



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 21, 2018

CHURCH FAMILY

Janet Mogensen was discharged from hospital this past week. She is doing well, and is grateful for the prayer support and for the positive impact resulting from a change in medication.

Congratulations to Ann Teyema who celebrates her 87th birthday today. May God bless you with a great day!

Happy Anniversary to Sid & Annie Jaarsma who celebrate their 60th on Monday, October 22 and to Bill & Ann Verhagen who celebrate their 59th on Saturday, October 27. We praise and thank God with you for his faithfulness.

Please continue to pray for Monique Lieuwen who is in the Ukraine as part of Global Aid Network (GAIN)'s Disaster Assistance Response Team until Nov 2.

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

Alida Kampman Jordan Maarhuis
Jason & Chris Maarhuis, Chloe, Jenna
Kyle & Christina Tolsma, Remy

Council Members

Elder | Nathan Gelderman
Deacon | Dan Dekker

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

GATEWAY NEWS



Cookies for Kids - October 28 –hosted by Kidz Church

Kidz Church children will receive their Peter Fishbanks on Sunday, October 21 to begin collecting for World Renew's World Hunger campaign.

On Sunday, October 28 the congregation will have the opportunity to donate to the Fishbanks in exchange for a sweet treat provided by our Kidz Church kids!

Sam's Café – would you be interested in helping out with a 6-8 week Young Adult Bible Study starting in January? Contact Pastor Marcel, marcel@gatewaycrc.org if this is something you believe you can help out with.

Early start to the Youth Mexico Orphanage Outreach in March 2019!

We will be doing our first of many runs to the local bottle depot. If you have any cans and/or bottles to donate please bring to the church between 9 am and 2 pm, until November 3. Drop off location: north lower entrance, please drop them off outside. Our next bottle drive will be early in January so please keep hold of your bottles/cans over the Christmas season. Thanks for your support! (for more information on this ministry experience, check out the church website.)

Pastoral Elder Round Table Discussion led by Pastor Bill on the topic:

“How do we best minister to our District Lists and Care Groups”.

Meeting in the Chapel from 7:00 – 8:30 pm on Tuesday, October 30. Refreshments will be provided.

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 are 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!

Make sure you save the date to come by and shop for all your Christmas gift needs! Invite your friends!

- 10 tables still available: 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.
- If you know any artisans or someone who might like to have a table please share this information.

The following gifts were received: Oct 7th, 8th, and 14th, 2018

Budget	\$ 33,314.07
Canadian Food Grains	\$ 26,077.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 2,985.00
ACS Tuition Relief	\$ 1,153.00
World Renew	\$ 1,045.00
Benevolent Fund	\$ 1,808.00
Abbotsford Food Bank	\$ 50.00

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

GEMS & Cadets GIRLS & BOYS CLUBS

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

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 makes bitter water good

Next week's lesson: God sends manna and quail

Check in this week:

Check in next week:

Youth Group: October 25 is our first Mentorship Week. Your Mentor Leader will be reaching out to you to share what the plan is for this coming week. Mentorship Weeks are times you get to spend having fun with your Mentor Leader and your small group at the church or elsewhere.

Youth Mexico Orphanage Outreach application forms are due October 31. We have room for 20 youth to attend so please get your registration forms to Pastor Marcel as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

MEETINGS

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

Pastoral Elders will be meeting on Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00 pm in room 205. (Please note the NEW agreed upon start time)

Search Team will be meeting on Thursday, Oct 25 at 7:30 pm in the South Balcony Board Room.

Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 29 starting at 7:30 pm. Agendas will be in the mailboxes for Sunday, October 21.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY GROUPS

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

Movie Hub takes place on Sunday, November 4. Showtime in room 205 at 7:15 pm. 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.**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

The ACS Auction and Garage Sale is coming soon! Mark November 3 on your calendar and come down to Exhibition Park for a great day of food, fun and fellowship! More details at www.abbotsfordchristian.com or watch for the flyer in your mailbox! Call Denise de Jonge at 778.878.0440 to volunteer or donate!

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

Songs Strings and Steps presents **An Irish Christmas** at Gateway Church in Abbotsford, December 14th and 15th. Producer Calvin Dyck is pulling together a delightful show including Irish dancers, "The Alumni Project" (an outstanding chamber choir from Abbotsford), the award winning Abbotsford Youth Orchestra and some surprises for the audience including an "Uilleann Piper" from Ireland. Tickets are available at House of James, King's Music or at <https://sssirishchristmas.eventbrite.ca>

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