

Greeters:

May 14: Steve & Natasha Meerdink

May 21: Rob & Truus Meima

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

May 14:AM: Josie Z, Erica A, Steph H, Malika M

PM: Jenn K, Kathy T

May 21:AM: Ashley D, Carol W, Ali O, Jenna M

PM: Kerri P, Kara B

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

May 14: Danielle H, Maggie M

May 21: Erica A, Alayna H

Library Attendant: (contact person: Thea E.)

May 14: Evalin Meima

May 21: Helen Veerbeek

Janitor for the Church: May 15-May 20: Kathy T & Gredina M

May 22-May 27: Kathy T & Gredina M

May 29-Jun 3: Marian A & Annette O

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

Coffee Service:

May 14: Dirk & Gredina Merkens, Daryl & Jessie Koldyk

May 21: Tim & Jess Culleton, James & Steph Hamelink

May 28: James & Kara Bisschop, Len & Tina Meints



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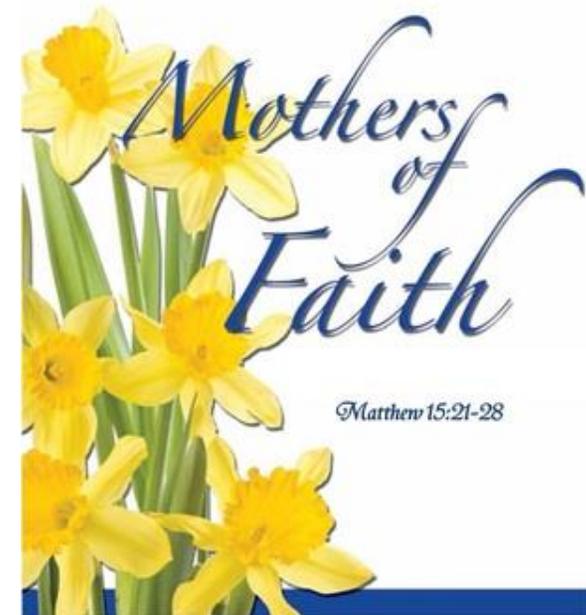
United Reformed Church of Smithers

Services: 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

Church Website: bethelsmithers.ca



MAY 14, 2017



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

Church Family News

As we can see the signs of spring arriving in the new budding flowers and green leaves on the trees, we think about how our Heavenly Father created everything and that all of creation is in His control. "The heavens declare the Glory of God and the skies above proclaim the work of His hands" Ps 19: 1. "All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful: The Lord God made them all". With the spring weather we also have the rain and we remember and pray for those who are dealing with flooding or other circumstances at this time of year.

We give thanks to the Lord on this day for all the **Mothers** and pray that as they live out the special vocation of motherhood, that their lives may be blessed and filled with joy. We think of who are unable to have children, or have who have had miscarriages and pray that God will uphold them in all this. We also remember those who are pregnant and those in our congregation who close to their due date. As we consider the gift of life, and the frailty of it, we are thankful to God for the assurance of belonging to Him in every step of our lives; we seek God's nearness and direction for all who struggle emotionally, physically and spiritually.

We keep in mind **Rick Vandergugten and Wilfred Dykstra** as they are in Doon, Iowa as they will be helping the Lievaart family pack and prepare to move to Smithers. We pray for the Lievaart's especially as they spend their last Sunday in Doon today and as they say their goodbyes this week. May God give them all safe travelling mercies in the weeks to come.

Our thoughts go out to the Faith Reformed church and **Rev. Folkerts** and his family at this time as they prepare to travel to New Zealand in regards to the call he has received and we pray for him as he deliberates on this call.

Today again we welcome to the pulpit **Rev. Reeves** from Kelowna URC and we are thankful that he is able to preach for us again today as well as next week. May God give him all he needs as he leads us in worship. Rev. Reeves will be staying with the Zandbergs for the first part of this week and then at the Ewald's house if you want to call him for a visit or invite him for dinner, please arrange this with them. May God Bless our worship time together and give us a good Lord's Day. A.T.

Collection Schedule:

May 14: Word & Deed: This is a Canadian based, Reformed organization operating worldwide, offering not only physical help to those areas stricken with poverty and disaster, but also spiritual help and teaching.

May 21: Rev. Persaud

May 28: Abounding Grace

Preaching Schedule

May 14: Rev. Reaves

May 21: Rev. Reaves

May 28: Rev. Slaagter

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

BVCS Grandparents Day: Thursday, May 18 · 10 AM - 12:15 PM. We look forward to hosting grandparents with a program, coffee and lunch.

The **13th Annual BVCS Golf Tournament and Banquet** will be held on May 27 at the Smithers Golf Club. Register at www.bvcs.ca or call [250-847-4238](tel:250-847-4238).

Bulkley Valley Christian Seniors Care Society (BVSCS) is holding the AGM on Monday, May 29, 2017 at 7:30pm in the B building common area at Silverking Court. (4210 Astlais Place)

Doors open at 7pm for membership renewals. Membership fees are \$10/year per person or \$100 for lifetime membership.

We are looking for 2 nominees for the Board to replace 2 retiring members. If you, a son or daughter, or someone from your church has an interest in the running of Silverking, please ask them to consider letting their name stand for the board.

CASCADE CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING – Our therapist Jan Bryant will be in Smithers on Wednesday, May 17 and Thursday, May 18. Please call our office at [1-877-585-1411](tel:1-877-585-1411) if you would like to set up an appointment to see her for individual, marital or family counselling.

Hello all! We would like to set up a **volleyball tournament** May 26&27 at Ebenezer School, between all our sister churches so that we can meet new people, and see old faces in a different fashion. We will be setting up a tournament with a schedule, so if you would like to submit a team, or have any questions, please contact Laura Leffers at [778-347-0554](tel:778-347-0554) or Alyssa Kanis at [604-845-2456](tel:604-845-2456). There will be a team fee of \$30 to help cover the costs of gym rental, and the extra will be donated to CRWRF. Each team MUST have a minimum of 2 girls. The deadline to submitting a team will be Tuesday, May 23. This will give us time to make a schedule and get things ready. Hope to see you out!

Smithers Pro-Life Annual Garage Sale

Come and find some treasures!

Date: June 3rd Time: 8:00 am Location: St. Joes

***If you would like to make a donation for the garage sale please bring to St. Joes June 2nd after 5:00 pm for organizing and pricing.

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

Rev. Pablo Landazuri is a church-planter in Quito, Ecuador

1. Pray that the 15-week course on "Basics of the Reformed Faith" presently being given at the church will be blessed.
2. Pray for a new preaching station being established 10 miles from Quito.
3. Pray for further relationships with Reformed Churches in Ecuador.

Ascension Day Service - Thursday, May 25 @ 7:30pm

We have been unable to arrange for a minister to lead our Ascension Day service. In light of this, we have been invited to join the Smithers Canadian Reformed Church for their Ascension Day service on Thursday, May 25 at 7:30pm.

We look forward to worshipping together with them.

Library Report:

"No God but One: Allah or Jesus?" by Nabeel Qureshi CD (new)

This CD is a follow up to the author's first book Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus. In this CD the author "addresses the most important questions at the interface of Islam and Christianity: How do the two religions differ? Are the differences significant? ... is it worth sacrificing everything for the truth?... For many the stakes are high: their decision can cost them their families, their friends, their jobs and potentially their lives."

Flag Display:

Just letting you all know that unfortunately we had to postpone the flag display we were planning for last week and it is now going to be held on Saturday, **May 27th**

We will aim to do it again from 8:30am -2pm. A big component of the display was the speaking with the town residents. If the weather is so wet, there won't be many walking around town, and if there are, not many would be willing to have good conversations. We also do not want to cause damage to the town lawns. An added benefit to postponing is that the election signs will be down. Please mark down **May 27th** on your calendars and hope to see you then at the grass area beside the Farmer's Market!

Sorry for the inconvenience. Ruth Bredenhof, BV ARPA

The Smithers Crisis Pregnancy Care Center is starting a Maternity Care Closet!

The maternity care closet will help provide clothing for women in unplanned pregnancies.

If you have any maternity clothing you would like to donate please bring them to the office Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays 11 am-p.m. or call Kerri @ [250-643-3355](tel:250-643-3355) for other arrangements.

Thank you!

Calendar at a glance:

May 18: BVCS Grandparents Day

May 24: Council Meeting

May 25: Ascension Day Service at Smithers Canadian Reformed Church

May 27: 13th Annual BVCS golf tournament

May 28: Office Bearer Voting following the morning service

Jun 3: Pro-Life Garage Sale at St.Joes

Jun 9: Installation Service for Rev. Lievaart at Bethel

Jun 11: Soup Supper and Welcome Evening for Rev. Lievaart & Family

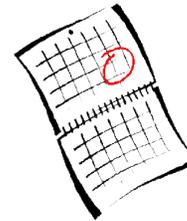
Jul 14: Bethel 25th Anniversary Celebration at 7:30pm

Nominations for Office Bearers are as follows:

Elder: Dick Adema & John McEwen

Deacon: James Hamelink & Jonny Krabbendam

Voting will take place on **May 28** after the morning service



SAVE THE DATES!!

Installation service for Rev. Simon Lievaart will be held on **Friday, June 9th** at 7:00 pm at Bethel. Everyone is invited to this evening.

Everyone is invited to a **Soup Supper and Welcome evening** with organized games after for Rev. Lievaart and family on **Sunday, June 11** at church after the pm service.

Bethel Church 25th Anniversary Celebration on **Friday, July 14** at 7:30 pm to be held at church. If anyone has anything they wish to contribute to the program, such as poems, songs, history of the church, or have pictures to share, please pass them onto Thea Ewald, Kathy Taylor or Marian Adema who are organizing this evening.

Photo Directory

If you have not yet sent in a picture please see Kathy Taylor after the service today to have one taken.



Order of Worship:

May 14, 2017 – 10:00 A.M – Rev. J Reaves

Preparation for Morning Service

Gathering for Worship

- * Call to Worship – Psalm 33:1-5
- * Silent Prayer followed by musical response
- * Votum: Declaration of dependence on God
- * Salutation (The Lord’s Greeting)
- * Opening Song: # **260 (blue)** “To The Hills I Lift Mine Eyes”

Affirming God’s Law

Law of God: Exodus 20:1-17

Response Song: #**241 (blue)** “Thy Promised Mercies Send to Me”

Preparing to Hear God’s Word

Prayer of Illumination

Preparation Song: #**49 (blue)** “O Lord, Regard Me When I Cry”

Listening to God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 15:21-28

Text: Matthew 15:28

Sermon: “Mighty Mom”

Responding in Faith

- * Song of Response: #**446 (blue)** “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”
- Congregational Prayer
- Offering: Word & Deed

Continuing Our Calling

- * Closing Song: # **302 (blue)** “Praise Ye the Lord, for It Is Good”
- * Benediction (God’s Blessing)
- * Doxology: **3-Fold Amen**

(*Please stand for these songs if you are able to)

Musical Accompanist: Robynn Hofsink

Order of Worship:

May 14, 2017– 2:30 P.M. – Rev. J. Reaves

Preparation for Afternoon Service

Gathering for Worship

- * Call to Worship – Psalm 145:18,19
- * Silent Prayer followed by musical response
- * Votum: Declaration of dependence on God
- * Salutation (The Lord’s Greeting)
- * Opening Song: # **160 (blue)** “Lord God of Hosts, in Mercy”

Confessing Our Faith

Apostles Creed said in unison

Song of Response: #**411 (blue)** “How Firm a Foundation”

Preparing to Hear God’s Word

Prayer of Illumination

Song of Preparation: # **389 (blue)** “Not What My Hands Have Done”

Listening to God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 3

Sermon: “Before The Angel of The Lord”

Responding in Faith

- * Response Song: # **430 (blue)** “Lord, Like the Publican I Stand”
- Congregational Prayer
- Offering: Word & Deed

Departing to Serve

- * Closing Song: #**211 (blue)** “Praise Ye the Lord, for He Is Good”
- * Benediction (The Lord’s Parting Blessing)
- * Doxology: # **492 (blue)** “Glory Be To The Father”

(*Please stand for these songs if you are able to)

Musical Accompanist: Robynn Hofsink