



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

December 2, 2018

CHURCH FAMILY

We express our Christian sympathy to Michael Lukeniuk with the passing away of his wife Kelly on November 17. Please continue to uphold Mike in prayer during this difficult time.

Congratulation to Annie Jaarsma who celebrates her 82nd birthday on Saturday, December 8. May God bless you with a great 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

John & Henri Hoekstra, Liam, Else, Ethan, Elliot
Sid & Annie Jaarsma
Justin & Cheryl Mulder, Taylor, Avery, Cole

Council Members

Elder | Kees Vanbodegom Deacon | Yolanda Verhagen

December Ministries

Nursery Ushers Coffee Teams

Abbotsford church | Northview Community Church

GATEWAY NEWS

Mailbox Makeover The church mailboxes were painted this past week, and are not quite ready for use for this Sunday, December 2. There will be a box available by the mailboxes to deposit mail; staff will put this in the mailboxes for you when they are completed. Make sure to **pick up your Spotlight** by the mailboxes, at the Welcome Center or from a friendly usher!

Community Christmas Party for everyone here at Gateway on Tuesday, December 18 from 7 – 8:30 pm, see details in the Spotlight, along with an invitation you can give a friend!

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.

Wow Kidz Church...great job!

Kidz Church has wrapped up their Peter Fish project. The counting team is excited to report that the children raised \$1,396.00 for the World Renew World Hunger campaign.

Attention Seniors: You are invited to a Seniors Christmas lunch hosted by Gateway's Deacons on Saturday, December 8 beginning at noon (Coffee is ready at 11:30 am). Please reply by Tuesday, December 4 to deacon Yolanda Verhagen at 604-807-4217 to let us know if you are able to come. Please let Yolanda know if you require a ride, we will be happy to arrange one for you.

Two Sundays left to bring your Chunky Soup ! 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 designated tables near the lobby entrances.

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. More catalogues are available at the Welcome Center.

Mexico Missions 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. 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.

The following gifts were received on November 25, 2018

Cyrus Centre	\$ 1,305.00
Budget	\$ 54,144.41
ACS Tuition Relief	\$ 50.00
World Hunger – Peter Fish	\$ 1,396.00

Fundscrip Thanks to everyone who has supported Fundscrip this past year. Due do this effort, the Outreach Team was able to give financial support to one of our young adults going on a ministry trip in the Spring.

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

In Common Christmas Card Once again you have the opportunity to "greet" each other via the annual In Common Christmas Card while supporting a worthwhile cause. This year all proceeds will go to the Telecare Crisis Line. Cost is \$3/person, \$5/couple and \$7 per family, to be paid to your church administrator. All names must be submitted by

December 18. Email office@gatewaycrc.org or call the office, you can place your donation in Carol Conway's mailbox, be sure to include your name.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Kidz Church for Children age 3 - Grade 3! Visiting? Check your kids in at the ark, parents can pick up a take home sheet there as well.

This week: David values Saul's Life

Next week: David celebrates

Kids Grade 4 and up: Pick up an activity sheet from the Welcome Center!

GEMS & Cadets GIRLS & BOYS CLUBS

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

Youth Group

Youth Group meets Thursday, Dec 6 for our Alpha study. We will be looking at *Prayer – Why and How!* Should be another great discussion. Youth meets from 7:30-9:30 pm in the Heritage wing upstairs.

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!

The Administrative Board will be meeting on Wednesday, Dec 5 at 6:30 pm in the South Balcony Board Room.

Choir! We will meet Tuesday, December 4 at 7:15-8:15 again. We are in need of people who sing melody, or men who would just like to sing melody. People can still join this week! We will meet again the next Tuesday evening and then the following Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 7:00-7:45.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY GROUPS

Gateway Book Club

Our current book is "Philomena" by Martin Sixsmith. A few copies are still available and can be picked up from the Welcome Center on Sunday. Please note our next meeting will be Thursday, January 3rd. For more information contact Jolene Versteeg, jversteeg57@hotmail.com.

Women's Volleyball

Meets in the gym from 7:15-8:30 Tuesday evenings. In the event that the gym is being used for the extreme weather shelter (check the website) there will be no volleyball. Please contact Sarah Pruim for more information 604-897-5727

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, December 6.

Men's Drop In Basketball

meets on Monday evenings in the gym from 7:30—9:00 pm. In the event that the gym is being used for the extreme weather shelter (check the website) there will be no basketball. For more information call Matt at 604-835-3089

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS/NEWS

Hearts 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.

Please join us for an information evening **about M2/W2 Association's NOLA (No One Leaves Alone)** – a reintegration program for offenders.

You can learn what NOLA is and why such a program is crucial if we are to improve the safety of our communities. We will briefly explain the various support NOLA provides to those who are being released from a federal or provincial institution as well as how and why volunteers are essential for NOLA to fulfill its mission. As well we will give information about what Correctional Services Canada (CSC) has to say about programs such as NOLA. Of course, there will be time for questions and comments as well as for a time to get to know each other – that's the best part.

The information evening begins at 5:30pm on Wednesday evening, December 5, 2018 at the M2/W2 office (2825 Clearbrook Road, Abbotsford – unit 208).

Please let us know by December 3 if you are able to attend by emailing marylou@m2w2.com, or call us at 604-859-3215.

L.I.F.E. Recovery is hiring! Call for Addictions' Support Workers & Addiction Counsellors! Dual Ministry: Bring Jesus' hope/healing to a women's-only residential recovery care program. See complete job description & organizational information: www.liferecovery.ca. Email statement of faith/ resume/ cover-letter to: admin@liferecovery.ca.