

## **HCCRC Newsletter Nov 24, 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](#)

**This week we welcome Pastor Jack Kerkhof** to share a message based on Isaiah 2, titled “Awake for the Day is Near”.

### **Upcoming services:**

Nov 27 – Jack Kerkhof

Dec 4 – Bill Wensink – Baptism of Aleena VanStempVoort

Dec 11 – Gene Haas and Teen Challenge

### **Second Collections:**

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](mailto:hccrcfinance@gmail.com) or by cheque sent to Pieter Wonder.

### **Special dates in our church family:**

#### November Birthdays:

Trudy Miedema -Nov 30

#### December Birthdays:

Colleen Laing – Dec 13

Reta Torensma - Dec 21

Bill Heeg - Dec 23

Caleb Hegeveen (6) – Dec 24

### **In our prayers:**

“This is my desire, to Worship you, Lord with all my heart I honour you”

Give thanks this week that we may worship and honour the Lord our God freely and share the joy and grace He shows us each and every day.

Give thanks that Trixie is able to carry on as our care director, and that she can become more mobile now with her scooter.

Give thanks that Julie is able to have good days and spend time with her family and doing the things she loves.

Give thanks that Jesse is able to spend quality time with his family.

Give thanks that Helen and Reta are able to come to worship and participate in our worship.

Give thanks that Noah has family to help him and support him.

While we give thanks, we also pray that Trixie may have relief from pain, that a miracle may take place for Julie and Jesse. Pray for healing for Helen and Reta. Pray that Noah may find the help he needs and a place to call home.

We pray also for Gep as she is not able to get out much, that she may find comfort and joy in her surroundings.

We are thankful that we may witness the baptism of Aleena VanStempVoort next week and that Teen Challenge will be joining and sharing in our worship on Dec 11.

We give thanks that we will be able to hold our annual Congregational/Membership meeting this coming Monday and hear more about Pastor Steve Eckersley. Pray for guidance and a clear path in regards to calling him to be our pastor.

As we go forward this week let us do so each day worshipping and honouring the name of the Lord.

**Annual Fall Congregational/Membership meeting** will take place on **Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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.

**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 Purchase Update:**

Help SoCo create a legacy of transforming young adults for Christ and his kingdom. 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 how you can partner in this exciting endeavour, contact Pastor Willemina

at [info@southcoastbeachproject.org](mailto: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!  
<https://mailchi.mp/ebf001adc05d/soco-fundraising-update-nov-24-22>

**JCCS TRIP DATES:** Dec 1, Dec 8, Dec 15

If you have a large Christmas gift card order, please have that to us by Dec 8, to ensure getting the cards in time.

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

Thank you for your continued support!

#### **Update from JCCS's Capital Campaign:**

Jarvis Community Christ School (JCCS) Capital Campaign Update.

The need and desire for our community to have a space where the gospel is weaved throughout every aspect of learning continues to grow! At the end of the 2021/2022 school year there were 181 students at JCCS. Today there are 210. We are grateful to Jarvis CRC for sharing their space to accommodate this growth. We are bursting at the seams and are committed to ensuring there is space available for this community to have a Biblically grounded education.

We are on track to break ground for the 4 new classrooms during the spring of 2023, with the aim of having these rooms ready for use in September 2023. Our Fall Drive has kicked off and we are honoured to announce that **\$1.925 million** of the **\$2.5million** target has been secured! Over the past 12 months we have been repeatedly reminded of how God is sovereign and provides. To Him be all the glory given. We are stewards of what God has gifted to us and want to share our sincere thanks to you, as you have sought God's leading in supporting this build through prayer, service and finances.

As we have asked through this entire campaign, we ask that you continue to cover this project and JCCS in prayer. We also ask that you prayerfully consider how you may partner alongside us and many in this community by contributing to this build. Like the generations before, let's work together as one to "Build on the Past and move forward in faith".

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**Resonate Global Missions** sent a thank you letter to our congregation for donations received.

**Christmas Concert** - with the 100 voices of the Hosanna Choir, directed by Herman den Hollander, at Grace Community Christian Reformed Church, 70 Garner Road East. (Formerly Ancaster CRC) Monday December 5 at 7:45pm. This annual event, which last was held in 2019, is a Benefit Concert for the Music Program at

Calvin Christian School. Admission is FREE and a freewill offering will take place during the program. Bring a friend or neighbour. For more information contact John VanderLaan at 905-648-3170

**The Dutch Christmas Carol** Service is fast approaching. The service will be live-streamed on Zoom for those who cannot make it in person. Please note, our Zoom has a maximum of 100 viewers at a time. Therefore, we suggest gathering with friends, family, or your church community to watch it together if you cannot attend the service at Emmanuel.

**Service Information**

**Date:** Sunday December 4, 2022

**Start Time:** 2:30pm

**Zoom Telephone:** 1-647-558-0588

**Meeting ID:** 9821364625##

**Address Information**

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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.

**The Seafarers** Newsletter is attached to this newsletter

**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:

Seafarers Newsletter