

**Greeters:**

Oct 9: Jonny & Jenn Krabbendam

Oct 16: John & Winnette McEwen

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

Oct 9 & 10: NOTE: The Nursery will be closed due to a very contagious disease going around the valley. Please do not allow the children into the nursery for 2 weeks since the toys have been cleaned.

**Sunday School** (contact person: Jessica K) All children ages 3-5 are welcome. Sunday school will begin on **October 16**. Jessie K & Malika will lead

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

Oct 9: Helen Veerbeek

Oct 16: Marian Adema

**Janitor for the Church:** Oct 10-Oct 15: Kara B, Erica A

Oct 17-Oct 22: Norma H, Truus M

Oct 23-Oct 29: Norma H, Truus M

**Coffee Service:**

Oct 9: Rick & Ludi Vandergugten, John & Kim Van Veen

Oct 16: Dick & Marian Adema, Dave & Kerri Posthuma

Oct 23: Garrett & Danielle Hamelink, Aaron & Erica Adema



(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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Ed Ewald

Alan Taylor--Vice Chair

**Deacons:**

Aaron Adema

Ben Meints

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**United Reformed Church of Smithers**

Services: 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

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



## October 9, 2016



**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**

This week we turn the calendar to October. We have all settled into the routine of our lives after a nice summer. The days are shorter and soon supper will be in the dark. This is not all bad. It is a good time to refocus our lives on the subject of the good news we are about to hear in our message this morning, Jesus the Son of God. (Remember to start your homework by reading the book of Mark).

October also brings Thanksgiving. A statutory holiday for Canada where people decorate homes with the fruit of the land such as pumpkins, corn stalks and the like. Although we make our thankfulness known to our God on a daily basis; especially through prayer; which is the most important part of our thankfulness; we take this holiday as an opportunity to worship our Heavenly Father expressing our Thanksgiving for everything we have received from His hand this past year. For He is a loving God and remembers His promises to care for us; His people. His care is shown in different ways. Not always what we think would be thank worthy but in all things He will provide us with every good thing and turn aside all evil or turn it to our profit.

We pray for Rick and Tiffany Miema that God will surround them with his love and give them comfort in their time of loss.

We continue to remember in prayer all our older members in their good days and their lonely ones. It is very encouraging for us to see them in church but we should never forget those who can no longer physically be with us every Sunday.

We also pray for Agnes Boonstra and her recovery from knee surgery.

We will continue to hold up Marvin and Josie and family while they wait for results.

Our thoughts also stay with Tony Groen, who is home now, recovering from his encounter with a bear. Hold up in prayer Tony and his wife, Karen, and their children also, as the road of recovery begins.

I encourage you to remember the Church all over the world in your prayers, especially persecuted Christians. Pray for God to strengthen them that they can persevere and be comforted in their trials.

May God bless our worship this day. May He give strength to elders Bisschop and Vandergugten as they bring us God's word today.

### **Collection Schedule:**

**Oct 9:** Redemption Prison Ministry

**Oct 10,** Thanksgiving Day: Sparrows

**Oct 16:** Cascade Christian Counseling

### **Thanksgiving Service:**

Everyone is invited to join us for a Thanksgiving service which will be held in Bethel on **Monday, October 10 at 10 AM** with Pastor James Folkerts leading us in a combined service with Faith Reformed Church. Collection will be for the Sparrows Housing. Everyone is welcome.

### **ARPA Canada Fall Tour:**

God's standards for the good, the true and the just are as relevant in 2016 as they were when King David wrote Psalm 11 some 3,000 years ago. Our job as Christians is to witness to His Word, also in public life. ARPA Canada's André Schutten and Colin Postma will educate, equip and encourage you as they share what we are doing to proactively address the difficult and pressing issues of transgenderism, porn and our culture of death with a compassionate and truthful response.

Some people have asked about the age appropriateness of the tour topics. While there are mature themes in this presentation, we have made every effort to make it appropriate for catechism aged students and above.

Join us in Smithers, BC on Friday, October 14, at the Smithers Canadian Reformed Church at 7:30-9:30 pm, and invite your friends!

### **Abounding Grace Radio**

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

**Bulkley Valley Christian School** invites you to attend a FREE WILL CLINIC presented by Christian Stewardship Services.

**Thursday, October 20, 2016 · 7:30PM**

**3575 14th Avenue, Smithers**

This a wonderful opportunity to learn how to protect your family, the importance of a proper Will, and how to support charities that are important to you. Draw for FREE Will to be held! Come and listen to a Christian consultant and enjoy decadent desserts and refreshments! Please join us!

RSVP to Annette [1-800-267-8890 x217](tel:1-800-267-8890) or [annettas@csservices.ca](mailto:annettas@csservices.ca)

### **Sparrows Musical Fundraising Evening:**

Sparrows Housing hopes to hold a **Musical Fundraising Evening** once again this year. *D.V. , on Friday, Nov 18 at the Canadian Reformed Church in Smithers.*

If you are willing to contribute your talent, please contact Tina Vandergaag @ [250-846-5362](tel:250-846-5362), or Lori Verhelst @ [250-846-5509](tel:250-846-5509)

### **Reformation Day Service:**

The Reformation Day service will be held in Telkwa on **Saturday, October 29** at 7:30 pm, with Rev. Simon Lievaart from Doon, Iowa. Rev. Lievaart will be preaching at Bethel on Sunday October 30 for both services. Everyone is encouraged and invited to come to this service.

### **Praise and worship evening!**

Please join us once again for an evening of praise and worship at Bethel URC on Sunday, October 16 at 7:30. We enjoy singing and playing music to praise and honor our God and would love to share this with you! Please come out and join us! Danielle Hamelink.

### **Catechism Classes: Tuesday, October 11:**

**7:00 pm: Grades 7-9** Prepare by reading and doing Lesson 4 and the memory work in this chapter in the book *God's Unfolding Promise*.

**7:45 pm: Grades 10-12** Prepare by reading and doing Lesson 4 and the memory work in the book *The Doctrine of Grace*.  
*Elder Taylor will be leading the classes this week*

### **Library Report:**

*Raising a Modern-Day Knight* by Robert Lewis

*Raising a Modern-Day Princess* by Pam Farrel and Doreen Hanna

In both of these books, the authors give much wisdom on how to raise boys and girls in the way that God meant them to be- men and women who recognize that they are created to have unique roles and characteristics. Those roles are a far cry from the transgenderism that is being pushed as an acceptable alternative in our modern times.

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

Oct 10: Thanksgiving service at Bethel combined with Telkwa at **10:00 A.M.**

Oct 11: Catechism Classes, 7:00pm Grades 7-9, 7:45pm Grades 10-12

Oct 16: Sunday School classes begin in the am service

Oct 16: Praise and Worship evening at 7:30 at Bethel church

Oct 18, 19 Western Classis in Leduc AB

Oct 27: Council meeting at church at 7:30 pm

Oct 29: Reformation Day Service at Telkwa church at 7:30 pm

Nov 18: Sparrows musical fundraising evening

Please be aware that the nursery has been closed for the **next week, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> and Thanksgiving Oct 10**. There is a contagious illness of hand, foot and mouth going around and in order to stop it from spreading it is necessary to close the nursery. We ask that everyone please refrain from going in the nursery at this time. The toys have been washed and we would like to keep them clean until we open it again.



### **Bethel Ladies Bible Study will begin soon!**

We will be using the study book and workbook called "Twelve Extraordinary Women" by John MacArthur.

*... "Celebrated for their courage, vision, hospitality, and spiritual giftedness, it's no wonder women were so important to God's plan revealed in the Old and New Testaments. It wasn't their natural qualities that made these women extraordinary but the power of the one true God whom they worshipped and served..... You will be challenged and motivated by this poignant and personal look into the lives of some of the Bible's most faithful women. Their struggles and temptations are the same trials faced by believers in all ages. And the God to whom they were so committed is the same God who continues to mold and use ordinary people today." John MacArthur*

**These materials have arrived and we ask that all ladies interested in joining us for this season, please meet in the library immediately after this morning's church service to pick up material, and to decide on meeting dates and times.**

-----For more information contact Annette Onderwater or Brenda Ewald-----

### **Sunday School begins again on October 16.**

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October 31 Henry Kempenaar

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He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
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