

HCCRC Newsletter Dec 9, 2021

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 Lea Wilkening on our YouTube channel and in person.

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11

Message: Waiting for Strength

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:

Dec 12 – Lea Wilkening

Dec 19 – Wim DeVries

Dec 24 – Bill Wensink

Dec 26 – Bill Wensink

Second Collections:

12/12/21	JCCS Tuition Help fund
12/19/21	H/N Women's Shelter
12/24/21	H/N Women's Shelter
12/26/21	The Bible League

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:

Gary and Madelaine Butler – Dec 10

Happy Birthday to:

George Elzinga – Dec 10

Colleen Laing – Dec 13

Reta Torensma – Dec 21

Bill Heeg – Dec 23

Caleb Hogeveen (5) – Dec 24

In our prayers:

During these long dark days of winter we are thankful that we can, at the same time, be thankful for the season of Advent as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus.

We give thanks that we were able to provide rides for George Elzinga to his radiation appointments. It is wonderful that we could as a church family support George and Gep in this way. Pray for healing for George, that the treatments maybe successful and that he may be able to regain his strength.

Pray for Lenore as she remains in Hospital, receiving treatments. Pray for healing and rest for Lenore.

While this season is a time of celebration for many, it can also be a very difficult time for those who are lonely, who suffer depression or anxiety or deal with emotional trauma. Pray for all those who find this season difficult, no matter the reason.

Continue to pray for relief from pain for Trixie.

Pray for our seniors and all the health issues that seem to crop up as our bodies age.

Pray for our Calling Committee, that they may soon find the pastor God intends to lead our church.

Give thanks for the many volunteers in our church. We are thankful for the musicians that lead our music ministry, and for the pastors we have been blessed with.

Our HCCRC Calling Committee will be holding a meeting on Dec 15, 2021.

Anyone interested in attending is welcome. Please call Grace [9057682929](tel:9057682929) or email her at agfarms@xplornet.ca

A thank you note from Indwell:

“Your gifts to Indwell are helping more than 700 people in Southern Ontario have an affordable and safe home. Even more than this, your gifts are providing people with supports and a community of care. On behalf of the enants, board and staff of Indwell, we thank you!

Thank you card from Office of Race Relations reads:

“Thank you so much for your ongoing support fo the Office of Race Relations. Our donations make it possible to continue to move forward with our goal of helping to dismantle the causes and effects of racism. It also allows us to continue to dream of a future for the Church were racism no longer exists and we are able to live fully as God’s diverse and unified people. Thank you for recongnizing the importance of our work and acknowledging it in a very tangible way. We are so thankful for you!”

From Indwell:

Greetings to you!

Christmas is the time when we celebrate the relationship we may enjoy with God, that is made possible with Jesus’ birth.

At Indwell we are also thinking of the relationship we will begin with fifty-one tenants who will be joining our community at Dogwood Suites this coming spring 2022. Fifty-one people who will have the renewed hope that comes with having a safe place to call home where everyone is treated with dignity and love. Independent living in studio and one bedroom apartments equipped with kitchenettes. On site health supports and services to help tenants find a fuller measure of health and wellness.

Deeply affordable housing with supports are urgently needed in Norfolk County. A recent report by Homeless Prevention Services indicated that at least 80 people are living on the streets in Simcoe ([Hamilton Spectator – Tuesday December 7, 2021](#)). Dogwood Suites is Indwell's second local project providing a solution to help end homelessness in Haldimand-Norfolk. You can learn about the latest on our construction progress at Dogwood Suites [here](#).

Dogwood Suites would not be possible without the financial partnership of our donors. At Indwell we are grateful for each financial gift given towards our vision of 'Hope and Homes' for all. For our work in Norfolk County. At Hambleton Hall, our first community in Simcoe. And now at Dogwood Suites. Thank you!

There is still time in 2021 to give to the completion of our Dogwood Suites project. We are getting closer to reaching our community fundraising goal of \$1,050,000. Would you consider a year end gift to Dogwood Suites? Your gift will help us ensure that fifty-one people have a roof over their head and a supportive community around them.

If you would like to give to Dogwood Suites or find out more about our work in Simcoe, please feel free to contact me or go to our website – indwell.ca.

Thank you. Merry Christmas!

With gratitude,

Mark Willcock

Community Engagement Coordinator

From New Hope Church in Hamilton:

Lord willing, on Sunday December 12th, Steve Dykstra will be ordained as Minister of the Word at New Hope Church in Hamilton.

The service is taking place at 1429 Main St. E., at 3PM. You're encouraged to join in via Zoom or in-person! If you'd like to attend in-person, please consider coming early as we may reach our capacity limits.

With thanks,

New Hope Church.

The Navarrete Nuggets can be found at this link: [Naverrete Nuggets](#)

SoCo Beach Project Summer 2022:

Are you a young adult (18 - 29) looking for a summer experience in which you get to live in an intentional Christian community, receive spiritual coaching, learn from Christian leaders all while having a summer job and getting work experience? And you get to do all this along the Ontario south coast of Lake Erie, in beautiful Port Dover! Hear from last summer's participants and how the experience impacted

them: <https://youtu.be/lxAXD9FVnRw>. For more information and an application form: www.southcoastbeachproject.org. Application deadline: Dec. 31, 2021.

TRIP NEWS -

Pick up dates: Dec: 9,16

Our gift card supplier mentioned that if you have large gift card orders, we need to have these orders to her by Dec 7 or earlier in order to guarantee delivery before Christmas break.

Beginnings Newsletter can be found at this link: [Beginnings Christmas Newsletter](#)

World Renew

Advent Means Hope - With World Renew's 2021-2022 Gift Catalogue, you can help a family plant seeds to grow food after COVID-19 lockdowns, give a child the supplies they need for health with a nutrition kit, or provide safety for a disaster survivor. Choose a gift that gives someone who is struggling with hunger and income insecurity the opportunity for transformation today and hope for the future. Give online at worldrenew.ca/gifts or call 1-888-WRLD-RNW.

Advent: A Time of Joy - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. What has God done today that brought you joy? What makes you want to glorify and praise him? Look for God's blessings and anticipate that he will do something. He always does! Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content, including The Gifts of Kindness Advent Calendar and the KC parent blog too.