

HCCRC Newsletter Nov 17, 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 Ben Cousineau to share a message titled “Kind of Kings And Lord of Lords”

Upcoming services:

Nov 20 – Ben Cousineau

Nov 27 – Jack Kerkhof

Dec 4 – Bill Wensink

Dec 11 – Gene Haas and Teen Challenge

Second Collections:

Nov 20	Samaritan’s Purse (Operation Christmas Child)
Nov 27	Refugees of Hope
Dec 4	
Dec 11	Teen Challenge

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 Pieter Wonder.

Special dates in our church family:

November birthdays:

Davis Miedema – Nov 23

Trudy Miedema -Nov 30

In our prayers:

This week as the weather turns into cold and snowy let us be thankful for our warm houses. We give thanks that we can meet as a congregation on Nov 28th, and have the opportunity to share in our prayers and hopes for the future. Pray that we may have a good meeting and that we may be blessed with a coming together of our minds and hearts in deciding if it is God’s will for us to place a call to Pastor Steve Eckersley.

In our prayers of petition this week let us pray for the South Coast Beach project as they hope to purchase a building for their mission in Port Dover.

Continue to pray for those among us who suffer with physical or mental health issues. We think of Julie, Trixie, Gep, Helen, Reta, Jesse and Noah as well as those we may not know about.

Pray for our Council and Board of Directors as they work to lead us.

Pray for those who give freely of their time to contribute to our church life; the tech team, the prayer team, the care director, the 'soup Sunday' coordinators, those who work to create meaningful worship, the Coffee Break leaders, the musicians and anyone else who gives of their time and talent. We give thanks for all they give!

Pray for safety for those who travel as we encounter winter driving conditions.

Pray for Samaritans Purse as they work to provide gifts for those in impoverished nations.

We give thanks again that we have been blessed with pastors to lead our services each Sunday.

As we celebrate the season of Advent let us focus on the greatest gift, the love of the Father in sending His Son to save us. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!

Annual Fall Congregational/Membership meeting will take place on **Nov 28th, 2022**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this important meeting! Council will be presenting a motion to call Pastor Steven Eckersley to serve as our pastor at HCCRC on a part time (up to 75%) basis. A time of discussion will take place before the vote.

Advent season is approaching and planning is happening for our worship services leading up to our Christmas Day service! We are looking for people who would like to share a story, poem, or song (or anything else) at our Christmas day service. 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 Purchase Update:

What an overwhelming response to our initial appeal last week. With your help, 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. And applications for next summer's project 2023 are open!

Newsletter link: <https://mailchi.mp/ba1b61780552/soco-property-purchase-update-nov-17-22>

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 1, Dec 8, Dec 15

The Christmas newsletter from the Haldimand Pregnancy Care and Family centre is attached to this newsletter.

“Battle Brushes” – A live art making competition in support of Re-create Outreach Art Studio: RE-create (Shalem Mental Health) is a drop-in art studio for youth artists in Hamilton’s core, offering free arts programming to youth who might not otherwise have access to such opportunities. This upcoming event on November 19, from 7:00-10:00pm, is a fun way to spend an evening and support youth in Hamilton. Would you consider coming? For more information contact Petra Zantingh, pzantingh@gmail.com. Click here to purchase tickets: <https://shalemnetwork.org/events/botb22>

Complete your HDCH Gr 9 Application - 75% of HD's 2023-24 Gr.9 class spaces have already been secured; at time of writing, there are just 32 spaces left. A completed application is **the only way** to ensure that a child is enrolled for the 2023-24 Gr. 9 class. Spaces are not held – even if siblings are enrolled at HD. hdch.schooladmin.ca/users/sign_in
Contact Sandra Baker, sbaker@hdch.org, 905-648-6655 x 122

HDCH Annual Appeal - Fifty-one students experienced a year of Christian Education at HDCH thanks to donors who give to our annual appeal. As a member of our faithful community, you make a difference with a donation to provide comfort and hope to families, and a place of memorable moments for each student. Contribute online - hdch.org/giving or contact sbaker@hdch.org, 905-648-6655 x 122

SoCo Beach Project ~ Property Update:

We've been looking for a permanent ministry site for the SoCo Beach Project, and we think we've found it. However, we need help through donations and interest free loans in order to purchase the place. If you are able to help, please email Pastor Willemina ASAP at info@southcoastbeachproject.org. And pray that God may make a way! Read more about it in this special mailchimp newsletter:

<https://mailchi.mp/3863dbbd97bd/exciting-opportunity-urgent-appeal-soco-property-purchase>

The Parkview Meadows Christmas Craft Bazaar that will be held **Nov 29th** at **the Ebenezer CRC at 56 Talbot Street in Jarvis**. The event will be held from **9am to 1pm**. We will have our Parkview Meadows Bus driving residents from the home to be able to participate in our event. We have many vendors and still have a few spots for tables with a cost of \$30. Parkview will have its bake sale and VanStratten Bakery goods along with Poinsettia for Christmas. Hope to see you all there.

Please contact me if there are anyone interested in a table.

For the schools if there is anyone interested in volunteer hours for this event please contact me Michael Ciardullo

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From the Haldimand Pregnancy and Care Centre

Christmas on Alder event happening on Saturday 26th November from 9am to 2pm. This is our 9th Annual event for crafts and vendors. There will also be free photos with Santa and also family mini photos.

I am also asking for your prayers for us, for this event and to encourage your congregations to come out and support our local crafters and vendors to “shop local this Christmas!” We are aware that a group is planning on having a “Rally” here at the Dunnville Centre and protesting

against HPCFC on the same day as our Christmas event. They may not show up, however if they do, it will be an opportunity to have a conversation with them. We have invited this group to come and meet and learn more about who we are and what we do, but so far they have not done so. This group continues to try to spread misinformation about HPCFC through social media. We value your prayers as you stand with us, to support those in our community who are in need of our programs and services.

Dutch Christmas Carol Service at Emmanuel Reformed Church on Sunday, December 4th.
See attached document

Libertas Christmas Sing-Along Concerts - Join the Libertas Male Choir, directed by Martin Mans (NL) and accompanied by Martin Zonnenberg (NL), with soloist Amber Kakiishway for a Christmas concert! Concerts will take place December 1 at 7.30 PM at Central Presbyterian Church (7 Queen's Square, Cambridge, ON), December 2 at 7.30 PM at Central Presbyterian Church (165 Charlton Ave.W, Hamilton, ON), and December 3 at 7.30PM at Knox Presbyterian Church (52 Riddell St, Woodstock, ON). Visit www.libertasvoices.com for ticket info or call: 905 745 5609 or 905 522 0001. Email: Tjitske@rogers.com for e-transfers.

"Prepare the Way" - Free Advent Devotion - Prepare the Way is an email devotional series put together by World Renew, Resonate, and CRCNA Social Justice that features reflections from people with CRC ministries around the world during Advent 2022. Sign up to receive the email devotions every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in Advent at crcna.org/advent.

Safe Church 2022 Webinar Series: Safe Church Basics - Webinar 5: Responding to Abuse with Compassion and Justice - This webinar will feature Rev. Amanda Benckhuysen and Rev. Eric Kas as they walk through the basics of responding to an abuse allegation. This fifth step will premiere November 30th at 12 pm ET as a pre-recorded video resource on our YouTube Channel: [Youtube.com/SafeChurchMinistry](https://www.youtube.com/SafeChurchMinistry). We will also be hosting a watch party with many Safe Church Coordinators of Classes - all are invited as well to share via chat, ask questions, and connect briefly together at 1 pm ET (10am PT). You may register for this Collective Zoom Watch Meeting here: <https://bit.ly/SCwebinar5>

Attachments:

Haldimand Pregnancy Centre newsletter
Dutch Christmas Carol Service