

Greeters:

Mar 12: Nick & Ashley Duursma
Mar 19: Thea Ewald, Wilfred Dykstra

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

Mar 12 AM: Kerrie P, Truus M, Tally Z, Maggie M
PM: Jenn K, Annette O
Mar 19 AM: Ashley D, Rachel P, Ali O, Malika M
PM: Jolene M, Carol W

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

Mar 12: Josie Z, Maggie M Mar 19: Erica A, Josh O

Library Attendant: (contact person: Thea E.)

Mar 12: Elisabeth W Mar 19: Malika M

Janitor for the Church: Mar 13-Mar 18: Danielle H, Steph H
Mar 20-Mar 25: K Bisschop, E Adema
Mar 27-Apr 1: K. Bisschop, E Adema

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

Coffee Service:


Mar 12: Ed & Brenda Ewald, Garrett & Danielle Hamelink
Mar 19: Dick & Marian Adema, Dave & Kerri Posthuma
Mar 26: Aaron & Erica Adema, Carol Wright, Sarah Braam



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Rick Vandergugten - Vicar

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United Reformed Church of Smithers

(URCNA, NAPARC & ICRC)

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

Church Website: bethelsmithers.ca



March 12, 2017

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

Church Family News

Time change today. Seasons change. Weather changes. Change in government. The catchword of the year seems to be Change. Let me tell you one thing that does not change. In the church I grew up in there was a sign in the front of the sanctuary that read "Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever".(Heb 13:8) We would do good to remember this as we move along into spring when activities in the church like catechism and bible studies come to a close and we begin to take holidays. Jesus does not change so why should we. In all that we do our focus should be on our Savior Jesus Christ.

One thing that also changes is the age of our seniors. Remember them regularly in your prayers especially Francis Vandervaat who continues to get weaker. Remember in prayer those who mourn the loss of their loved ones, we pray that God would comfort them with his nearness and word. **Ps. 73:26** My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

We remember all those suffering illness mentally or physically.
Psalms 34:19 *Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.*

May we all enjoy a blessed Sunday together as we worship our God today D.O

Collection Schedule:

Mar 12: M.E.R.F.: is active in Evangelism, Church Extension, Biblical Training and administering Diaconal Aid in the Arabic speaking countries of North Africa, the Gulf States, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, as well as in the Sudan and Iran areas. MERF aims to strengthen the Church and to reach out in the name of Christ to the local community.

Mar 19: Redemption Prison Ministry

Mar 26: Rev. Kayayan mission

Preaching Schedule

Mar 12: Reading Services

Mar 19: Rev. Bill Pols (Edmonton)

Mar 26: Reading services

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

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

Rev. Mitch Persaud is a church-planter in New Horizons URC in Ontario.

- 1) Pray for patience as we have struggled with people moving to get better jobs and to be able to purchase a home.
- 2) Praise God for two members who were excommunicated several years ago who are showing signs of repentance.
- 3) Praise the Lord for providing employment for those who were looking.
- 4) Praise Him for many who are pulling their weight and making the church work easier.

Organ and Piano Concert Friday, March 17, 2017

Peter Wildeman & Joost van Belzen will be in concert at the Smithers Canadian Reformed Church. These gentlemen, from the Netherlands, are professional Christian musicians who tour Europe and North America. Our newly formed Bulkley Valley Christian Adult Choir and the ECRS High School Choir will perform with them. This exciting musical event will take place on **Friday, March 17, 2017 at 7:30 PM.** Tickets will be available at the door: Adults \$10, Children \$5 and Families \$30. Be sure to attend!

Young Adults Bible Study – Tuesday, Mar. 14 @ 7:30pm

Come join us on Tuesday, March 14th from 7:30pm for our very first meeting / information evening which will take place at the Smithers Canadian Reformed Church Building. We'll begin with one or two of the following books:

Ephesians, 1&2 Peter or 1&2 Timothy.

We will dig deeper into details and processes on the night, as it will function different than usual and with a more involved approach.

All those interested in attending this bible study (whether you're married or single, young or young at heart) from the URC and Canadian Reformed Churches in the Bulkley Valley area are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions before the evening please contact us via call or text. Jeff vanDongen # 877-7327 Daniel Devries # 876-1347

Library Report: *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made* by Dr. Paul Brand & Philip Yancey

"This beautifully written, fascinatingly informative book explores the complex piece of creation called the human body, particularly as it offers insights into one specific community of people that is likened to a body more than thirty times in the New Testament....The Body of Christ, like our own bodies, is composed of individual, unlike cells that are knit together to form one Body."

Catechism Classes; Tuesday, March 14, 2017

7:00 pm: Grades 7-9: Prepare by reading and doing Lesson 23

Be prepared to recite LD 1

7:45 pm: Grades 10-12: Prepare by reading and doing lesson 23

Memorize Q & A 32

Bethel Ladies Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, March 14 at 9:45 am. We will be studying chapter 10: Mary Magdalene: Delivered From Darkness.

Nursery: Brenda E Coffee Service: Carol W Leader: Kathy T

Thursday night bible study will meet Thursday March 16 at Dave and Kerri Posthuma's. We will be meeting at 7 PM.

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study:

We will be studying chapter 19 of the book of Mark at the church on Mar 18 at 8:00 am

Deacon's Report:

Feb 5 Diaconate \$423.70

Feb 12 Summit Youth Conference \$700.20

Feb 19 Word & Deed \$471.10

Feb 26 M.A.R.S \$426.00

Feb 2017 Budget \$7,945.00

Highlights of the Consistory meeting held Wednesday, March 8, 2017

James Bisschop, Dave Onderwater, Alan Taylor (VIP), Rick Vandergugten

1. Dave welcomed all present and opened with scripture reading and prayer.
2. Minutes from the previous Consistory meeting were adopted as presented.
3. Business arising from the minutes was discussed including:
 - a. Pulpit supply for the coming months.
 - b. Friday, June 9, 2017 – Rev. Lievaart's installation service.
4. Membership news and concerns were discussed.
5. Correspondence received was discussed, including:
 - a. Credentials for Classis Western Canada – April 7, 2017
6. Matters under new business:
 - a. Home visits were reported on for the following families: Garret and Danielle Hamelink, Dirk and Gredina Merkens
 - b. Members living abroad were discussed.
7. The next Consistory meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2017
8. Alan closed the meeting in prayer.

Calendar at a glance:

Mar 14: Ladies Bible study at church at 9:45 am

Mar 14: Catechism Class: 7:00 pm Gr 7-9, 7:45 pm Gr. 10-12

Mar 16: Thursday Night Bible Study at Posthuma's at 7:00 pm

Mar 18: Men's Bible Study, 8 am at the church

Mar 29: Council Meeting at church at 7:30 pm

Apr 3: Consistory meeting at church at 7:30 pm

Apr 7: Western Classis meeting in Calgary

Apr 10: Church Annual General Meeting at 7:30 pm

Apr 14: Good Friday service (Lord's supper) at 10:00 am

Apr 16: Easter Sunday

Apr 16: Bulkley Lodge evening service at 6:30 pm

Apr 18: Church Visitors at Bethel

Jun 9: Installation Service for Rev. Lievaart

Annual General Meeting - **Monday, April 10, 2017 @ 7:30pm**

Committee Chairpersons' are asked to submit their annual report for the upcoming AGM by **Wednesday, March 22, 2017.**

Please send reports this week for:

- Fellowship Committee Report
- Church Library Report
- Administration Committee
- Nursery Report
- Sunday School Report
- Men's, Women's and Thursday Bible Studies
- Refugee Committee ...etc.

The reports are to be emailed to **bethelsmithers@gmail.com**. AGM packages will be made available to members on Sunday, March 26, 17.

Mailing Address:

The following is the mailing address for: Rev. Simon & Jodi Lievaart
602 Rice Ave PO Box 208
Doon, IA 51235

If there are people in the congregation who would like to send them a **letter or cards of prayer and encouragement** for the next couple months as they anticipate the move to Smithers, they would probably love to hear from many of you!

Order of Worship:

March 12, 2017- 10:00 A.M – John Van Veen
Preparation for Morning Service

Gathering for Worship

- * Call to Worship: Psalm 117
- * Silent Prayer followed by musical response
- * Votum: Declaration of dependence on God
- * Salutation (The Lord's Greeting)
- * Opening Song: # **149 (grey)** "Sing Praise to the Lord"

Affirming God's Law

Law of God: Exodus 20: 1-17
Response Song: # **28 (blue)** "The Spacious Heavens Declare"

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination
Preparation Song: # **392 (blue)** "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayer"

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Reading: Mark 4:21-34, Joel 3:1-16

Text: Same as above

Sermon: "The Kingdom of God is Like..." prepared by Rev. Kim Riddelbarger, minister of Christ Reformed Church in Anaheim CA

Responding in Faith

- * Song of Response: # **405 (blue)** "Far and Near the Fields are Teeming"
- Congregational Prayer
- Offering: Middle East Reformed Fellowship

Continuing Our Calling

- * Closing Song: # **150 (grey)** "Hallelu the Lord Our God"
- * Benediction (God's Blessing)
- * Doxology: **3-Fold Amen**

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

Musical Accompanist: Thea Ewald

Order of Worship:

March 12, 2017- 2:30 P.M. – Elder Rick Vandergugten
Preparation for Afternoon Service

Gathering for Worship

- * Call to Worship: 1 Thess.5:16-24
- * Silent Prayer followed by musical response
- * Votum: Declaration of dependence on God
- * Salutation (The Lord's Greeting)
- * Opening Song: # **244 (grey)** "God Himself Is With Us"

Confessing Our Faith

Song of Confession: # **518 (grey)** "In God the Father I Believe"

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination
Song of Preparation: # **397 (blue)** "Dwell in me ,O blessed Spirit"

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Reading: John 19:28-42

Doctrine: HC, LD 16

Sermon: "The Death Of Christ" Prepared by Rev. G, VanPopta, Jubilee Can. Ref.Church, Ottawa On.

Responding in Faith

- * Response Song: # **398 (blue)** "The Church's One Foundation"
- Congregational Prayer
- Offering: Middle East Reformed Fellowship

Departing to Serve

- * Closing Song: # **439 (blue)** "I will sing of my Redeemer"
- * Benediction (The Lord's Parting Blessing)
- * Doxology: # **488 (blue)** "Now Blessed Be Jehovah God"

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

Musical Accompanist: Thea Ewald

