

HCCRC Newsletter Dec 15, 2022

If you have any announcements or requests to be placed in the newsletter, please send the request to: 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](#)

This week we welcome Pastor Gareth Harker to our worship service.

Upcoming services:

Dec 18 –Gareth Harker

Dec 25 – Christmas

Jan 1 – Communion Preporatory - Ralph Koops

Jan 8 – Communion – Bart Velthuisen

Jan 15 – Ben Ponson

Jan 22 – Bill Hoogland

Jan 29 – Bart Velthuisen

Second Collections:

Dec 18	H/N Women's Shelter
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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. **Please note** that as of Jan 1, 2023 collection will resume as part of our service. Envelopes for your donations have been placed in your mailbox.

Donations for budget and second collections can be made by e-transfer to: hccrcfinance@gmail.com or by cheque sent to Pieter Wonder.

Special dates in our church family:

December Birthdays:

Reta Torensma - Dec 21

Bill Heeg - Dec 23

Caleb Hegeveen (6) – Dec 24

In our prayers:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

We offer our thanks to God that He has provided a pastor for us. We pray that Pastor Steve and his family may feel at home here in Hagersville and that we may also be a blessing to the Eckersley family.

As we celebrate the Christmas season let us also remember those who have a difficult time at this time. There are many who are going through loss, physical or financial difficulties who may find this season of joy to be less than joyful. Pray for us, as followers of Christ to show compassion and love to those around us.

Pray for those who travel that they may be blessed with a safe journey.

Continue to pray for those who suffer physical, mental or financial struggles. May they feel the love of God and know that they are in His Hand and may we also show our support and love to them.

Give thanks for those who give of themselves, those who volunteer, those who have the gift of being there when needed. We give thanks for all our volunteers and all those who do the Lord's work without recognition.

We are thankful that we will have a Christmas service, that we may celebrate the birth of Jesus in song and sharing.

Our Christmas Day service is fast approaching! We would love to have a few people share a story, poem, reading or song. This service will not be a typical Sunday Service but rather a service of praise and song to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Please email hccrc.office@gmail.com to offer a few minutes of your time to contribute to the service.

We are to be blessed with a pastor as Pastor Steven Eckersley has accepted our call to be the pastor of HCCRC.

Further information as to when he and his family will be coming to Hagersville will be sent out as it becomes available.

Please reach out to Pastor Steve and his family, introduce yourself and tell him something about yourself, or just say hello and welcome to our church family!

His email address is: steveneckersley@icloud.com and his mailing address is:

306 Emma avenue Cornwall on K6J0A2. I am certain he would love to hear from you.

Prayer time takes place on Sunday evenings. Please contact Davis if you would like to attend.

Coffee Break

Our Coffee Break program invites you to join us as we will be starting a new Study on Easter Jan 18th, 2023. Please let Grace or Helen know if you would like to join.

Jesse and Jenn Strobosser have a blog to keep everyone updated on what is happening with Jesse. Here is a link to the blogs as they are posted: [JesseJenn blog](#)

SoCo Property & Summer 2023 Applications:

Friends, we have received 90% of the funding for our capital campaign. If you haven't yet, help us get to 100% so ***we can get a permanent SoCo home!*** Read more about it in the link below. ***If you are a young adult or know a young adult, check out the SoCo Beach Project for summer 2023.*** Applications for next summer's project 2023 are open! If you are interested to learn more about how you can donate to the campaign or apply to SoCo '23 contact Pastor Willemina at info@southcoastbeachproject.org. Here's the link to the latest newsletter. <https://mailchi.mp/0009fc8560aa/soco-capital-campaign-update-dec-15-22>

HDCH Annual Appeal -Every donation to Hamilton District Christian High supports Christian Education and 51 students are able to attend HD because of the generous support to our Tuition Assistance Fund. Please donate hdch.org/giving, 92 Glanaster Road, Ancaster ON L9G 3K9 or contact sbaker@hdch.org, 905-648-6655 x 122

Share God's Love at Christmas - Next week, around the world, God's faithful will gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Through Christ's birth, God revealed his unwavering love for us and hope for the future. Many of us will gather with family and friends to enjoy a meal, but across the globe there are people in conflict zones who will spend the day in fear; there are families who will have nothing to eat; and entire communities will be lamenting the impacts of extreme weather. For many the future looks bleak, but we can share God's love and hope through a gift from the World Renew Gift Catalogue: from nutrition kits for children, to training in a new income-generating skill like beekeeping, to tools that help reduce the workload of a farmer – each gift can help change the story of poverty and hunger. To give a gift of hope, visit: worldrenew.ca/gifts