

# HCCRC Newsletter April 21, 2022

If you have any announcements or requests to be placed in the newsletter, please send the request to: [hccrc.office@gmail.com](mailto:hccrc.office@gmail.com) Announcements must be received by Thursday at noon to be placed in our newsletter.

## **HCCRC on YouTube**

If you cannot join us in person, please continue to find our services on our You Tube page or with the link posted on our Facebook page.

**To find our You Tube page please follow this link:** [HCCRC You Tube channel](#)

**To find our Facebook page please go to:** [HCCRC Facebook page](#)

## **Upcoming services:**

April 24 –

May 1 – Bill Wensink

May 8 – Jolene Veenstra

May 15 – Everett Vander Horst

May 22 – Ralph Koops

May 29 – Bill Wensink

## **Second Collections:**

04/24/2022	GEMS
05/01/2022	Diaconal Ministries
05/08/2022	Haldimand Pregnancy Centre
05/15/2022	Shalem Mental Health
05/22/2022	West Haldimand Hospital
05/29/2022	JCCS Tuition Help

**There are offering boxes and a debit machine** at the back of the church in which you may make your donations. There are envelopes beside the boxes, on which you may put your name in order to receive a donation receipt.

**Donations for budget and second collections** can be made by e-transfer to:

[hccrcfinance@gmail.com](mailto:hccrcfinance@gmail.com) or by cheque sent to Brian Paterson.

## **From our prayer Director:**

“When He was at the table with them, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and He disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, we’re not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the scriptures to us?” Luke 24: 30-32.

We have just celebrated the Easter story of Jesus’s death and resurrection. I wonder, did our hearts burn within us as we heard the story once again? Are we filled with gratitude and love knowing that Jesus paid the ultimate price for us? Take some time today to spend time with your Saviour, thanking Him and Praising and Honouring His most Holy Name.

With April soon turning to May we can look all around us and new life appears, grass flowers, trees, birds and so much more tell us about God’s wonderful creation and the wonder of the changing

seasons.

Pray for those who are dealing with physical ailments.

We ask for prayer for Jessie Strobosser who has stage 4 cancer. Pray for his wife Jen, their children and the whole Strobosser family. Pray for the Doctors that the right help may be found to battle the cancer. Pray that the Great Physician will work a miracle to take the cancer away.

Pray also for Trixie, Reta, Helen's nieces' daughter Emma and for others who may not be well.

Pray for each member of the congregation that we may all continue to grow in faith and knowledge.

Pray that we may continue to worship and fellowship together.

Pray for Pastor Oscar Gonzalez and his family as they will join us for worship this Sunday. We are thankful for the meet and greet time we had with Pastor Oscar, his wife Olga and their children, Lucas and Emily.

Pray for the leadership of the church and for the Congregational meeting that will take place May 2.

Pray for peace and an end to the awful war between Russia and Ukraine. So many families mourning over all this senseless death.

Pray for the community in which God has placed us. May we along with all the other churches be a light and a welcoming place for everyone who is seeking the Lord and also for those who don't know the Lord.

Luke 24: 34 It is true! The Lord has Risen.

Blessings

**Our annual Spring Congregational/Membership meeting** date has changed due to unforeseen conflicts in schedules. The date for our meeting is **Monday, May 2, 2022**. Please put this date in your calendars so that we can have a meaningful meeting with our church family.

**Please watch your email or check your mailbox at church for the agenda and related material!**

#### **TRIP dates from JCCS:**

Have you fallen off the TRIP train?...if so, we would love to have you back on board. By paying for your weekly purchases with gift cards (ie; gas, groceries or other amenities) you can reduce the cost of your own tuition, or that of a grandchild, or have the proceeds go 100% to the school-- without any extra cost to you. We have 46 different Vendors you can get gift cards for!

If you like an order form, email us, [trip@jdcs.ca](mailto:trip@jdcs.ca)

Our next TRIP dates are May 5,19, June 2,16. Stay posted for our summer dates!

#### **SoCo Beach Project '22**

Check out the latest update on this summer's project. In this edition, you'll start meeting some of the participants. Please take note that we are looking for a minivan to use this summer for the course of the project: May 8 - August 22. If you can assist with this need, please contact Pastor

Willemina: [info@southcoastbeachproject.org](mailto:info@southcoastbeachproject.org).

Newsletter link: <https://mailchi.mp/4f6826d41659/soco-22-meet-the-participants-part-1>

**A video update from Indwell can be found at this link:** - [Indwell Simcoe update](#)

**Hope for Ukraine - Benefit Concert by Libertas Male Choir** - Join us at at Redeemer University on THURSDAY MAY 26, 2022, 7:30PM. A portion of ticket sales and a freewill offering at the concert will benefit the charitable organization, Friends of the Mennonite Centre in Ukraine.

([www.mennonitecentre.ca](http://www.mennonitecentre.ca)) We welcome back our director, Martin Mans and guest musician, Hugo van der Meij, both from The Netherlands, as well as Andre Knevel, organist. Online tickets will soon be available at [www.tickets.redeemer.ca](http://www.tickets.redeemer.ca)

**Dear Friends and Family**

Normally, I would be sharing our quarterly newsletter around this time. However, this time around, I am doing something a bit different and am sharing a story of impact by video.

Here is a link to that story of impact connected to the efforts we have undertaken related to addressing human trafficking

concerns: [https://vimeo.com/693512414/6efde8fbdb?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=vimeo-cliptranscode-201504&utm\\_campaign=28749](https://vimeo.com/693512414/6efde8fbdb?utm_source=email&utm_medium=vimeo-cliptranscode-201504&utm_campaign=28749)

Briefly, a few updates and our prayer requests:

- All three children are entering a time of transition by the end of this year. Matthew graduates on May 28. He is planning on starting University in September 2022, but still needs to make the decision concerning where he will study. Monica's year long internship with Mohabat church ends in early September 2022. She is exploring options for beyond that. Maria graduates from University at the end of December 2022 and also needs to make decisions concerning next steps in her journey.
- Tha tha, our nephew, who is the 17 year old son of Moe Si, Moe Moe's youngest sister who passed away in January 2022, is now staying with us and studying in Grade 10 at school here in Vientiane. He is adjusting well after not being able to go to school for the past 1.5 years due to the difficult situation that continues in Myanmar.
- Maria will be coming to Laos to spend the summer with us, with a planned departure at the end of April after final exams for the semester. Her passport is currently at the Lao Embassy in Washington D.C to get an entry visa stamped in it.
- Mike, Maria and Matthew will travel to Canada sometime in mid August. Maria to return to university, Matthew to get settled in at University and Mike to spend some time with family as he was not able to make it back in time for his father's funeral in March.
- Moe Moe will be spending time this summer with her sisters. Mi Mi, the second oldest sister, is in need of a kidney transplant. Myo Myo, the second youngest sister, was going to be the donor. While preparing for the transplant, the doctors found cancer on her kidney which means she cannot donate, but instead will be doing additional testing in Bangkok Thailand in order to figure out what the options are for treatment. She arrives in Bangkok on April 15 and has a doctor appointment for April 18.

Next quarter, back with the newsletter and updates and the 'What's that for' puzzle for you to figure out.

We greatly appreciate your prayers

Blessings

Mike for the Fennema Family in Laos

**Join us in Praying for Synod 2022** - Synodical delegates, church leaders, and CRCNA members across the continent are praying for Synod 2022. Please join us! Prayer gatherings for synodical delegates are scheduled for April 27, May 11, and May 25. We will post prayer guides on the Network each time so that you can pray with us at a time that works for you as families, individuals, church councils, small groups, and others. Need some prayer points to pray through now? Find the March 30 prayer guide at [network.crcna.org/prayer/prayer-guide-synod-philippians-44-9](http://network.crcna.org/prayer/prayer-guide-synod-philippians-44-9)

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