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**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.

Are you interested in living on a family hobby farm for a few weeks during the Christmas holidays, taking care of a family of pets? If this appeals to you, or you know someone who would like to do this, please contact Grace at 604.866.9227 or 604.857.9543.

Hello, I am a single Christian, non-smoking mom looking for an all inclusive suite for January 1st 2019. I would prefer the new year but could secure as early as December 15th. I can afford \$850.00 to \$900.00 max. You may contact me (Brooke) at 778-345-4002 or 604-302-5236. Please leave a message.

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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.

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THE CHURCH FAMILY



BAPTISM

☆ November 4: Emma, daughter of Daniel & Mya Huizing Living Hope

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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BIRTHDAYS 85+

☆ November 2:	Herman Bandstra	85 years	Living Hope
☆ November 8:	John Vreeman	85 years	Living Hope
☆ November 12:	Pieter Fictorie	95 years	Gateway
☆ November 16:	Helen Ten Hoeve	87 years	Living Hope
☆ November 18:	Henny Rintjema	86 years	Living Hope
☆ November 19:	Catharina Valk	87 years	Gateway

ANNIVERSARIES

☆ November 8:	Karl & Judith Zandberg	55 years	Living Hope
☆ November 16:	Gerrit & Gerrie Doruiter	52 years	Trinity

IN MEMORIAM

☆ October 29: Rita Mosey, at the age of 65 years Trinity

EXTREME WEATHER SHELTER

An exciting volunteer opportunity to join us in this mission outreach project right here in Abbotsford. Gateway Community Church is hosting an Extreme Weather Shelter for the homeless this winter **from now to March 31st**.

Assistance is needed in the following areas: crock pot meals, prepared buns, volunteering from 7:30 to midnight with two other people, or volunteering from midnight to 8:30 am with one or two other people. 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. For more information contact Jenny Vanderheide at 604 854 5215 or by email jvanderheide@shaw.ca

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Save the date! Living Hope CRC will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on **the weekend of March 1-3, 2019**. More information regarding the celebration dinner, community carnival and Sunday worship service will be coming soon.

SPECIAL BOOKLET FOR LIVING HOPE'S ANNIVERSARY:

In celebrating 50 years of God's faithfulness, Living Hope CRC is putting together a special booklet to commemorate this occasion. The Living Hope 50th Anniversary Committee invites you to send in your anecdotes & pictures to be shared in the 50th anniversary booklet! Send anecdotes (maximum 500 words) to Al Wisselink: alwisselink@gmail.com

Send pictures to office@livinghopecrc.ca *If you don't have access to a scanner, please bring them to the church office.* All submissions are due no later than **December 15th**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Craft Fair & Sale this coming weekend!

Come and browse a variety of unique & handcrafted gifts, art, painting, baked goods, with a light lunch available. Get a head start on your Christmas shopping! Free admission. **Friday November 16, 6-9 pm & Saturday, November 17, 9:30 am – 3 pm.** in the lobby at Gateway Community CRC, 2884 Gladys Avenue.

For info or if you'd still like to rent a table please contact Christine Gross at tistine@gmail.com or 778-344-5612.

Come join us for an evening of music and singing! The Joining in Praise Reformed Choir will be performing with organist Peter Wildeman, and soloist Tenira Sturm, both talented musicians from Holland. The concerts begin at 7:30pm (admission at the door) and are at the following locations:

Saturday, November 17

Cooke's Presbyterian Church, 45825 Wellington Ave., Chilliwack

Monday, November 19

Emmanuel Free Reformed Church, 3366 Mt. Lehman Rd., Abbotsford

Worship Night - Sunday | November 18 | 6 – 7pm

Come join us at Living Hope CRC for a night of music and worship! This is an opportunity to invite your friends, family and neighbors...everyone is welcome! Child care will be provided for kids age 0-3; children are invited to participate in our service. 34631 Old Clayburn Rd, Abbotsford, B.C.

Do you have a child but long for more? Have you lost a baby during pregnancy and are really struggling with the loss? Do you have empty arms and long for a child? Hearts of Hope is a Christian support group for women, and if you answered 'yes' to any of the above questions, you are welcome to join us at **our Regular Meeting on November 22nd at 7:00 pm**. Please email us at info@heartsofhopesupportgroup.ca if you would like to come to the meeting! Our website has more info - www.heartsofhopesupportgroup.ca.

(Upcoming Events...cont'd)

Save the date: "Education Together" event and 50th Anniversary Celebration: Join us for an evening of commemorating 50 years of "seeking justice and speaking hope" in the way of Christ through the CRC's Centre for Public Dialogue. The highlight of this evening will be an opportunity to learn more about the current "Education Together" campaign, which encourages Canadian Christians to advocate with Indigenous people for equitable, culturally-appropriate Indigenous education. We hope to see you on **Friday, November 23 at 7:30 pm at Willoughby Church in Langley**. Check out the links to learn more, or contact Dena Nicolai at dena.nicolai@gmail.com.

God Alone Evening of Praise:

Join us for our fifth Evening of Praise as we celebrate the beautiful truths of the Gospel as outlined for us in the five solae – by Scripture Alone, through Faith Alone, by Grace Alone, through Christ Alone to the Glory of God Alone! This evening is scheduled for **Saturday, November 24** at the Chilliwack Free Reformed Church (45471 Yale Rd.) beginning at 7:30pm. Hosted by young people from various Reformed Churches it will be a wonderful evening of congregational singing, solos and instrumental pieces, with refreshments to be served afterwards. These evenings are usually over by 9pm, so you are especially encouraged to bring your kids as they love the music and all the different instruments! For more information visit chilliwackfrc.com. We hope to see you all there.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Friday, November 30 | 7 – 9pm

Saturday, December 1 | 10am – 2pm

Living Hope CRC Women's Connections will be hosting a Christmas market again this year! Interested in selling your arts, crafts or business products at our Christmas Market? Rent a table to sell your items! Registration forms can be found at Living Hope church or www.livinghopecrc.ca/events/ For more information, please contact Kristen Olthuis, Women's Connections Coordinator: phone: 604-768-7141 or email: wkolthuis@gmail.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>

Trinity Western University is hosting the following events. Come and check them out!

Ø A Remarkable Stillness

TWU's Chamber Singers perform a concert of British repertoire, encompassing a wide variety of styles from the 14th to 21st Centuries, and featuring organist Edward Norman.

November 16th, 7:30pm, Emmanuel Free Reformed Church, 3366 Mt. Lehman Road, Abbotsford

Tickets: \$10 general admission, students pay-what-you-can. Details at twu.ca/samc.

Ø Christmas at the Chan--Tickets on Sale!

TWU's beloved holiday tradition, Christmas at the Chan, is coming soon! Award-winning conductor Dr. Joel Tranquilla, Director of Choral Activities at TWU, brings together four choirs and full orchestra in one exquisite Christmas program. This enchanting afternoon of musical performances is sure to usher in the spirit and meaning of Christmas. Tickets go on sale Friday, October 19 at 12pm through tickets.ubc.ca.

Concert takes place **Sunday, December 2 at 2:30pm** at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts

(Upcoming Events...cont'd)

A NEIGHBOURHOOD CHRISTMAS

Saturday | December 15 | 2:00pm – 5:30pm

Living Hope hosts a neighbourhood Christmas! Free admission. Invite your friends and neighbours – this is a community event! Refreshments, photo booth, live animals and more! Check out www.livinghopecrc.ca/event/ for more information!



DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS



From Back to God Ministries International

- ❖ AND ON THE SEVENTH DAY - Lucille faces a dilemma when the scaleball championships are scheduled for Sunday mornings. What will she do? Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Check out KC's Gifts of Kindness Advent Calendar and Devotional and invite your whole family to join you in giving daily gifts of kindness. www.kidscorner.net
- ❖ I BELONG: BECAUSE HE PAID MY DEBTS - The thought of being owned by someone else makes us uneasy and defensive. But God's ownership is different. Join Groundwork as we study Hebrews 9:23-24, 1 Peter 1:18-21, and Hebrews 2:14-16 to learn why we say God owns us and why belonging to him gives us certainty and comfort. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From CRC Communications

- ❖ Are You the Right Person To Attend? - The next Canadian National Gathering is scheduled for Edmonton, Alberta, May 24 – 26. For the past 113 years, God has blessed the work of the CRC in Canada. Canadian society has different needs now. How is God calling His people to address those needs? Participants from every region of Canada will be asked to listen to what the Spirit is telling them, and have meaningful conversations about the mission God is setting for the CRC in Canada. No degree or certificate is required, just a love for the church, and a passion for God's mission in Canada. If you are interested in being considered, please tell your pastor or elder.
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE - Inspire 2019 will once again bring together people from across the denomination for a time of inspiration, connection, and encouragement. Join us August 1-3, 2019 in Windsor, Ontario! Designed for ministry volunteers and leaders from across our denomination, Inspire 2019 is a chance to discover new resources, connect with people in similar types of ministry, share your stories, and learn from others. Get the details at www.crcna.org/inspire

From Chaplaincy and Care Ministries

PRAY FOR CHAPLAINS - Chaplaincy is a healing, reconciling ministry of God, an expression and extension of God's activity and mission in the world. The CRC endorses 140 chaplains to embody the grace of Christ in our communities. Join us in praying for and supporting the ministries of chaplains everywhere.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip - If you'd like to build more prayer into your daily family life, check out the wonderful book Scrambled Starts: Family Prayers for Morning, Bedtime, and Everything in Between. These brief prayers and helpful tips can help make talking to God a natural, rich part of your family's day. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From Calvin Theological Seminary

Calvin Seminary Preview Days - Interested in learning more about theology or biblical studies? Feeling called to a ministry role, but don't know where to start? Calvin Seminary invites you to join us for an upcoming Preview Day. Our Preview Day program is designed to give you the fullest seminary experience in order for you to experience for yourself how Calvin Seminary is preparing men and women for biblically faithful and contextually effective ministry of the Word. Check out upcoming dates at www.calvinseminary.edu/previewday.

From Other

POSITION OPENING - Youth Unlimited is looking for their next SERVE Director. This is a full-time position based in Grand Rapids, MI, that will work closely with our host teams in the US and Canada. We are seeking someone who is passionate about Youth Ministry and wants to help guide the future of our SERVE program! For more information, please see youthunlimited.org/us/our-team or email Rick Zomer at rick@youthunlimited.org.

From Resonate Global Mission

- ❖ Join the 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.
- ❖ Journey Through Egypt - Join Resonate Global Mission on an Egypt Vision Tour. History comes alive as you learn how scripture is connected to ancient Egyptian monuments. Dates: April 2-10, 2019. For more information visit www.resonateglobalmission.org/Egypt.
- ❖ Summer Language Institute Chaplain - Each summer, 300 youth from across Eastern Europe study English on the campus of LCC International in Lithuania for the Summer Language Institute. The chaplain is responsible for fostering spiritual growth among students. Learn more about this summer volunteer opportunity at resonateglobalmission.org/chaplain.
- ❖ Summer Language Institute Resident Director - Each summer, 300 youth from across Eastern Europe study English on the campus of LCC International University for the Summer Language Institute. The Resident Director is responsible for building community among students in LCC's residence halls through events, programs, and more. Learn more about this summer volunteer opportunity at resonateglobalmission.org/residentdirector.
- ❖ Teach English in Lithuania - Each summer, 300 youth from across Eastern Europe study English on the campus of LCC International University for the Summer Language Institute. As an ESL teacher, you will be the heart of the program by helping students improve their English language skills and gain a better understanding of what it might be like for them to go to college. Learn more about this volunteer opportunity at resonateglobalmission.org/sli.

From World Renew

World Renew Job Opening in Cambodia - Have you always wanted to serve in Cambodia? World Renew, an agency of the CRCNA, is seeking a Country Consultant who will be responsible for the overall operation of World Renew in Cambodia. The purpose of the position is to provide leadership in the development of World Renew's strategy and programs in Cambodia; promote the work, values, and vision of World Renew. Candidates with a bachelor's degree, a minimum of 5 years of community development consultation work experience, and a minimum of 5 years of cross-cultural experience are invited to apply. Preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate a fluency in oral and written Khmer language skills; or willingness to learn to speak Khmer. For more information on this position, please visit our website: worldrenew.net/careers.