

HCCRC Newsletter Dec 8, 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 Gene Haas and the Teen Challenge team to our worship service.

Upcoming services:

Dec 11 – Gene Haas and Teen Challenge

Dec 18 – Classis Flamborough – Gareth Harker

Dec 25 – Christmas

Second Collections:

Dec 11	Teen Challenge
Dec 18	H/N Women's Shelter

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:

Colleen Laing – Dec 13

Reta Torensma - Dec 21

Bill Heeg - Dec 23

Caleb Hegeveen (6) – Dec 24

In our prayers:

In this season of Advent we see all around the symbols of the celebration of Christmas. The lights shining brightly remind of us the star over Bethlehem, the gifts being exchanged remind us of the gift of Jesus. The candy canes remind us that our sins will be white as snow, because of the gift of Jesus.

Thank God daily for this incredible gift both in prayer and in the way we live our lives each and every day.

Give thanks that we have the freedom to come together Christmas day to celebrate Jesus' birth.

Give thanks that we could celebrate a baptism last week, with Aleena VanStempVoort being baptized.

As we are entering the cold season once again, pray for those who do not have a warm place to stay.

Pray that our governments may see the need for assistance for homeless and low income families.

Pray for those in war zones, many without heat, power and food. Pray for an end to the atrocities taking place, that peace may come.

Continue to pray for healing for Julie and Jesse, we are thankful for good test results and pray for continued positive results and treatments.

Pray for Trixie, for freedom from the constant pain she endures. Pray for Helen and Reta as they struggle with health issues. We give thanks that they are part of our church family and that they continue to participate and give of their talents to our church.

Pray for Noah and others who suffer with mental health issues. Pray that a permanent home may be found for Noah so that he can feel that he has a home and move forward with his life.

Pray for Pastor Steven Eckersley, his wife Sandra and their sons as they consider the call to be our Pastor. May they be granted clear insight to the path that God is leading them.

We give thanks for all the work the Calling Committee has done.

We also give thanks for our Board of Directors and Council members along with all the volunteers that give of their time and talents for the work of our church.

As we give thanks for our many blessings, we pray for a week of safety and blessings.

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.

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

Coffee Break

Our Coffee Break program meets Wed mornings at 9:30 am. Please contact Helen Torensma or Grace Strobosser for more information.

Teen Challenge will be joining us on Dec 11, 2022 and sharing experiences and information. We hope to have Soup Sunday with them as well.

SoCo Property & Summer 2023 Applications:

Read the exciting update on the SoCo property campaign. Together we've reached 84% of our fundraising goal...help us get to 100%! ***With your financial support, we can get a permanent SoCo home!*** Read more about it in the link below. If you are interested to learn more about how you can partner in this exciting endeavour, contact Pastor Willemina at info@southcoastbeachproject.org. ***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! Here's the link to the latest newsletter. <https://mailchi.mp/112b1fef5b7b/soco-property-update-dec-8-22>

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](#)

JCCS TRIP DATES: Dec 15

If you wish an order form. Email trip@jdcs.ca

Come on out and join The Ambassadors, featuring soloist Olivia Barrett, as they present 'Do You Hear What I Hear?', an advent program.

The Ambassadors will be directed by Richard Cunningham, and accompanied by Jessica Norg.

December 14, 7:30 pm,

Westdale Reformed Church

No tickets required; a free-will offering will be taken.

Blue Christmas Service: For some of us Christmas can be a difficult time. Have you suffered the loss of a loved one, a job, a relationship? Is there something that makes facing Christmas difficult for you? If so, please join us for a service of remembrance and reflection. On Dec. 11th @ 5:00pm Grace Community CRC, Ancaster. For more information please contact. Dr. Michael D. Fallon <fallonm@mcmaster.ca> or 289-880-6134.

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