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.

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.

Events

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

YOU'RE INVITED TO

Senior's Day

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Grandparents and other seniors are invited to spend a morning at DCHS to visit classes, chat with our students, attend a school chapel and enjoy a delicious lunch.

- Chapel & Concert Band at 9AM
- Visit Two Classes
- Lunch at 11:30AM

DURHAM CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

CROSSROADS PRISON MINISTRIES CANADA

Do any of you like to write? Are there any among you who are encouragers? **Crossroads for Prisoners Canada** is a correspondence Bible study program for those who are incarcerated. If you are interested in becoming a mentor---marking a lesson and writing a one page letter of encouragement, either weekly or bi weekly, please check us out at info@crossroadscanada.ca.

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

APRIL 2025

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This Issue

LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE SCHEDULE: 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, May 1st, at 7:30pm. Council packets will be distributed on the Friday prior to the Council Meeting.

Good Friday Ministerial Community Service
Friday, April 18th | 10:00AM | at the LEX
Free Will Offering will be taken

Join us here at Jennings Creek CRC at 6:30pm for our evening Service.

Monthly Finance Updates

OFFERING TOTAL RESULTS: MARCH 2025

Church Ministry Budget	$3,785.00
Special Offerings	
Deacons	$1,734.00
Thrive Ministry	$342.00
World Renew	$30.00
Centre for Public Dialogue	$235.00
Women's Resources	$612.10
Youth Unlimited	$50.00
Heritage Christian School	$341.00
Lindsay Soup Kitchen	$150.00
Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre	$100.00
Centre Community Church	$190.00
W/R Canada Food Grains Bank	$195.00
Facility Rental Income	$500.00
TOTAL INCOME FOR MARCH	**$8,264.10**
YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	**$93,910.88**

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

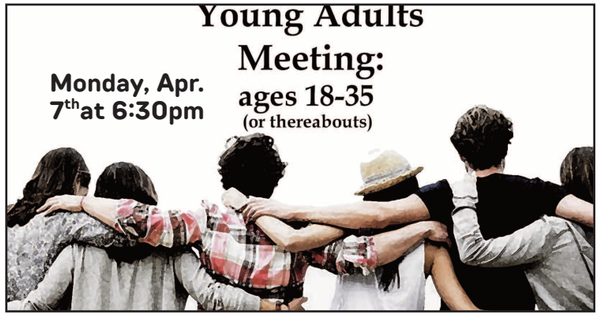
Church Family

MAY 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)*

MY CHURCH: We became members of the Jennings Creek Christian Reformed Church in 1961. Our children are baptized and educated in the Catechism and different activities. We are thankful for the church leaders who taught our children their first lessons of being a child of God. Audrey and I were involved in different capacities which made us stronger in our faith. The church has supported us during our trials. Praise God!
I have seen many changes inside and outside the building. In the early twenties the transformation from organ to bands and from hymnals to more popular Christian songs.
I do miss the communication of the saints and to worship in person in the sanctuary.
Due to my physical health I am limited in mobility and cannot worship with you.
I am extremely thankful to be a member of the Lindsay Christian Reformed Church and pray that this church will be a strong witness of God's love in this community.

~ Jake Griffioen

HERITAGE UPDATE:
Gift card profits for the months of **March** was **$1,035.08**. If you would like to purchase gift cards or would like more information, please contact **Hank Bossema at 705-328-2061**.



Precept Bible Study
Schedule

PSALMS PART 1: "The Lord Hears When I Call"
MONDAY EVENING
7:00 - 8:30 PM or
TUESDAY MORNING
9:30 - 11:00 AM

LESSON 2
~~Mar 31/Apr 1 2025~~
Apr 7/8 - **DVD**

LESSON 3
Apr 14/15 2025

NO LESSON Apr 21/22
EASTER

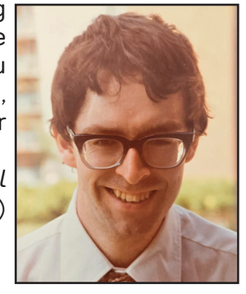
LESSON 4
May 5/6 2025
May 12/13 **- DVD**

NO LESSON May 19/20
VICTORIA DAY

LESSON 5
May 26/27 2025
June 2/3 **- DVD**

THE LAND BETWEEN

STANLEY GARNET HOLLAND
Nov 9, 1954 - Mar 8, 2025.
Passed away peacefully at Extendicare Kawartha Lakes on Saturday, March 8, 2025. Stan Holland, age 70 years, predeceased by his parents Garnet and Elizabeth Holland. He will be sadly missed by Mavis Bell and her family.

Have you ever pondered what lies beyond this mortal world? When Stan awoke from his nine-month coma, the first words he spoke, with absolute conviction, were: *"Never doubt there is a God."* From that moment on, for the next 43 years, this profound truth shaped and guided the way he lived his life.
We gather together to celebrate the life of Stanley Garnet Holland—a man who, despite the challenges life threw his way, left an indelible mark on all who knew him. Born in the picturesque Haliburton Hills, on November 9th, 1954, Stan was surrounded by his father's family. He grew up on Lake Kashagawigamog *"Lake of long and winding waters."* It spans 16 kilometers and lies in the area known as *"The Land Between"*. This was the back drop of Stan's life, shaped by the beauty and spirit of the North. Growing up on the shores of Lake Kashagawigamog, he was surrounded by the blues of the sky, the greens of the forest, and the browns of the land he loved so much. It is no wonder that brown became his favorite color—it represented the very essence of the world he cherished.
Stan lived a childhood many would envy, with a lake at his doorstep, endless hours spent fishing, and the thrill of waterskiing alongside his best friend, Murray. A canopy of trees the outdoors beckoning him to explore. His love of music was evident, from his garage band that rocked the house whether he was banging the drums or strumming a guitar, to the dog he named Ringo. He embraced adventure, heading west to Alberta with his good friend Larry to pursue work as a carpenter. Even later in life, the open road called to him, whether it was a drive through Minden or a simple trip from Lindsay to Janetville—he always embraced the journey.
Stan was a quiet yet profoundly clever man, fascinated by the mysteries of the world. He devoured National Geographic, tackled crosswords and word finds with determination, and had a deep curiosity for biology and technology. He was always learning, always observing, always thinking. And, of course, time was something he kept close. Anyone who knew him remembers the moment he'd pull back his sleeve, tap the face of his watch, and with a knowing smile, say, *"Yyyess... that would be a good idea, a very good idea..."*
His sense of humor was unique, appreciated by family, friends, and even younger cousins who were always included in his world. His warmth extended beyond his family, touching the staff at Extend-A-Care, where he lived his final days. Nurses and caregivers who came to say goodbye did so with gratitude, for Stan had brought joy and laughter even in the face of hardship. He had a sweet and tender heart, a special bond with his mother, his fiancée Tenaz, and his cousin Mavis—whom he lovingly called his sister. His devotion to his parents , was unwavering, always speaking of his father with admiration and pride. His presence in the community was undeniable—whether he was walking up Cambridge Street, having lunch at the Lindsay Square Mall, or making his regular visit to the bank, people noticed him, and they missed him when he wasn't there. Even in his later years, people would ask, "Have you seen Stan? How is he doing?" That's the kind of impact he had.
Stan lived his entire life in the *"land in between."* He faced immense challenges after a life-altering accident, that trapped him in a body of pain, a clever mind that endured a brain trauma that changed the course of his life, yet he endured it with quiet strength and dignity. Though his life may have been confined in some ways, his spirit knew no bounds. He was a quiet hero who showed us what resilience, grace, and perseverance look like. He reminded us to appreciate the little things, to cherish our time together, and to face our own challenges with a smile.
As we say goodbye, let us remember Stan not for what he lost but for all that he gave. He taught us how to live with dignity, how to find joy in the simple moments, and how to leave the world a little brighter than we found it. Today, we honor him, not with sorrow, but with gratitude for the gift of his life.
As you journey beyond this mortal world, step into the mystery with peace, knowing that God and all those you love are waiting to welcome you. You will always be remembered, always be loved, and forever remain a part of us.

~ Written by Dianne Bell
(Bob & Mavis Bell's Daughter)