



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

December 30, 2018

CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you for the care, support and cards we received on the passing of Rita's father. It is good to know that he is home, where he wanted to be. Rita and Frank Pongracz

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

Rachel Gietema
Pete & Donna Fictorie, John, Aaron, James
John & Marian Schweigert
Ken & Helena Vanderveen

Council Members

Elder | Ed Kielstra Deacon | Intisar Elia

December Ministries | Nursery Ushers Coffee Teams

Abbotsford church | Northview Community Church

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 Sturrus: MSA Manor, 2510 Gladwin Road
Ann Teyema: 35230 Delair Road
Corrie Wagenaar: 35230 Delair Road
Catharina Valk: Rosewood Cottage, 22051 Fraser Hwy

GATEWAY NEWS

Our New Years Eve Service is Monday, December 31 at 6:00. Lord willing, we will celebrate Communion together. As tradition at Gateway, for our New Years Eve Service, you will be invited to come forward to receive the elements. If you are unable to come forward, please let the Service Elder know prior the service on Monday night. The Service Elder will be available at the Kids Church Ark. Pastor Marcel and Pastor Ben deRegt, from Second CRC Lyden, will lead the service.

The Mexico Missions Team is holding its annual Bottle Drive Fundraiser on Thursday, January 3 from 9:30 – 12:30 for their Mexico Orphanage missions trip. Please bring all your refundable to the church between those hours or if you would like us to pick up your bottles, please email Marcel at marcel@gatewaycrc.org.

Feb 9th is the Annual Mexico Auction – do you have something you would like to donate to the auction? Email Marcel at marcel@gatewaycrc.org.

Please visit our Missionary Map in the North breezeway and remember to pray for and send a card to the missionaries we support as a church. Their email/ mailing information is on their profile.

We are still looking for **8 more prayer partners for our youth**. If you are willing to specifically pray for one of our youth for 2019 please email Marcel at marcel@gatewaycrc.org. A small youth profile will be given to all to all our prayer partners in early January.

Coffee Break Women's Bible Study Ministry meets on Wednesdays from 9:30 – 11:00 am. We invite you to bring a friend, bring your babies and toddlers. All are welcome! Our next meeting is after Christmas on January 16.

Thank You

CASCADE Christian Counselling Association: We are pleased and thankful to report that \$46,000 was raised in our recent Drive. Gateway contributed \$1,315. Once again the Lord has provided for the work of CASCADE through your participation in this Drive and your continuing prayers. THANK YOU."

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Kidz Church for Children age 3 - Grade 3!

Check your children in at the ark in the lobby! Dec 30 and Jan 6 Kidz Church is for ages 3 & 4 only.

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

GEMS & Cadets GIRLS & BOYS CLUBS

will begin meeting again on Tuesday, January 15.

Youth Group will begin meeting again on Thursday, January 10 at 7:00 pm.

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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!

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. Contact Sarah Pruim for more information 604-897-5727. Next volleyball January 15.

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, January 3.

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. Next basketball January 7.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Extreme Weather Shelter Let us be the hands and feet of Jesus 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.

DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP will meet at 10 AM on Friday, January 11, in the Fireside Room at Living Hope CRC on Old Clayburn Road. We recognize that many families are affected by dementia so if you are the caregiver (or a supportive person to a caregiver) of a loved one with dementia, you are invited to join us. We are a Christian faith-based support group where you can share feelings or experiences and gain insight and knowledge from others on a similar journey in a confidential and safe environment. For more information please contact Living Hope church office at 604-853-6151 or office@livinghopecrc.ca to connect with a support group facilitator.