



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 14, 2018

CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to John Sturuss who celebrates his 99th birthday on Monday, October 15 and to Milt Walker who celebrates his 80th birthday on Tuesday, October 16. May God bless you both with a great day!

Amanda Luymes and Megan Kampman will be attending a Children's Ministry Conference in San Diego from Oct 19-20. Please pray for a great learning experience.

Please pray for Monique Lieuwen and Brian Kielstra, who are in the Ukraine as part of Global Aid Network (GAIN)'s Disaster Assistance Response Team. The team will be working with internally displaced people and participating in several construction projects due to the ongoing war in Ukraine. Brian will be there Oct 6-19 and Monique will be there Oct 6-Nov 2.

Classis BCSE will be meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 15 & 16 at Trinity CRC in Abbotsford. Gateway Delegates are Pastor Marcel, Calvin Breukelman and Matt Tinsley. Please pray for wisdom on the discussions.

PRAYER

As a community of believers, we strongly believe in supporting our church family in prayer. Please hold the following up in prayer this week:

Gateway Family

Ann VanDorp Tina VanGarderen
Dan & Erin Veeneman, Kaylee, Brooklyn, Levi
Mark & Susan Vaandrager

Council Members

Elder | Heidi Dykshorn
Deacon | Matt Wikkerink

October Ministries | Search Team, Council, Extreme Weather Shelter
Abbotsford church | Trinity Memorial United Church

Family Faith Formation Tip - If you want to have a regular family worship time or regular devotions and need a great resource, check out "Teach Us to Pray: Scripture-Centered Family Worship through the Year" by Lora Copley and Elizabeth Vander Haagen. These simple devotions follow the church seasons and include activities, songs, Bible readings, wondering questions, and prayers that engage kids of varying ages. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

GATEWAY NEWS

Connections Lunch Sunday, October 14

New to Gateway? Or just wanting to connect with some others over a meal. Join us for lunch after the service in room 106 Heritage wing.

Singer-songwriter Jeremy Benjamin Zyle is bringing his **"I Am Not My Own Tour"** to Gateway Community CRC! Join us and invite your friends as Jeremy performs on **Saturday, October 20 at 7:00 pm** and leads worship on Sunday, October 21 at 10:00 am. The event will take place here at Gateway Community CRC. Proceeds will go to World Renew, The Stream, and Jeremy's worship ministry, so come prepared to give generously! Find out more by calling 800-730-3490 or at iamnotmyown.org.

Staff

Pastor Bill Veenstra will be away until October 15. If there is a need which needs to be addressed immediately please contact your district elder or the church office.

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Cafe meets on Tuesday evenings, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the prayer room off of the lobby. Please be encouraged to join us for prayer, coffee and fellowship. GEMS/Cadets parents are welcome to join us while their kids are at boys and girls club. Come join us, we aim to make this a non-threatening place, a comfortable space to come to pray or be prayed for, to contemplate or chat, be creative or simply be. You can sit quietly, listen to music, finish a project (knitting, needle point, etc) or colour any of the prayer cafe colouring pages. A prayer leader will always be available for personal prayer or to take prayer requests.

Coffee Break – Women's Bible Study Ministry

Coffee Break meets upstairs in the Heritage Building on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:00 am. We invite you to bring a friend, bring your babies and toddlers. Our loving and caring Volunteers in the Nursery and the Story Hour Ministry will take very good care of your children. We will be studying "James Living on the Edge". Looking forward to seeing you there. Your Coffee Break Leaders Team

Gateway's Christmas Craft Fair is happening on November 16 & 17! If you wish to be a vendor at the fair, please go to www.gatewaycrc.org to download the Vendor Application form, fill it out and drop it off in Christine Gross' mailbox. Make sure you save the date to come by and shop for all your Christmas gift needs!

Senior's Ministry | Invitation from the Maple Ridge CRC

The 35th Annual Senior's Conference will be held at 10:00 AM, Thursday October 18, 2018 at the Maple Ridge Christian Reformed Church, 20245 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge, BC (604-465-4286). Refreshments will be available at 9:30 AM. Our speaker for the conference will be Randy Green, Generational Pastor at Maple Ridge CRC.

Gateway Seniors We can car pool or even a bus if we have enough people to justify that option. Please let us know if you are planning to attend this event and if you need a ride. We will gather the numbers and report back to Maple Ridge CRC, we do not want anyone to go hungry. Please contact Rita at 604-852-6296, if you are attending.

Cascade Christian Counselling Association

The annual donation drive is scheduled to being October 17. Cascade is committed to carrying out God's command to show His mercy and the healing power of the Holy Spirit to those who are struggling with emotional and relational issues. More information on Cascade and our annual fundraising is in your mail slots.



Cookies for Kids - Cookie Sunday –hosted by Kidz Church
World Renew World Hunger campaign
Coming on Sunday, October 28!

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Sunday morning Kidz Church for Children age 3 - Grade 3!

Check your kids in at the ark, parents can pick up a take home sheet.

This week's lesson: God shows power and sends 10 plagues

Next week's lesson: God makes bitter water good

Check in this week: Amanda

Check in next week:

GEMS & Cadets GIRLS & BOYS CLUBS

Club meetings are Tuesdays from 7 – 8:30 pm.

Youth Group meeting on Thursday night, October 18 at 7:30. Our study is 'JESUS – who is He?' Should be another great night together. Invite your friends. Remember to bring in your Mexico Orphanage outreach forms. We need all the forms in by November 1.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY GROUPS

Movie Hub takes place on Sunday, November 4. Showtime in room 205 at 7:15. We will not be showing Mamma Mia. We will be showing the true story ADRIFT. Rated PG13.

Men's Darts club will be meeting on the first, third and fifth Thursdays of the month this season from 7:30 – 9:00 pm in the multipurpose room. For more information call Allan Mulder at 604-302-7382.

Women's Volleyball meets in the gym from 7:15—8:30 pm on Tuesday evenings. For more info contact Sarah 604-897-5727.

Men's Drop In Basketball meets on Monday evenings in the gym from 7:30—9:00 pm. For more information call Matt at 604-835-3089. Start up is Monday, October 15. **A new contact person is needed for this group; if you are interested please call Matt.**

Mark your calendars! Gateway Book Club returns Thursday, October 25 at 7:30 pm in the Prayer Lounge. Come share what you read over the summer and find out about our next book. All are welcome! For more information contact Jolene Versteeg, jversteeg57@hotmail.com.

MEETINGS

If you are planning a meeting, big or small please contact the office to book your space and time; our building is a busy place!

Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 29 starting at 7:30 pm.

Search Team meeting Monday, October 15 at 7:30 pm in the South Balcony Board Room. If you have any recommendations for a possible Preaching Pastor for Gateway, please talk to Milt Walker, Chair of the Search Team.

Outreach Team will meet Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 pm in the South Balcony Board Room.

Council will be meeting on Wednesday, October 17 at 7:30 pm in room 205.

The **Deacons** met on October 4. Here are a few highlights:

- Dan Dekker opened the meeting with prayer
- Sept. 11 minutes were approved
- The November collection schedule was set
- Financial updates were given on the Benevolent and Tuition Relief Funds
- Annual Senior's Christmas lunch is scheduled for December 8
- Dan Dekker closed the meeting in prayer

The **Administrative Board** met on Wednesday, October 3 and Wednesday, October 10. Here are a few highlights from the meetings:

- Elder Ed Kielstra (Oct 3) and Deacon Chair Matt Wikkerink (Oct 10) opened the meeting with devotion and prayer
- Brian Kielstra, Chair of the BOS, presented on the work of the BOS
- Pat Blink, Treasurer, presented the draft 2019 budget. **MOTION:** To recommend to Council the draft budget for 2019 as presented by Pat Blink. **APPROVED**
- Minutes from previous Admin meetings were approved as presented
- Discussion was had regarding the new bulletin and newsletter format. Some changes will be made to ensure that a sense of community is created
- Further discussion was had regarding our various vacancies
- Extreme Weather Shelter: **Motion:** To recommend to Council to approve the amendments as stated by BC Housing to Gateway's Constitution and By-laws. **APPROVED**
- Verbal and written reports were received and discussed from Sandra Barthel/Heather Hoogland, Pastor Bill, Pastor Marcel
- Discussion was had on how Admin can be pro-active in receiving a positive response from people when asked to serve on Council
- Meetings closed in a time of prayer

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Updated details on volunteer needs for Secret Keeper Girl - Friday, October 19

Thank you to all who have volunteered. If you'd still like to help out, there is opportunity to help with loading in and taking down before and after the event.

Email either Karla (karlakornelious@hotmail.com) or Chantelle (chantelle_arends@hotmail.com)

Extreme Weather Shelter

Let us be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ and show his love in our own neighbourhood. Gateway 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 crock pot, 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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Are you a parent of a child with a disability? Bethesda invites you to their Abbotsford Parent Support Group. The next meeting is Monday, October 22, from 10 am to 11:30 am. at 105 – 2975 Gladwin Road, Abbotsford. For more info contact Joyce at 604-850-6604, ext. 308 or Joyce.VanderHoek@BethesdaBC.com

Telecare Crisis & Caring Line of Abbotsford is hosting *Listen Up! A Supportive Listening Workshop*, on Saturday, November 3, 2018, 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Northview Community Church, 32040 Downes Rd, Abbotsford. Cost is \$35. Coffee and snacks provided. Please bring a light lunch. Register at <http://www.telecarebc.com/listen-up-workshop.html> . Ideal for people leading people in ministry and care.

Hearts of Hope is a Christian support group for women going through Infertility and Pregnancy Loss. October is National Awareness Month for Pregnancy Loss and Infant Loss. We will be participating with other organizations around the world with "Wave of Light", lighting candles on October 15th to remember our little ones born too soon. *Please message us for more info and if you would like us to remember your little one this way.* Our Regular Meeting is on October 25th at 7:00 PM. Please email us at info@heartsofhopesupportgroup.ca if you would like us to light a candle or to come to the meeting! Our website has more info - www.heartsofhopesupportgroup.ca.

CARDUS EVENT - British Columbia's independent schools – including Christian schools – are a vital part of the province's education system. That's why research organization Cardus is bringing unique data on graduates of B.C.'s independent schools to a special event at Surrey's Pacific Academy on October 17th where education expert Dr. Beth Green will unpack the results of the Cardus Education Survey exploring graduates' post-secondary academic achievement, spiritual formation, and public engagement as citizens. For information, please, email: events@cardus.ca