

HCCRC Newsletter February 24, 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.

This week we are thankful for a message from Bill Wensink on our YouTube channel and in person.

Text: Luke 19:1-10

Message: 'Lord, We Want to See You'

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:

Feb 27 – Bill Wensink, Communion Preparatory

March 6 – Lent I, Communion, Bill Wensink

March 13 – Bill Hoogland

March 20 – Classis, Hamilton Immanuel

Second Collections:

02/27/22	Haldimand Ability Centre
03/06/22	Indwell Simcoe
03/13/22	World ReNew
03/20/22	Holmes House Simcoe

Share Hope with People Around the World Struggling with Hunger - Over 800 million people globally go hungry on a daily basis. As a member of Canadian Foodgrains Bank, World Renew responds to the food needs of children, women, and men around the world who have been impacted by conflict, disaster, and food insecurity. In two weeks, join World Renew to discover how you can help share hope with those who struggle with food insecurity. Your gifts will be matched up to 4X by Canadian Foodgrains Bank. For more information go to: worldrenew.ca/food

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 or by cheque sent to Brian Paterson.

Special dates in our church family:

If any information is incorrect or missing, please notify Admin @ hccrc.office@gmail.com so our database can be updated.

Happy Anniversary to:

Roger and Sue Hogeveen – March 18

Happy Birthday to:

Rita Bax – March 5
Andrew Laidlaw – March 5
Dan Strobosser March 8

In our prayers:

This week in our prayers let us give thanks for our freedom and peace in our land. While Canada is not perfect, we can live in peace without fear of our neighbours bombing or invading.

Pray for the Ukraine as they endure war and hardship. Pray for the global community to act decisively to bring peace to that part of the world.

We pray for our brothers and sisters in neighbouring communities who have suffered recent losses and mourn the loss of loved ones. We think of the VanBentham family with the passing of Ann VanBentham, the Verink family in the passing of Hank and the Haverkamp family in the passing of Jerrilee. We pray for comfort for them in this time of mourning.

We continue to pray for Gep as she adapts to life without George. May she feel the love of those around her.

Continue to pray for Trixie, we give thanks for her work as care director, and pray that she may receive freedom from the pain she endures.

Pray for all those who suffer either physical, emotional or mental health issues.

We give thanks for the signs of spring, early flowers are starting to peak through the partially frozen soil, the sun feels warm and we can look forward to the beauty of the 'spring bloom'.

At this time of year we are entering the Lent season, a special time of year where we can focus on the greatest gift given to mankind, Jesus's life and death on earth. We look forward to Easter, when we rejoice in the knowledge that Jesus gave to us freedom from the penalty of sin, forgiveness and life everlasting.

Pastor Bill Wensink would like to do pastoral visiting, and also meet with people to talk about creating opportunities for fellowship and outreach. Pastor Bill can be reached at:

billwensink@yahoo.com

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It is that time of year again, Council asks that our membership consider nominations for Council members. Please pray about this need in our church. If you feel you know someone, or yourself, is being called to fill these vacancies, please either email (hccrc.office@gmail.com) or put a note in the clerk mailbox. This year we are in need of one elder and one deacon.

Our annual Spring membership meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 18, 2022. Please put this date in your calendars so that we can have a meaningful meeting with our church family.

The report from the Classis meeting held on Feb 22, 2022 is attached to this newsletter.

Have you been heard? Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2022 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit crcna.org/survey/4855 to answer the survey questions **by March 31**.

TRIP dates from JCCS:

March 3 - TRIP	April 7 - TRIP
March 10 - TRIP	April 14 – NO TRIP
March 17 – NO TRIP	April 21 - TRIP
March 24 – TRIP	April 28 – NO TRIP

March 31 – NO TRIP	
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Jarvis Christian School Cheese Fundraiser:

Are you looking for gouda cheese and other cheese items, if so please connect with Joanne Snyder (call 519 587 3347), or email the school office at info@jdcs.ca.

Please have your orders in by Monday, February 28. Cheese delivery will be Tuesday, March 8

Resources for Deacons - Does your diaconate (team of deacons) have questions? Are you looking for resources? Are you unsure how to proceed in a certain area of ministry? WE'RE HERE TO HELP! Our network of Diaconal Coaches and our Regional Staff are just a phone call or email away. We have help and support in the areas of Community Ministry/Engagement, Mercy & Justice, Refugee ministry, Benevolence, Stewardship, Council Recruitment, running meetings, and so much more! Visit our website today (diaconalministries.com), email us (dmc@crcna.org) or call (1-800-730-3490 x4304).

Thriving Essentials Leadership Training Course - Thriving Essentials is a new course for elders, deacons, church staff, and any volunteer ministry leader. These four, one-hour sessions are offered on Zoom and cover key ideas about mission, discipleship, discernment, and leadership. There are a few spots open in our March groups and new groups will be forming for April soon. Learn more and register now at crcna.org/Thrive

Online Bible Study Series for Lent - Starts March 2 - "Building God's Church Together" is an online Bible study series that includes self-guided sessions and virtual discussion groups to cultivate a deeper understanding of God's vision for men and women working together in the church. The course opens on March 2 and the first virtual discussion group is on March 9 and runs through Lent. Sign up today! tinyurl.com/BGCTstudy

No Separation from God - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. The love of God is like a strong magnet. Nothing can separate you from his love, no matter what happens. Remember that God has already shown his love to you and to all the world. He sent his Son Jesus to save us from our sins. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Focus on the Cross - Lent is a season to focus on the hope of Jesus Christ. Receive a free Today devotional email series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Or download the ebook! Subscribe at todaydevotional.com/lent.

Groundwork: Finding Meaning in Life and the Passing of Time - In Ecclesiastes 3 the Teacher advises, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." He later calls time a burden, but also says God has "set eternity in the human heart." Join Groundwork as we study Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, 12:1-14 to glean wisdom from the Teacher for how to find meaning in life through our time. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Safe Church Ministry

Annual Interclassis March Online Training Event - Join the Classis Huron Safe Church team and participants from across Canada on March 5, 2022 for our virtual 2-part event. The first event is a virtual tour of the former Mohawk Institute Indian Residential School, presented by the Woodland Cultural Centre (Brantford ON). The second is a presentation by Priya Andrade, the interim Canadian Justice and Reconciliation Mobilizer for Indigenous Ministry in the CRCNA. Priya will focus on CRC engagement in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action in Canada by repenting and

lamenting its role in the cultural violence committed towards Indigenous Peoples. Registration is required: https://www.wmott.ca/scc/workshops_online.php

Attachment:

Report from Classis meeting