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Along With Their Toonie.***

**The In Common Editor will no longer be accepting advertisements
for the Christian Exchange.**

Alterations by Jane DeVos: No job too big or too small. Willing to do wedding dress alterations and zippers as well. Call Jane for more information at 604.746.5069.

House Cleaning Services: Do you hate cleaning? Are you too busy to keep your house as clean as you'd like? Are you older or recovering from illness and just need a helping hand? My name is Wendy Stroomer and I would love to help you out. I am looking for any housecleaning jobs and am available any time during the day. If you or someone you know is looking for a house cleaner, please give me a call at 604.852.6252.

LOOKING FOR ROOM TO RENT: Hi, my name is Andrew Gundersen. I am currently in treatment @ King Haven. I will commence on or before October 10th. I am looking to rent a room in a safe place to continue growing in my faith and recovery. I'm willing to pay up to \$500.00/month. I don't have access to a phone so please leave a message with Chris Veltkamp @ 778-241-5140. Thanks so much.

"In Common" is published twice each month, but not necessarily every other week.
Please submit announcements relevant to the Christian Reformed Churches in Abbotsford to:
Tena Blink, phone 604.854.3932, e-mail: blinkmctj@gmail.com.
Church administrators will also forward information.

The deadline for the next issue: 12 noon, Wednesday, October 10.

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THE CHURCH FAMILY



BAPTISM

☆ September 30: Emma Kaitlyn VanDorp Gateway

BIRTHDAY 85+

☆ September 24: Tony Vanderwal 88 years Gateway
☆ September 25: Aukje DeGoede 86 years Trinity
☆ October 6: Bill Vroom 89 years Trinity

ANNIVERSARIES

☆ September 21: John & Gertie Pool 57 years Trinity
☆ September 24: Dave & Gwen Morris 63 years Living Hope
☆ September 26: Jelt & Henny Rintjema 61 years Living Hope
☆ September 27: Mel & Henny Stoker 55 years Living Hope

WEDDING

☆ September 29: Grant Notenbomer & Savannah Deepwell Living Hope

EXTREME WEATHER SHELTER

An exciting volunteer opportunity is coming this winter, and we are looking for people to join us in this mission outreach project right here in Abbotsford. Let us be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ and show his love in our own neighbourhood. Gateway Community Christian Reformed Church on Gladys Ave in Abbotsford is once again hosting **an Extreme Weather Shelter for the homeless this winter from November 1st to March 31st**. We are **looking for assistance** in the following areas: bringing a meal in a crockpot, bringing three dozen buns with something on them, volunteering from 7:30 to midnight with two other people, or volunteering from midnight to 8:30 am with one or two other people. Ideally if we have enough volunteers this would be a commitment of once every week or once every two weeks when the shelter is open. The shelter is open if there is snow on the ground, and/or the temperature is 0 or below, or if there is a heavy rainfall warning. Last season the shelter was open over 80 nights. We work together with BC Housing, the Salvation Army and Cyrus Center. Thank you for your consideration of this ministry. For more information contact Jenny Vanderheide at 604 854 5215 or by email jvanderheide@shaw.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

Evening of Sung Prayers TODAY at 7:30pm at St. Dunstan's Anglican Church, 3025 264 St. Aldergrove, BC.

You are invited to an hour of Sung Prayer, Poetry, Scripture, and Stillness featuring music from Taize, Iona, and Cathy AJ Hardy. *Our theme will be "St. Michael and All Angels...We are not alone!"* There will be a Coffee House following the service. For more information, please contact Cathy at cathyajhardy@shaw.ca.

On **Friday, September 28 at 7:00PM**, we will host a "Marriage Party" for you to learn about the course and the details, and hear from others who have taken it. There will be no obligation to take the course if you are not comfortable. The Marriage Course will take place on the following dates: **Oct 12, 19, 26, Nov 2, 16, 23, 30, from 7 - 9:30 PM**. Visit us here for more info: www.nwrc.ca/marriage or call NWCRC office at (604) 521-0111 if you have any questions.

Do you enjoy bike riding? Global Aid Network (GAIN) will once again be participating in the Ride for Refuge this year, and would love to have you join us! Options include biking 10km, 25km, or 50km, or walking 5km. **The ride is September 29** in the beautiful Fort Langley. For more information or to join the Flying Dutchmen Team, email Monique at moniqueL@globalaid.net

Pastor Mike Nanninga, Associate Pastor of Cornerstone CRC, Chilliwack, has accepted the Call to be Lead Pastor of Cephas CRC in Peterborough, Ontario. His final Sunday/service at Cornerstone CRC will be Sunday, September 30 at 10am. All are welcome to join us for worship and a time of fellowship and refreshments after the service.

A Farewell Evening for Pastor Mike & Loretta Nanninga is planned for **Friday, September 28 from 7-9pm** at Cornerstone CRC (Fellowship Hall).

We hope to come together as a church family to thank the Nanninga's for the 4 years that they have faithfully served Cornerstone and wish them farewell and God's blessing as they begin a new chapter in their lives!

Join us for a fun evening with a small program, and refreshments & desserts. (Nursery care for infants & toddlers will be provided from 7-8pm during the "program" portion of the evening).

A **Thanksgiving Hymn Sing** will take place next **Sunday, September 30 at 3:30 pm** in the lobby of Gateway CRC around the grand piano. Bob Spyksma and Ann Vandermuellen will lead in the singing of Thanksgiving hymns, also some special music and a time for requesting favorites. Refreshments to follow.

Forever and Ever, a Christian musical by Thomas Hogge featuring The New Jerusalem Project band will be happening on **Friday, October 5 at 7 pm** at Gateway CRC. For tickets, \$25 (online only) and more information go to <http://foreverandevermusic.ca>.

Benefit Concert: Singer-songwriter Jeremy Benjamin is bringing his "*I Am Not My Own Tour*" to Nelson Avenue CRC! Join us and invite your friends as Jeremy performs on **Sunday, October 7 at 7:00 pm** and leads worship on Sunday, October 7 at 10:30 am. The event will take place at Nelson Avenue Christian Reformed Church, 5825 Nelson Avenue, Burnaby. Proceeds will go to World Renew, Journey Home, and Jeremy's worship ministry, so come prepared to give generously! Find out more by calling 800-730-3490 or at iamnotmyown.org. This concert will also take place on **Saturday, October 20 at 7pm** at Gateway CRC here in Abbotsford. Here the proceeds will go to World Renew, The Stream, and Jeremy's worship ministry so come and be prepared to give generously. Find out more at iamnotmyown.org.

(Upcoming Events...cont'd)

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:

Faith CARE: Learning How to Grow Restorative Churches is a 3-day skill based conference teaching restorative practices. Oct 11, 12, & 13 @ Langley Willoughby CRC.

Faith CARE trains and supports churches to:

- transform conflict and become restorative culture congregations,
- implement a restorative, relational framework across congregational life and explicit practices that help to heal relationships and build stronger, more connected congregations,
- use restorative approaches to healing relationships and repairing harm in churches.

To view the brochure and more info visit www.bcsafechurch.com or call Faye Martin @ 604-850-5137. Registration is limited. To register contact Anthony Jansen anthoniej@hotmail.com or 604-309-7383 by Sept 30. Classis BCSE has encouraged the churches to send and fund at least one member to attend this training

DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP will meet on **Friday, October 12 at 10 AM** in the Fireside Room at Living Hope CRC. If you are the caregiver (or a supportive person to a caregiver) you are invited to join us. We recognize that many families are affected by dementia. We are a Christian faith-based support group where we can share feelings or experiences and gain insight and knowledge from others on a similar journey in a confidential and safe environment. For more information please contact Ann Oenema by phone or text: **604-853-3688** or email: henkann@telus.net

SECRET KEEPER GIRL - Masterpiece World Tour-

October 19 @ 7pm at Gateway CRC

An all-new 2 1/2 hour event for Moms and their Daughters (age 7-12)

Discover the power of true beauty and modesty!

Tickets and information @ www.PRAISE1065.com

Gateway CRC Christmas Craft Fair: The 3rd Annual Christmas Craft Fair is happening on **November 16 & 17** at Gateway CRC. If you would like to reserve a table for \$45, please head to Gateway's website at www.gatewaycrc.org to download the Vendor Application form with more information. Apply early, space is limited!



DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS



From Back to God Ministries International

- **THE KINGDOM OF GOD** - What is life in God's kingdom like? When will it finally be reality? Let's study Matthew 5:3-10, Luke 17:20-21, and Revelation 4:1-6 to discover what life looks like in God's kingdom, why Christians believe it's both already here and not yet fully realized, and how we live as kingdom citizens now. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
- **WHERE'S YOUR MANNERS? PART 2** - When Miss Manners comes to town for a reality show about manners the kids all try to win the contest. But the winner is a surprise for everyone. Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Free Giveaway: Kids Corner's "Know Your Bible Activity Book, Part 3!" Can you figure out all Kids Corner Bible puzzles? www.kidscorner.net.

From CRC Communications

It's happening again! - What? The Canadian National Gathering for the CRCNA. When? May 24-26, 2019. Where? The King's University in Edmonton. Participants from local churches across Canada will gather for a weekend to strategically celebrate, discern, and envision bold next steps for the CRC in Canada locally, regionally, and nationally. If you feel led to participate, connect with your council for more information.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip: - Research shows that children are more likely to grow in faith if they have the support of at least five involved adults, in addition to family members. Who are (or who could be) your child's "faithful five"? For more on this concept, check out The Sticky Faith Guide for Your Family (Zondervan 2014). (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From Other

JOB OPPORTUNITY - Do you have a passion for working with people from other cultures? Have a passion for seeing international ministry done well? If so, come join the EduDeo Ministries team! We are passionate about impacting children, teachers and communities around the world through Christ-centered education. We are looking for a new International Partnerships Director: someone to lead, guide and grow our relationships with our international partners. Visit edudeo.com/jobs for the official posting - applications due October 29.

From World Renew

- Career Opportunity - Direct Marketing Program Manager - Are you passionate about marketing and using your skills to help people living in poverty? If so, World Renew, an agency of the CRCNA, has an opportunity for you! World Renew has a full-time opening for a Program Manager, Direct Marketing within our Constituency Relations (CORE) team; this position will be based in the Burlington, Ontario, office. Put your direct marketing skills to work developing, implementing, evaluating, and improving cross channel direct marketing campaigns for World Renew's general donor fundraising strategy. In this way you'll help grow the loyal and recurring donor base, welcome and engage new donors, and reacquire lapsed donors for increased financial support and lives changed for the better worldwide. For more information, or to apply, please visit www.worldrenew.net/careers!
- Career Opportunity - Donor Reporting and Communications Project Assistant - World Renew, an agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA), has a full time, time-bound opportunity for a Project Assistant based in Arua, Uganda. This position will draft and/or write various reports in a timely manner and ensure that the impact of interventions is effectively communicated to World Renew's constituents and donors. You will work closely with local partners and the World Renew project teams ensuring effective and inclusive processes are put in place to develop reports. Please visit our website at www.worldrenew.net/careers for more information, or to apply for the position!
- Help in the Philippines after Typhoon Mangkhut - Category 5 Typhoon Mangkhut affected nearly 6 million people in the Philippines last weekend, with 267 km/hr winds and heavy rain that caused mudslides and major flooding. More than 80 people were killed and many are still missing. World Renew is in touch with the Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines so that we can respond quickly to families affected by Mangkhut. Please consider giving generously to World Renew's "International Rapid Reponse Fund" for this response. Give online at worldrenew.net/donate, call 800-730-3490 or send your cheque for World Renew, marked "International Rapid Response Fund" in the memo line, to: 3475 Mainway, STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON L7R 3Y8.

From Resonate Global Mission

- Global Prayer Safari - In Swahili, the word "safari" means "journey." Join a team of North Americans who appreciate the power of prayer as you journey hand-in-hand with teams from Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda. You'll learn about prayer from other Christian traditions as you visit schools, hospitals, jails, government buildings, markets, and more. Dates: January 31 - February 11, 2019. For more information, visit www.resonateglobalmission.org/safari.
- Special Training Opportunity for Short-Term Mission Teams - Bring your team together and experience the course that has profoundly impacted countless leaders! The Executive Course in Volunteer Ministry Development, sponsored by Resonate Global Mission and World Renew, engages teams in developing a high-impact volunteer ministry. Whether you're a senior executive, short-term mission trip leader, or volunteer director—whether you're an experienced volunteer leader or just getting started—you will gain immediate takeaways for making a lasting impact! Join us in Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 8 -10! To learn more and register, visit bit.ly/executivecourse or contact Mary Dykstra (mdykstra@worldrenew.net) or Lisa Sochacki (lsochacki@crcna.org).

The King's University - September 2018 Announcements

Campus visit opportunities

Consider a university with nationally recognized programs, world-class research opportunities, and where discovery and career prep happen in Christian community. Dates for our 2018 visit events are on our website: www.kingsu.ca/visit. If you have questions about King's events, programs, or applying for admission, please contact Admissions at 780-465-8334 or admissions@kingsu.ca.

Personal visits

King's Admissions is happy to arrange a meeting or campus tour with an Admissions Counsellor. Schedule a personal visit Monday to Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Fall Open House is October 13

Drop-in to Open House and see how students pursue a better world at The King's University. Take a tour of campus or talk with an admissions counsellor. Meet professors, current students, and Admissions staff who are ready to answer your questions, and discover how Christian university is exciting, different, and an amazing investment in your future.

You can also apply for free at the event, and enter to win \$1,000 tuition rebate!

Donations to the Gerry Segger Heritage Collection

The Gerry Segger Heritage Collection on Dutch-Canadian and German Reformed immigration housed in The King's University library is requesting donations of any of the following items:

Diaries, letters, and journals | Immigration paperwork | Tickets and boarding passes | Government promotions | Church promotional materials | Personal stories | Church newsletters, etc.

For details, call Bonita at 780-465-3500 ext. 8054 or email heritagecollection@kingsu.ca