

**Greeters:**

Dec 4: Mitch & Rachel Pederson

Dec 11: Dave & Kerri Posthuma

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

Dec 4: AM: Jenn K, Winette M, Michaela V, Jenna M

PM: Rachel P, Steph H

Dec 11:AM: Ashley D, Jolene M, Gredina M, Brooke H

PM: Erica A, Kathy T

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

Dec 4: Danielle H, Alayna H

Dec 11: Brenda E, Malika M

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

Dec 4: Helen V

Dec 11: Marian A

**Janitor for the Church:** Dec 4-Dec 10: Kathy T, Gredina M

Dec 18-Dec 24: Marian A, Annette O

Dec 25-Dec 31: Marian A, Annette O

If you are unable to clean church on your scheduled week, please find your own replacement. Thank You, from the Administration Committee.

**Coffee Service:**

Nov 27: Dave & Annette Onderwater, Henry & Tally Zandberg

Dec 4: John & Winette McEwen, Seth & Jocelyn Van Veen


Dec 11: Jenn & Jonny Krabbendam, Henry & Carol Seinen



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**United Reformed Church of Smithers**

(URCNA, NAPARC & ICRC)

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

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## December 4, 2016

His  
name shall be  
**JESUS**  
for He will save  
His people from  
their sins.

Matthew 1:21

*Be Welcome...  
and Worship  
with Us!*

### Church Family News

Welcome to everyone worshipping at Bethel URC today. A special welcome to **Rev. Barry Beukema**. Many of you will remember Rev. Beukema from his time some years ago as the Pastor of this congregation. There will be an opportunity after this morning's service to socialize with Rev. and Mrs. Beukema during a potluck lunch.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

The Lord willing we will witness the sacrament of Baptism today. May God bless **Aaron and Erica Adema** as they raise **Zoey Grace** according to the vows they will affirm at the baptism.

Also in the Adema family we remember **Mr. Dick Adema** who had his hip operation this week. We pray for healing, and also patience in the recovery process.

We keep **Mr. Henry Seinen** in our prayers as he receives treatments for his cancer. We trust that the medical professionals will give Henry the proper treatments for his condition, and we trust that God hears our prayers. We know that in all things God will provide the comfort we require.

We continue to pray for our elderly members who need special care.

**Francis Vandervaart** in the Bulkley Lodge continues to weaken.

**Margie McEwen** is at home but still in need of family support. If you have an opportunity, please visit these sisters and other seniors who could use some encouragement in their struggles with daily life.

May we all be blessed by the preaching of the Word as we hear it on this Lord's day. R.V.

Earlier in November, former pastor of the Smithers CRC, Rev. Peter Vosteen, passed away of heart complications in his 86th year. He served the Smithers congregation from 1966 - 1970 and was back on several occasions to preach in Bethel and the CRC. Our condolences go out to his wife Mary and the family who reside in Washington State.

### Preaching Schedule:

Dec 3: Rev. B. Beukema

Dec 11: Reading Services

Dec18: Reading Services

### Potluck Lunch and Fellowship:

Everyone is Invited to a Potluck standup lunch to visit with Rev. Barry & Val Beukema today after the morning service, from 12-1:00 pm

The Beukemas' would like to take this opportunity to visit with everyone who is able to stay and have a time of fellowship together.

### Requested Announcements:

**BVCS Christmas Concert** · You are invited to join us for the BVCS Christmas Concert on **Thursday, 15 December, at 6:30 PM** at the Smithers Christian Reformed Church. There is no cost. Come and enjoy student music and Christmas song together, focused on the coming of the Messiah.

**EbenEzer Christmas Concert**-You are cordially invited to attend the combined Elementary and High School Christmas Program

*Noel! 'Now All Is Well!'*

On **Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 7:30 PM**

In the Smithers Canadian Reformed Church building

*Please join us as we celebrate our Saviour's birth!*

**Notes:** Please have your children at the church by 7:15PM.

Could you please bring a plate of goodies to share after the program?

Thank you!

### One Holy Night:

Smithers Christian Reformed church will be hosting: **"One Holy Night" – a Display of Nativities"** on Friday, **December 9, 2016**. Come enjoy the true meaning of Christmas as you tour through the wide array of Nativity scenes. There will be live music, refreshments, and more!

Doors will be open from 4 pm - 9 pm at 4035 Walnut drive. There is ample parking available and wheelchair accessible.

**A Ceremony of Remembering** is being held Saturday, December 10 at 2pm, at the Pioneer Place Seniors' Activity. This ceremony offers opportunity for people to come and participate in a time of remembering of their lost loved one(s). Quiet reading, music, a candlelight service and a tree decorating ceremony followed by refreshments, will be offered. Hosted by BV Hospice Society

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

Regina, Canada Rev. Brian and Julie Cochran

1. Thank God for the 25 new people at the church. Pray that God continues to grow our church numerically and spiritually.
2. Pray that God would call men to serve in office, especially the office of elder, and strengthen the current office-bearers (pastor and two deacons).
3. Pray that we would become financially self-sustaining

### **Catechism Classes: Tuesday, December 6:**

**7:00 pm: Grades 7-9** Prepare by reading and doing Lesson 12

**7:45 pm: Grades 10-12** Prepare by reading and doing Lesson 12

Elder Taylor will lead the classes this week

### **Thursday Night Bible Study**

Thursday night bible study will be held at Dave and Kerri Posthuma's house on December 8 at 730. We will be studying chapter 2 of kingdom marriage.

**Bethel Ladies Bible Study** will meet again on **Tuesday, Dec. 6th.**

Coffee social at 9:45 and Bible Study from 10:00 to 11:00. We will continue our discussion of Chapter 4: Ruth: Loyalty and Love.

**Nursery: Steph Hamelink Coffee Service: Jocelyn VanVeen**

**Leader: Brenda Ewald**

\*\*\* On **Tuesday, Dec. 13th** we would like to invite **all** Bethel Ladies to join us for a special Christmas Celebration from 9:45-10:00 am. Please bring a small Christmas snack or treat to share and come prepared to celebrate with music, stories, crafts and fellowship! If you need a ride please phone Brenda 250 847-5464.

### **Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study:**

We will be studying chapter 6 of the Book of Mark at the church on **Dec 10** and we begin at **8:00 am**. Please contact Rick V, John V or Alan T. All men are invited to join.

### **Bake Sale:**

We are planning our annual bake sale for **Saturday Dec 10, 2016**, at the No Frills Mall (former Extra Foods).

We look forward to your generosity once again this year; we are looking for volunteers to stand behind tables, and also to bake. If you are willing to help out, please call Jenny Vandenberg, 250-846 9158

### **Library Report:**

*Christmas Carols for a Kid's Heart* by Joni Eareckson Tada

This book tells the stories behind some of our favorite Christmas carols. It includes the words and music and a CD to sing along with. It is beautifully illustrated and has a related memory verse and prayer with each story.

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### **Collection Schedule:**

**Dec 4: Needy Church Fund:** This fund is supported by classis to help churches within our classis who are in financial need. In addition to monetary support, these churches also need our prayers. Please pray specifically for Covenant Reformed Church of Grande Prairie, Grace Reformed Church of Leduc, Redeemer Reformation Church of Regina, and Grace Reformed Church in Kelowna. "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working" James 5:16b

**Dec 11: Rev. Kayayan**

**Dec 18: M.A.R.S.**

### **Calendar at a glance:**

Dec 6: Ladies Bible Study, 10 am

Dec 6: Catechism Class; 7:00 pm Gr 7-9, 7:45pm Gr. 10-12

Dec 8: Thursday Night Bible Study

Dec 10: Men's Bible Study, 8am at the church

Dec 10: Pro-Life bake sale at the No Frill Mall

Dec 13: Ladies Bible Study Christmas Celebration at 9:45 am

Dec 14: Consistory meeting at 7:30 pm

Dec 25: Christmas Day and program after the morning service

### **Christmas program**

There will be a short Christmas program after the first service on **Sunday, December 25 D.V.** The children in Sunday school **have received their parts, please practice them at home!**

There will be a quick practice in the sanctuary after the morning services on December 11 & 18<sup>th</sup>.

Anyone wanting to contribute their talents to this program are more than welcome. Is there anyone who might be willing to organizing a song or two for the older children? A person willing to play piano? Someone to open/ close in prayer? Do a solo or musical piece.

Contact Jessica Koldyk [250-846-6000](tel:250-846-6000)

### **Happy Birthday Blessings to the following people in December:**

December 3 Faith Posthuma

December 14 Lisa Merkens

December 5 Manfred Wittwer

December 25 Paige Onderwater

December 7 Rachel Pederson

December 29 Vanessa Onderwater

December 10 Evalin Meima