

Greeters:

Nov 6: Dave & Annette Onderwater

Nov 13: Len & Tina Meints

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

Nov 6: AM: Ashley D, Andrea A, Kathy T, Anja W

PM: Jessie K, Carol W

Nov 13: AM: Rachel P, Sonja F, Brenda E, Elisabeth W

PM: Jolene M, Marian A

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

Nov 6: Kerri P & Joshua

Nov 13: Kara B, Chris B

Library Attendant: (contact person: Thea E.)

Nov 6: Kathy T

Nov 13: Gredina M

Janitor for the Church: Nov 6-Nov 12: Joanne M & Sonja F

Nov 13-Nov 19: Winette M & Rick & Ludi V

Nov 20-Nov 26: Winette M & Rick & Ludi V

Coffee Service:

Nov 6: Marvin & Josie Zandberg, Rob & Truus Meima

Nov 13: Tiffany Meima, Sonja Fordyce, Mike & Natasha Bandstra

Nov 20: Tim & Jess Culleton, Alan & Kathy Taylor



(The church is equipped with a hearing aid system for those who need it. Please talk to the ushers for headsets if needed)

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Services: 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

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November 6, 2016

Your
word
is a lamp
to guide my feet
and
a light
for my path.

Psalm 119:105

Welcome to our worship services today.

We welcome the visitors with us on these Sunday worship services and pray that you also may experience God's blessings in our midst. Please sign the guest book in the foyer and join us for refreshments in the fellowship hall after the morning service.

Church Family News

-Today we welcome **Reverend B. J. Berends** to our pulpit. Many of our more experienced members will remember Rev. Berends from his time at the Smithers Can. Ref. Church some years past. Rev. Berends and his wife have come to us from the eastern Fraser Valley. May we be a blessing to each other on this Lord's Day.

-In our Church family we pray for all those suffering from seasonal illnesses. Cooler and damper weather often brings with it colds and flu. Senior members often need more time to recover from these things. We should all make an extra effort to visit the elderly, especially as the dark days of winter are creeping up on us. We thank the Lord that **Mrs. Margie McEwen** could return home this past week. Although still sore and weak, and needing some assistance at home, she can still be a witness to God's providence, and trusts Him for her daily needs.

-We also offer up our prayers for **Jolene and Silas Meints** who are in Vancouver for some more tests related to Silas' condition. We take comfort in knowing that God has a plan for Silas just as He does for all of our lives, and we pray that the doctors may find a way to improve the quality of life for Silas through these tests.

-Also in this past week, a healthy baby boy was born to Trevor and Jill Meerdink whom they named **Levi Hendrik**. We thank God with them that mother and son are doing well.

-Thank you to Telkwa Faith Reformed Church and Rev. Simon Lievaart for the Reformation presentation on October 29th. That was a very informative and uplifting biography of John Calvin. When we look back at Church history we can see the guiding hand of God in the way events unfolded. This should also give us confidence in the future of the Church. God will preserve his elect no matter how ungodly the world around us becomes. May we all enjoy a blessed day of fellowship. R.V.

Collection Schedule:

Nov 6: Diaconate Under the direction and responsibility of the Deacons, these funds are used to assist members of our congregation, as well as others, in short term situations of special human needs, e.g. shelter, food, clothing, health and security.

Nov 13: Rev. Persaud mission

Nov 20: M.E.R.F.

Pulpit Supply

Nov 6: Rev. B.J. Berends

Nov 20: Rev. J. Reeves

Nov 13: Rev. J. Reeves

Nov 27: Rev. D. Moes

Congregation Reminder:

It is our turn to host the **Bulkley Lodge** service **tonight**, at 6:30 p.m. We encourage all who can make it to come out and join together in the singing and a small service with the seniors there.

Refugee Committee Update

You may have thought that not much was being done by the refugee committee, but behind the scenes things are moving. After a relatively quiet summer, the committee met once again to discuss the sponsorship of a refugee family. The committee agreed on a family from Pakistan, currently residing in Thailand. After contacting our sponsorship agreement holder, City of Refuge, we received word that this family could still be sponsored under the 2016 government quota. Application forms were emailed and sent back and now the waiting for the next step begins.

The refugee issue is worldwide. Even though we hear much about refugees from Syria, because of the desperate situation there, the reality is that many others, including many Christian families, live in fear of their lives. The committee is glad we as a church community will be able to make a small difference in this huge and complex problem. Please pray for the family we are sponsoring as well as for a blessing on the work that now begins in earnest.

Library Report:

Reading Mother Teresa: A Calvinist looks lovingly at "the little bride of Christ" by J. Schaap

This book is written in the format of 72 stories/devotionals with the life and work of Mother Teresa as the main focus. Schaap is a great story teller! Each story ends with a prayer.

Cascade Christian Counselling Association:

If a canvasser has not yet called on you to contribute to CASCADE's Drive, please phone your local church contact person, Winette McEwen, or the CASCADE office (60-585-1411) and someone will come by for your donation.

Fundraising Evening

Please join us for an evening of entertainment, filled with music and song by many local musicians!

Friday, November 18, 2016 at: 7:30 – 9:30

At the Canadian Reformed Church 2788 Viewmount Rd

Admission by donation

Bethel Ladies Bible Study

Bethel Ladies Bible Study meets on **Tuesday, Nov. 8th**. Coffee Social begins at 9:45 with Bible Study starting at 10:00 am. We will continue with Chapter Two: Sarah: Hoping against Hope. **Nursery: Brenda Ewald** **Coffee Service: Steph Hamelink**
Leader: Carol Wright

Catechism Classes: Tuesday, November 8:

7:00 pm: Grades 7-9 Prepare by reading and doing Lesson 8

7:45 pm: Grades 10-12 Prepare by reading and doing Lesson 8

Elder Taylor will be leading the classes this week

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study:

We will be studying chapter 3 of the Book of Mark at the church and we begin at 8:00 am. If you need a book and would like to join us, please contact Rick V, John V or Alan T. All men are invited to join.

Dear congregation, A note of Thanks:

Just an update of how things are going. We're just back from Vancouver visiting my doctor. Although the healing is going fairly well it needs a lot more exercising and I will have to continue visiting the physiotherapist. I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers and for the visits. Furthermore for those who helped me in various ways. This gave me a tremendous encouragement in that difficult time. "For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God." Ps 62:5-7 With Christian love, Agnes Boonstra

Happy Birthday Blessings to the following People in November:

Nov 1	Levi Meerdink	Nov 14	Ty Zandberg
Nov 3	Anna Hamhuis	Nov 17	Kerri Posthuma
Nov 5	JoyAnna Meerdink	Nov 20	Gredina Merkens
Nov 7	Esmay Meima	Nov 23	Jess Culleton
Nov 11	Elias Bisschop	Nov 25	Rueben Koldyk
Nov 12	Erica Adema	Nov 26	Truus Meima
Nov 12	Emerson Duursma	Nov 28	Joanne Andringa

Christmas Program organizers needed:

I am unable to organize it this year since we will be gone before hand and potentially for Christmas. So I am looking for someone who would be willing to organize a program and do not mind to help out before December 15th. They can talk to me at church or call me at 250-917-8822. Thank you
Danielle Hamelink

Calendar at a glance:

Nov 8: Ladies Bible Study, 10 am

Nov 8: Catechism Class; 7:00pm Gr 7-9, 7:45pm Gr. 10-12

Nov 11: Remembrance Day Ceremony



Nov 12: Men's Bible Study, 8am

Nov 18: Sparrows musical fundraising evening

Nov 20: Mystery Coffee and Dessert Social

Nov 30: Council Meeting at church at 7:30 pm

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

Hosting a Visit Minister

Council has arranged to have **Rev. James Reaves**, a retired URC minister who has been in Kelowna for the past number of years, fill our pulpit and preach here on **November 13th and November 20th**. Council asks if there is anyone from out of the congregation who is willing to host **Rev. Reaves** for the period he is in Smithers from Saturday November 12th to Monday November 21st.

If you are willing please contact elder Alan Taylor to confirm and make the arrangements.

Mystery Coffee and Dessert Social

November 20th there will be a **Mystery Coffee and Dessert Social**.

You will have the option of hosting or visiting someone for coffee and dessert on a Sunday evening.

The host will not know who is visiting.

The visitors will know the host but not the other visitors.

Please look for the forms in your mailboxes and return them to Rachel Pederson by **November 6th**.



Coffee Service Update

The Fellowship committee is changing the morning coffee table layout. If it is your turn to serve after the morning services please use the new table layout (posted on the fridge). We will be trying this new layout to help make things flow more easily.

We ask that parents please pay closer attention to your children's behavior during morning fellowship. Please instruct/correct/encourage them to be mindful of others, especially seniors. There are too many incidents of children taking too many cookies, bumping into others, or rowdy behavior. Please also help your little ones with their water and cookies if needed to help avoid spilling.

If you have any suggestions on how to make our fellowship time more enjoyable for everyone, please contact a Fellowship Committee member

From the Fellowship Committee