



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

November 25, 2018

CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you for your expressions of love and support in the loss of our father and grandfather Egbert Breukelman. We are comforted to know that he now lives forever with the Lord in heaven. Love Calvin and Karin Breukelman & family

Senior's Corner

Please pray for and if possible visit from time to time those who find it difficult if not impossible to get out. They include:

Jenny Faber: 33433 Marshall Road
Pieter Fictorie: Menno Hospital
Teresa Prins: 35230 Delair Road
John Sturru: MSA Manor, 2510 Gladwin Rd
Ann Teyema: 35230 Delair Road
Corrie Wagenaar: 35230 Delair Road
Catharina Valk: Rosewood Cottage, 22051 Fraser Hwy

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

John & Alison Arends Adam & Jenine Baart, Levi, Ethan, Lincoln
Asad & Barnadet Dawood James & Shirley Jansen

Council Members

Elder | Kees Vanbodegom Deacon | Yolanda Verhagen

November Ministries | Search Team, Worship ministry, Kidz Church

Abbotsford church | Sevenoaks Alliance Church

GATEWAY NEWS

Lord's Supper – next week Sunday, December 2, Lord willing, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. As we prepare to celebrate holy communion, let us remember that Scripture calls us to examine ourselves before God so that we come to the table in proper spirit and unity

The Christmas Hymn Sing is on Sunday, Dec 2 at 3:30 in the church lobby. Join us by lifting up your voice as we surround the piano and celebrate the birth of King Jesus.

Chunky Soup needed In cooperation with the Salvation Army Center of Hope, Gateway deacons are requesting **donations of soup (the chunky variety)** to be used in Christmas gift baskets for those in need in our community. Please bring your soup donations to church by Sunday, December 9 and put on the labeled tables.

World Renew Uzima gift catalogues Uzima is a Swahili word that means “full of life”. When you choose an item from World Renew’s gift catalogue, you create an opportunity for God to turn everyday events into miracles like enough food, good health and community service. Use the instructions in the orange box on page 22 of the catalogue to order, as there won’t be a Caring Tree to help you with it this year.

You are invited to the Seniors Christmas Lunch hosted by Gateway’s Deacons

It will be held on Saturday, December 8 - coffee is ready at 11:30 am, lunch will be served at noon. Please reply by December 4 to deacon Yolanda Verhagen at 604-807-4217 to let us know if you are able to come and if you need a ride

The following gifts were received Nov 18, 2018

ACS Tuition Relief - \$ 979.00
Budget - \$ 66,933.37
Abbotsford Food Bank - \$ 250.00
Debt Reduction - \$ 600.00
Cyrus Center - \$ 25.00

In order for Gateway Community CRC to meet our needs and obligations we need approximately \$135,000. Our fiscal year ends November 30.

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Cafe meets on Tuesday evenings, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the prayer room off of the lobby. Come join us, we aim to make this 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 is available for personal prayer and 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! We also have a nursery and Story Hour for your babies and toddlers and our loving and caring Volunteers 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

Women’s Bible Study Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 9:30 am in the library

‘Youth culture’ is becoming more and more difficult to navigate for parents and youth. More than ever, **our youth need our prayers** as they learn and discern how to walk the journey in a Godly way. Would you be willing to intentionally pray for one of our youth on a regular basis? If you can, you will receive the name and a brief profile of a youth of Gateway that you would commit praying for. If you can do this, please email Pastor Marcel at marcel@gatewaycrc.org.

Would you like to **make your strong marriage even stronger**? Gateway Community CRC and Focus on the Family Canada are bringing the Marriage Enrichment Conference to you and your spouse on April 26th and 27th. This conference is based on the proven, Biblically based principles and provides couples with practical tools they can take home to create a more vibrant, intimate and loving marriage. Tickets cost \$80 per couple (or \$60 if you register before April 12th!). To learn more and buy your tickets today, visit **EnrichYourMarriage.ca** or call Focus on the Family Canada at **1.833.2.ENRICH (1.833.236.7424)**.



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 this coming **Sunday, November 25**.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth Group

City Wide Youth Rally is taking place Thursday, Nov 29 at 7:00 here at Gateway. Over 500 youth gathered together for worship and prayer. Youth pick up is 9:00 pm. Parents you are welcome to stay.

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!

There will be a **full staff meeting** on Tuesday, Nov 27 from 7:00 – 8:30 in the South Balcony Board Room

Choir! Will NOT meet this week. We will meet again on Tuesday, December 4 in the Sanctuary from 7:15 – 8:15 pm

FUSION Team will be meeting on Wednesday, Nov 28 at 7:30 – 9:30 in the Prayer Room. If you are a parent of a child from nursery to youth and want to speak into our children and youth ministry, please come to our Fusion meeting.

Mexico Mission Team will have their first team meeting Thursday, November 29 at 6 pm in room 106. Supper will be provided. All team members are strongly encouraged to attend.

Mexico Fundraiser: Do you need time to get your Christmas gifts or a day to spend with your spouse WITHOUT the kids? The Mexico Team would like to help out with that. On December 8 from 10-4 the youth would like to babysit your children here at the church. Babysitting is by donation (suggested donation \$10 per kid). Sign up at the Welcome Center today if you want a quiet day out with your spouse. Croquette fundraiser coming soon – just in time for Christmas.

Pastoral Elders met this past Wednesday, Nov 21. Here are a few highlights:

- The elders spent time in discussion about the qualities of an Elder based on Chapter 1 of the book 'Church Elders'
- Minutes from October 24th were reviewed and approved as presented
- Reports were given by Pastoral Elders on their various visits, Pastoral Bill gave a verbal report on his ministry at Gateway.

- Report from Sandra Barthel and Heather Hoogland, Worship Directors, was reviewed and discussed.
- Pastor Marcel shared updates on the Sunday Preaching schedule
- Membership Matters:
 - Sam and Nancy Lee requested to have their membership moved to Hope CRC in Langley. Approved
 - Franck and Cecil deVries requested to have their membership moved to Fleetwood CRC in Langley. Approved
- Minutes were reviewed and discussed from the Admin Board and the Deacons
- Matt Tinsley, Chair of Council, gave an update on our vacancies.
- Next communion service is scheduled for Sunday, Dec 2, Lord willing.
- Meeting closed in time of prayer for our members. .

GATEWAY COMMUNITY GROUPS

Gateway Book Club

Book Club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Prayer Lounge. This month we will be reading the book Philomena by Martin Sixsmith. Extra copies will be available at the Welcome Center after the service.

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. For more information contact Jenny Vanderheide at 604 854 5215 or jvanderheide@shaw.ca

Operation Red Nose for Abbotsford and Mission is looking for volunteers. The campaign starts on November 30 and needs 100 volunteers to be Drivers, Navigators, Phone Operators, Dispatchers and the Mascot. If you are interested email Chelsea at ccraig@pacificsport.com Help keep drunk drivers off the roads this holiday season.

The **CRCNA Gathering** will be held at [The Kings University](#) in Edmonton, Alberta from May 24-26, 2019. It will be a prayer-filled event that builds upon the work that began in Waterloo, Ontario May 2016 at the previous [Canadian National Gathering](#). It will include sharing ministry stories, identifying priorities, and inspiring local, regional, and denominational ministries to take bold steps into the future that God is calling the Christian Reformed Church to guide revision of the CRCNA's **Journey 2020** strategic plan. If you believe this is something that you would like to attend on behalf of Gateway and Classis BCSE, please talk to Pastor Marcel.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Heart of Hope 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 and if you answered 'yes' to any of the above questions, you are welcome to join us at our meetings. Please email us at info@heartsofhopesupportgroup.ca if you would like to come to the meeting! Our website has more info - www.heartsofhopesupportgroup.ca.

Save the date! Living Hope CRC will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary from March 1-3, 2019. The weekend will involve a Celebration Dinner, Community Carnival, and Worship Service. If you would like to know more about this special occasion, and how you can participate, please visit the website: livinghopecrc.ca/50th-anniversary