



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 13, 2019

CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our condolences to Alison and John Arends, and their children Trevor & Chantelle, Shawn & Shawna and Jessica & Craig and their extended family with the passing into the presence of Christ, on Wednesday, January 9, of Alison's mother, Alice Bandstra. Funeral arrangements are pending. May the Lord comfort all who mourn.

After a brief period of being at home Kim Mogensen returned to Mission Hospital on Tuesday due to acute shortness of breath, at the time of writing he remains in hospital.

Congratulation to Tina VanGarderen who celebrates her 81st birthday on Tuesday, January 15. God bless you with a great day!

The Administrative Board would like to express heartfelt thanks on behalf of the congregation to **Bob Jansen** and **Pat Blink** who are both stepping down as our treasurer and bookkeeper. Bob and Pat have faithfully served in this important role making sure the books are balanced and the bills are paid for many years. Their commitment to their respective roles has been a tremendous blessing to our Gateway Community. We now welcome (back) Betty Beukema as our treasurer and bookkeeper and Annie Thomas will take the lead in the Counting/Donations Team. Thank you to Betty and Annie for their willingness to serve.

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

Neil & Candy Gelderman David & Annie Thomas
Mike & Rebecca Vaandrager, Brianna, Tessa, Malakai, Zara
Helen Vanderham

Council Members Elder | Alison Arends Deacon | Ron Vanderwal

January Ministries Youth Ministry Search Team Women's Bible Study

Abbotsford church Grace Evangelical Bible Church

GATEWAY NEWS

Coffee Break Ministry, Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Welcome back to our first Coffee Break meeting of the New Year. It is a social so bring your best Christmas story, your New Year's Resolutions and a snack to share. Bring your friends, babies and little ones. Our wonderful Nursery and Story Hour Volunteers are ready to care for them. Coffee is ready for 9:30AM, program starts at 9:45AM. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Your Coffee Break Leaders. 604-852-6296 – Rita

Senior's Ministry Meeting, Thursday, January 17, 2019

Welcome to 2019 everyone. Let's start off this New Year with a day of games and stories and a pot luck lunch. Please let us know if you would like to bring something for coffee or for the lunch. (Rita – 604-852-6296) Coffee is on at 9:30AM program starts at 10AM. Hoping to see you all there. Your Senior's Ministry Leaders

Sunday, January 20, Pastor Bruce Gritter from The River Church in Edmonton will lead our service and speak on behalf of Resonate. What is Resonate? Resonate is a ministry of the Christian Reformed Church that has a rich history of sending missionaries, planting churches, engaging students through campus ministry & international schools, and a passion for fulfilling the great commission. Through this transformational work, we amplify Christ's love in every direction.

Mexico Missions Dinner & Auction is February 9th. Can you donate gift cards, product or service? Your donation would be greatly appreciated by the youth to help them serve in an orphanage in Vincent Guerrero, Mexico from March 17-23. Please email Pastor Marcel, marcel@gatewaycrc.org to let him know what you're willing to donate.

From February 1-3 the youth will be at Camp Hope near Hope, BC for their Alpha **"Holy Spirit Weekend"**. Would you be able to drive our youth to and from the Camp on the first and third? You will need to have a license to drive a school bus. If you're able, please email Pastor Marcel at marcel@gatewaycrc.org.

The following gifts were received Dec 16, 23, 25, 30, 31st, 2018

World Renew	\$ 3,323.00
Benevolent fund	\$ 1,297.00
ACS Tuition Relief	\$ 585.00
Bethesda	\$ 1,380.00
Home Missions	\$ 1,000.00
LIFE Recovery	\$ 1,000.00
Budget	\$ 217,295.71
Debt Reduction	\$ 82,716.46
Cdn Food Grains Bank	\$ 45.00
Telecare	\$ 135.00
Mexico Missions	\$ 10,818.25

The following gifts were received Jan 6th, 2019

Benevolent fund	\$ 865.00
Budget	\$ 25,614.69
Debt Reduction	\$ 2,280.00

The offering on January 13 is for Teen Challenge.

Teen Challenge BC is a faith-based restoration program for men and women who are trapped in addiction. We recognize that addiction can take numerous forms and includes, but is not limited to, drug and alcohol abuse. The program is residential in nature and is usually completed in 12 months. There are three locations across British Columbia, in Chilliwack, Okanagan, and Abbotsford (2 for men and 1 for women).

This note was received from Grace Church in Abbotsford once they were informed that they are the church we are praying for this month:

"Dear friends at Gateway Community Church,

We received your letter this morning and we want to say, "thank you."

We appreciate that you are praying for and partnering with Grace Church as we strive to serve the Lord. You are blessing our congregation and we are grateful.

Thank you, Sharon Richardson, Administrative Assistant"

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Kidz Church for Children age 3 - Grade 3! Check your kids in at the ark in the lobby!

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

GEMS GIRLS & Cadets BOYS CLUBS for kids grade 3—7, Tuesdays from 7-8:30 pm.

Youth meets again on Thursday, January 17 for a our monthly 'Church Activity' night. Please come for 7:00 pm.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be a youth prayer partner. All Gateway youth, grade 8-12 have been matched with someone who will intentionally pray for them. A huge thank-you!

Mexico Orphanage Outreach: The following people will be going to Vincent Guerrero, Baja California, Mexico to the "Foundations for His Ministry" Orphanage, March 16-25:

Youth team:

Jacob Beltrame
Lauren Bowman
Aiden deRegt
Janae deRegt
Daniel Draaistra
Josh Draaistra
Kylee Griffioen
Elese Hoekstra
Sydney Kornelius
Spencer Langelaar
Chloe Maarhuis

Zachary Meinen
Jake Stobbe
Kylah Tuin
Aaron VanBelle

Leaders:

Doug Bowman
David Beltrame
Matt Delville
Marcel deRegt
Henri Hoekstra
Karla Kornelius

Commissioning Sunday: March 10, 2019

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!

Pastoral Elders will be meeting on Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00 pm in room 205/207.

The Administrative Board met Wednesday night, January 9. Here are a few highlights:

- Calvin Breukelman, Chair of the Pastoral Elders, opened the meeting with prayer and a devotional from the book of Numbers
- Updates were given on the search for the Pastor of Preaching and Congregational Care, a search team will be established for the position of Director of Discipleship: Youth and Young Adults and the FUSION Team will be the search team for the Director of Discipleship: Children's Ministry
- **MOTION:** Betty Beukema will take over the treasurer/bookkeeper duties for the next 2-5 years, effective immediately. **CARRIED**
- Elder and Deacon nominations have begun by reviewing the list of eligible names and committing this entire process to prayer
- Staff reports were received from Pastor Marcel, Pastor Bill and Sandra Barthel and Heather Hoogland
- Minutes from the following were reviewed, discussed and approved as needed: Administrative Board, Council, Board of Stewards

- Next meeting: February 6, 2019
- Meeting closed in prayer for various ministries

GATEWAY COMMUNITY GROUPS

Gateway Book Club

Our current book is "The Ocean at the End of the Lane" by Neil Gaiman. A few copies are still available and can be picked up from the Welcome Center on Sunday. Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 24th. 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 Pruijm for more information 604-897-5727. Next volleyball is scheduled for January 15.

Men's Darts club will meet 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 17.

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 is scheduled for Monday, January 14.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Library is looking for Volunteers to help check in/check out books (training provided) and shelve books on Sunday mornings before and after service. Teenagers are welcome to apply, but must be willing to be at the church by 9:30 am when it is their turn to help out. #1 requirement - MUST LOVE BOOKS. Contact: moniquehurman@gmail.com if you are interested.

Friendly Face and a Firm Handshake? If this is you, please consider volunteering in our hospitality ministry as a greeter. Greeters welcome guests and members to our worship service on Sunday mornings, assisting guests with directions, how to find the nursery/Kidz Church, etc. Please email Carol in the office if you would like to be on the schedule approximately once every three months, office@gatewaycrc.org.

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

From Resonate Global Mission

Got missions on your mind? - We want to meet you and explore how Resonate Global Mission can support you and your church's mission ideas! Resonate's Western Canadian team will be at Vancouver Missions Fest January 18-20. Bring all your questions about joining God in local and global mission. Visit our booth (L12) to find out what's happening and how to join in. For more information connect with Jessica Boy: jboy@crcna.org.