian Board meetings and insights into our strategic goals—delivered right to your inbox. Sign up today: crcna.org/canada/postma-post

REFRAME MINISTRIES

KIDS CORNER: Advent Week 1: The Prophecy - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. During this Advent season, we can remember God's faithfulness and our hope in Jesus, our Lord. Think of the names of Jesus in Isaiah 9:6: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. How do these names bring us hope? How do they express God's faithfulness? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast The Story of the Prophets.

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.

THRIVE

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Advent is a season of waiting. We wait expectantly for the birth of Christ, and we wait with hope for his coming again. Yet this season is often marked by hurried consumerism and overfilled calendars. How might you practice "waiting" in new ways this Advent season? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

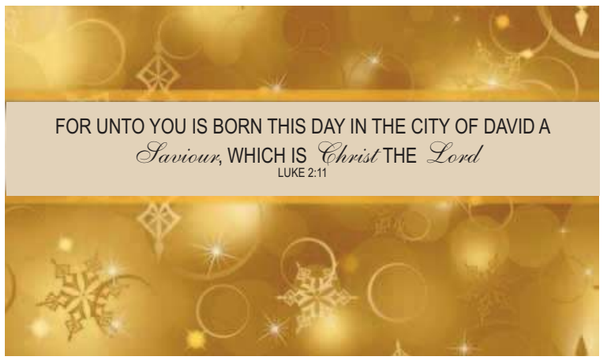
GLOBAL COFFEE BREAK, RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION

We're Hiring! Canada Global Coffee Break Representative - The successful candidate will promote and support the Global Coffee Break Program and Resonate Core Initiatives in churches and organizations by connecting leaders to a learning community, training, leader care, and coaching. This position is part-time remote, with an expectation to work 18 hours/week. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

THE BANNER: Canada Post and The Banner - With the Canada Post strike affecting mail delivery, please note that the December Banner delivery might be delayed in Canada. Additionally, please note you can still support The Banner despite the strike. You can make your year-end gifts quickly and securely online (thebanner.org/donate) or by phone (888-827-5272).

CALVIN UNIVERSITY: Visiting Grand Rapids? - The Prince Conference Center and Hotel offers guests a peaceful yet professional retreat. Whether you're looking for a wedding venue, convention space, or simply a quiet place to stay, our friendly staff and comfortable accommodations will have you coming back again and again. Come enjoy beautiful natural surroundings while being minutes from the shopping district of 28th Street, Frederik Meijer Gardens, and downtown Grand Rapids. calvin.edu/prince-conference-center.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas!



LADIES CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT & SOCIAL

~ photos submitted by Sarah Cooke

LADIES CRAFT NIGHT
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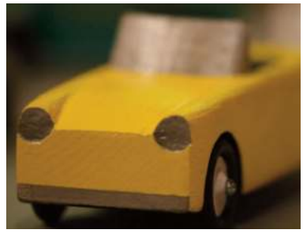
LADIES 3D CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT: We had a good turnout for our Chistmas 3D Craft Night. We did a simple yet attractive nativity scene keeping with our Advent Theme "Simple Christmas" and enjoyed a time of fellowship. We are going to look at doing another Ladies Night or Breakfast in the New Year so stay tuned.

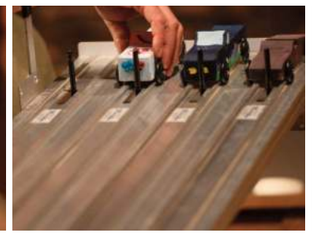
Heritage Christian School Events

1st Annual 2024 Jennings Creek CRC Cub Car Derby Dash Competition

2024 Champion | 1st Place Winners | Truth Seekers Winners | Kingdom Builders Winners | Adult Winners

~ photos submitted by Nathan Gilbert & Sarah Cooke





WHAT A NIGHT!: The fans were out and ready for a great show. ***40 cars entered!*** **Three divisions:** Truth Seekers, Kingdom Builders & Adult divisions. **Truth Seekers:** 1st Place: ***Judah vanStraten;*** 2nd Place: ***Judith Gilbert;*** 3rd Place: ***Haley Whitton***. **Kingdom Builders:** 1st Place: ***Austin Page;*** 2nd Place: ***Ava Whitton;*** 3rd Place: ***Maralise Aruda***. **Adults:** 1st Place: ***Bill Wilms;*** 2nd Place: ***Richard Wilms;*** 3rd Place: ***Liam Terpstra***. **Best Designs:** ***Aubree Karelsen*** (Truth Seekers), ***Audrey Page*** (Kingdom Builders) and ***Arnold Depooter*** (Adults).
AUSTIN PAGE *is our 2024 Champion*! ***Can't wait until next year to see what creative minds will come up with!***