



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

November 11, 2018

CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Pieter Fictorie who celebrates his 95th birthday on Monday, November 12. May God bless you with a peaceful day!

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

Henry & Alice Groothof Cohen Kiers
Jeff & Karen Kiers, Liam
Keith & Nadia VanDelft, Emma, Olivia, Mya, Lukas

Council Members

Elder | Casey Pruum
Deacon | Clayton Houweling

November Ministries | Search Team, Worship ministry, Kidz Church

Abbotsford church | Sevenoaks Alliance Church

GATEWAY NEWS

SERVE 2019

An information gathering takes place this Sunday, November 11 after the service in room 106 – come on out if you want to know more about SERVE and how you can SERVE this summer.

Choir! Calling all those who love to sing! We are hoping to have a choir for Christmas Day service. We will meet on Tuesday night from 7:15-8:15 in the sanctuary on Nov. 13. If you are interested, please email sbarthel@abbotsfordchristian.com, so we know we have enough people to make this happen!

Kidz Church...

Do you have any farm animals costumes or a star costume that you could lend to Kidz Church for a few weeks? Please contact Rebecca Vaandrager, rebeccavaandrager@hotmail.com. Thanks so much!

Gateway's Christmas Craft Fair - November 16 & 17

Make sure you save the date to come by and shop for all your Christmas gift needs! Invite your friends! Why not stop by for lunch as well and support Coffee Break's fundraising for worthy causes!

Please share the Facebook Event that you can find on the Gateway Community CRC facebook page.

- Vendor application forms are available at www.gatewaycrc.org, click on the Craft Fair to download the Vendor Application form, fill it out and drop it off in Christine Gross' mailbox or contact Christine at tistine@gmail.com

Coffee Break notice for Craft Fair

Hello everyone. This is your Gateway Community Reformed Church Coffee Break Ministry once again asking for your support.

Coffee Break Ministry is once again providing coffee and sweets for sale as well as a bake sale at Gateway's Craft Fair. This will be our first year selling soup and buns for lunch on Saturday. All sale proceeds will go to two worthy recipients: Life Recovery Association, women's residential recovery program, Abbotsford and Gain-Restoring Life in Paraguay.

And so this is where we very much need your help with the following:

Volunteers for providing:

- Baking
- Soup
- Buns

Volunteers are also needed for:

- Serving at the coffee bar and serving lunch

Chantelle Arends is the co-ordinator for this Coffee Break event.

Please contact Chantelle at 604-851-5999 or chantelle_arends@hotmail.com

if you are able to help.

Thank you for your participation in this Ministry's goal

Your Coffee Break Ministry Team

Senior's Ministry meets Thursday, November 15 2018

Seniors of all ages are welcome and will meet Thursday, November 15th, for a morning of fun and fellowship. Coffee is ready for 9:30 am, program will start at 10ish.

Lunch will be provided and served around 11:30 by our wonderful Chefs, Bob and Ann.

If you would like to contribute a food item to the luncheon please call Ann at 604-864-0229. Bring a friend, bring a story, bring your sense of humour and your appetite.

I (Rita) will be away somewhere warm and sunny so I pray you will all have a wonderful day. Your Senior's Ministry Team.

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Cafe meets on Tuesday evenings, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the prayer room off of the lobby. All are 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

The following gifts have been received:

October 20, 21, and 28, 2018:

Budget	\$ 49,547.80
I Am Not My Own Tour	\$4,216.00 (break down below)
-45% - Can Food Grains -	\$ 1,897.20
-45% - The Stream -	\$ 1,897.20
-10% - Tour -	\$421.60
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,050.00
Cascade Christian Counseling	\$ 1,370.00
Canadian Food Grains	\$ 3,100.00
Benevolent Fund	\$ 60.00
Abbotsford Food Bank	\$ 50.00
Salvation Army	\$15.00

November 4, 2018:

Budget	\$ 16,491.24
Benevolent Fund	\$ 1,164.00
Seafarers Ministry	\$ 500.00



Christmas is Coming!
Order gift cards as gifts for family,
friends and teachers through Gateway's
Fundscrip program and help
raise funds for missions
both locally and globally!



Fundscrip order forms are in your mailboxes and available at the Welcome Center. Orders must be placed in April Vaandrager's mailbox by Sunday, November 25.

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: God makes the sun stand still

Next week: God speaks to Samuel

GEMS & Cadets GIRLS & BOYS CLUBS

Grades 3—7. Meets Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.

Youth Group

This coming Thursday we will be taking a look at "Faith: How Can I Have It."

Our Mexico Orphanage Outreach for March 2019 is almost full – if you still want to come talk to Pastor Marcel a.s.a.p. We currently have 5 leaders and 14 youth attending.

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!

Administrative Board will meet Wednesday, Nov 14 at 7:00 pm in the South Balcony Board Room.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY GROUPS

Gateway Book Club All are welcome! Book Club will meet on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Prayer Lounge. All are welcome! Currently we are reading *The Book of Negroes* by Lawrence Hill. For more information contact Jolene Versteeg, jversteeg57@hotmail.com.

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. Next Darts is happening on Thursday, November 15.

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. **No basketball on November 12.**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Extreme Weather Shelter

Let us be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ and show his love in our own neighborhood. 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

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.