

**Greeters:**

Jul 16: Seth & Jocelyn Van Veen  
Jul 23: John & Kim Van Veen

**Nursery attendants:** (contact person: Jolene M, Erica A)

Jul 16 AM: Danielle, Evalin, Tally, Malika  
PM: Ashley, Brenda  
Jul 23 AM: Jenn, Rachel, Truus, Jenna  
PM: Erica, Jolene

**Sunday School** (contact person: Jessica K) **All children ages 3-5** are welcome.

Jul 16: Jessica & Alayna (Last Sunday school for the season)

**Library Attendant:** (contact person: Thea E.)

Jul 16: Helen Jul 23: Marian

**Janitor for the Church:** Jul 17-22: Jessie Koldyk, Josie Zandberg

Jul 24-29: Ewald, Wright

Jul 31-Aug 4: Ewald, Wright

(Please find your own replacement if you are unable to clean when it's your turn)

**Coffee Service:**

Jul 16: Ben & Jolene Meints, Seth & Jocelyn VanVeen  
Jul 23: Henry & Tally Zandberg, Rob & Truus Meima  
Jul 30: Jenn & Jonny Krabbendam, Mike & Natasha Bandstra



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Aaron Adema  
James Hamelink  
Ben Meints  
Mitch Pederson

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**United Reformed Church of Smithers**

**Rev. Simon Lievaart**

**Services: 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM**

**Church Website: [bethelsmithers.ca](http://bethelsmithers.ca)**



**July 16, 2017**



Welcome to everyone worshipping with us today!  
Please join in coffee and fellowship after the morning service

## Church Family

On this day we come to God who is our fortress and faithful refuge. We remember in prayer the many, many communities affected by wild fires, those evacuated, and those fighting the fires. May we look to the Lord with humility and prayer that He may send the needed rain.

We are grateful to have **Rev. Beukema** lead our service this morning. As we have celebrated 25 years since the church began, we give thanks for God's guiding hand to us. We give thanks for the determination of the members 25 years ago to remain faithful to God's Word and not give in to compromise, and we pray that God will help us to remain faithful in the years to come.

As we pray for one another, remember **Hennie Zandberg** who fell and broke her arm earlier this week. Pray that God gives patience to Hennie as she waits to feel better and also blesses her with good healing and encouragement. Keep in your prayers **Henry Seinen** as he copes with the reality of cancer throughout his body. We thank the Lord for the faith that Henry and Carol have in this hard time and we pray God will continue to sustain them and bless any treatments that Henry has. *The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.* (Psalm 9:9)

With thankfulness we welcome **Derek, Rachel**, and their baptized daughter **Rosalie VanderMeulen** from the Smithers Canadian Reformed Church. Consistory also received the transfer of membership of **Kaitlyn Van Muyen** from Immanuel Covenant Reformed Church (URC) of Abbotsford. We pray for God's blessing to these ones as members with us in Christ's church. Pastor Simon

### Collection Schedule:

**Jul 16:** Rev. Langendoen is a missionary in the Honduras in the Comayagua area. He is working with the people as well as training local pastors and elders.

**Jul 23:** Signal Hill

**Jul 30:** Redemption Prison Ministry

## The Servant Song

Brother let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we are brothers on the road.  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you; speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we will find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

**Abounding Grace Radio** Tonight, at 7:30 pm on CJFW radio 105.5 FM  
Abounding Grace Radio will have their next broadcast

### Library Report:

*Piety's Wisdom* by Mark Beach

If you want some study material for the summer, this is a book which summarizes Calvin's Institutes with study questions included. The author is a professor at Mid-America.

### **United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries.**

*Rev. Paul Murphy is a church-planter in New York City.*

1. Pray for our new-members class as we enfold recent attendees.
2. Pray for many young believers, for maturity in life and faith.
3. Pray for leadership development. We are seeking the Lord to raise up another elder.
4. For myself as I spend time this summer 'deepening my well' and renewing my spirit.

## Highlights from the Consistory meeting held on Thursday, July 13, 2017

1. Dick opened with a reading from Philippians 2 and prayer.
2. The minutes from the Consistory meeting held on May 31, 2017 were approved as presented.
3. Business arising from the minutes was discussed, including:
  - a. Follow up with church members who live abroad or have not been attending.
4. Membership news/concerns was discussed.
5. Correspondence:
  - a. We have received Steven Bandstra's membership papers; Janelle will be making profession of faith in the coming weeks.
  - b. Membership transfer for Kaitlyn VanMuyen was received and approved.
  - c. Acts of Synod 2016 will be ordered.
6. Matters of new business were discussed including:
  - a. Home visit reports were made to the following: Len Meints, Derek and Rachel Vandermeulen
  - b. Ward elder lists will be updated at the next Consistory meeting.
  - c. Pastor's report on sermons – Rev. Lievaart presented a list of the sermons he has preached.  
-Sermon evaluations: Regular sermon evaluations will take place.
  - d. Home visiting theme passage will be selected at the next Consistory meeting.
  - e. Men's Bible study resources will be presented at the next Consistory meeting.
  - f. Catechism resources are being finalized and will be presented at the next Consistory meeting.
7. The next meeting will be scheduled for August 21, 2017 (Dick Adema – VIP).
8. Rick closed the meeting in prayer.

### Preaching Schedule:

**July 16:** Rev. Beukema PM Rev. Lievaart PM

**July 23:** Rev. Lievaart sermon texts: **AM:** Genesis 14:17-24

**PM:** Lord's Day 28, 1 Cor 11:23-26

### Calendar at a glance:

**Aug 2:** Council meeting at church at 7:30 pm

**Aug 21:** Consistory meeting at church at 7:30 pm

### Church photo directories:

The photo church directories have been printed and have been put in your mailboxes. If you did not receive a copy, please contact Kara Bisschop or if you have any questions regarding updating your information etc. Thank you to everyone who have worked on making these directories ready for the church's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this past week.

### Sunday School:

Today will be the final Sunday School class for the season. Thank you to all the parents and helpers who volunteered their time in the class this year. Your help was very much appreciated and the children had an enjoyable year. **Thank you**

If you know of any program that we can use next year, please contact Jessica Koldyk. We are trying to avoid pages with pictures of Jesus on them if at all possible.

### Thank you:

At this time Agnes Boonstra would like to express the love, compassion and encouragement experienced through your prayers, cards and communications in person which was very encouraging and uplifting. For all those who were able and willing to support Frances in her last days of her journey. Especially in reading the Scripture, praying and singing with her. It has really shown us the bond we have in Christ as Christians. Frances has often said the church members are my family. Thank you so much as it was difficult for me to go back to my work since Frances was gone and how you have helped me in praying for me to take up my task in the lodge. Furthermore the whole family wants to thank you for your support and encouragement that was given in many ways. *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble"*. Psalm 46: 1 From Agnes Boonstra and the Boonstra families.

### Order of Worship:

**July 16, 2017- 10:00 A.M. – Rev. Barry Beukema**

#### Gathering for Worship

- \* Call to Worship: Psalm 96:8-9
- \* Silent Prayer followed by musical response
- \* Votum: Declaration of Dependence on God
- \* The Lord's Greeting: Galatians 1:3-5
- \* Opening Song: PH# **78** (Blue) "Judge Me, God of My Salvation"

#### Affirming God's Law

Law of God: Deuteronomy 5:6-21

Song of Response: PH# **95** (Blue) "Gracious God, My Heart Renew"

#### Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Song of Preparation: PH# **482** "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

#### Listening to God's Word

Scripture: James 2:14-26

Text: James 2:26

Sermon: **True Faith**

- 1) What True Faith Is Not
- 2) What True Faith Really Is

#### Responding in Faith

\*Song of Response: PH# **462** "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Rev. Langendoen

#### Continuing our Calling

\*Closing Song: PH# **228: 1, 9** "I Love the Lord, the Fount of Life

\*The Lord's Blessing

\*Doxology: PH# **488**

\* Please stand for these songs if you are able to

Musical Accompanist: Thea Ewald

### Order of Worship:

**July 16, 2017- 10:00 A.M. – Rev. Simon Lievaart**

#### Gathering for Worship

- \* Call to Worship **Psalm 100**
- \* Silent Prayer followed by musical response
- \* Votum: Declaration of dependence on God
- \* Salutation (The Lord's Greeting)
- \* Opening Song: # **313 (blue)** "We Praise Thee, O God"

#### Confessing Our Faith

Apostles Creed # **518 (grey)** "In God the Father I Believe"

#### Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Song of Preparation: # **301 (blue)** "Hallelujah Praise Jehovah"

#### Listening to God's Word

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 14:1-16**

Text: **Genesis 14:1-16**

Sermon: Rescued from Babylon

1. Turmoil in the selfish world (1-10)
2. Lot taken with the wicked (11-12)
3. Abram rescues the worldly (13-16)

#### Responding in Faith

\* Response Song: # **85 (blue)** "God is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Rev. Langendoen

#### Departing to Serve

\* Closing Song: # **73:1, 2, 5 (blue)** "How Blest the Man who thoughtfully

\* Benediction (The Lord's Parting Blessing)

\* Doxology: # **73:6 (blue)** "And as for me, in uprightness"

Musical Accompanist: Jolene Meints