

Greeters:

Mar 11: Henry & Tally Zandberg

Mar 18: Marvin & Josie Zandberg

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

Mar 11: AM Kerri P, Rachel P, Winette M, Maggie M

PM Jessie K, Jocelyn V, Kara B

Mar 18: AM Josie Z, Jolene M, Brenda E, Jenna M

PM Erica A, Sonya F, Kim V

Sunday School (contact person: Jessica K)

Preschool: Mar 11: Jess K, Josh O Mar 18: Jodi L, Maggie M

Library Attendant: (contact person: Thea E.)

Mar 11: Chris B

Mar 18: Marian A

Janitor for the Church: Mar 12-17: N Hofsink, T Meima

Mar 19-24: Johanna M, Sonya F

Mar 26-31: Johanna M, Sonya F



Coffee Service:

Mar 11: John & Winette McEwen, Garrett & Danielle Hamelink

Mar 18: Dick & Marian Adema, Rob & Truus Meima

Mar 25: Steve & Janelle Bandstra, Len & Tina Meints

(Please Find Your Own Replacements if you cannot make it)

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March 11, 2018

BECAUSE HE
BENDS DOWN AND LISTENS,

I WILL
Pray

AS LONG AS I BREATHE!

Psalm 116:2

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

Church Family

God is faithful, and we give Him thanks for His tender mercies. May the Lord receive our prayers and praise as we offer our hearts to Him on this day. In our prayers we pray for the family of **Mr. Fred Hofsink**, whom the Lord called to Himself this past Monday. Fred was a brother of Bill Hofsink and Marje McEwan, uncle to Annette Onderwater, John McEwen, and Arnie Hofsink, and grandfather to Erica Bentley and Rachel Vandermeulen. We pray for these ones along with Fred's wife, Ploon, the children, other siblings, and extended family. We continue to pray for all those who mourn, especially the fatherless and the widows among us. *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.* (Psalm 46:1)

We also give thanks to God for His care. Newborn **Connor Michael Krabbendam** was able to come home from the hospital on Tuesday. We pray for God's blessing on the Krabbendam's during these early weeks. Also, Jonny and Jenn would like to have Connor baptized on the morning of April 1. We thank God for His care to the churches. A few weeks ago my former congregation of Doon URC installed Rev. John Vermeer as their new pastor, and also recently Covenant URC of Surrey ordained and installed Rev. Jason VanderHorst to the ministry among them. May the Lord bless these churches with their new pastors. *The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel. 3 He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.* (Ps 147:2-3)
Pastor Simon

Collection Schedule:

Mar 11: M.E.R.F. (Middle East Reformed Fellowship) 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 18: Redemption Prison ministry

Mar 25: Rev. Kayayan

Preaching Schedule

Mar 18: AM: John 12:12-26; PM: John 19:1-16

Mar 25: Reading Services: AM Elder Onderwater PM Elder Adema

Mar 30: Good Friday. John 19:31-37 (Lord's Supper)

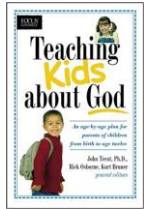
Apr 1: AM: John 20:11-18 (Baptism) PM: exchange with Rev. Folkerts

The **CHP** are planning on holding their AGM on **Thursday, Mar 8** and have a special guest speaker -Barry Neufeld, a Chilliwack School Trustee who will speak on "Political activism in the Days of Elijah". We encourage you to attend! It will be at The Old Church at 7pm. BV ARPA

Library Report:

Teaching Kids about God by various authors, published by Focus on the Family What is the single most important task of parents?

"From giving your toddler a firm foundation to helping your preteen make the right choices, this book provides specific ways to give your child a solid spiritual base so he can grow up to be all God made him/her to be."



CASCADE CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING – Our counsellor, Jan Bryant will be in Smithers on Wednesday, March 14th and Thursday, March 15th. If you would like to book an appointment to see her for individual, marriage or family counselling please call our toll free number at [1-877-585-1411](tel:1-877-585-1411). Marion Ottevangers *Office Administrator*

Church Bookings

If you would like to book the church for an event please contact Jessica Koldyk @ [250-846-6000](tel:250-846-6000).

Questions for the Sermons:

AM:

- What is the connection between prayer and godly living? Can you seek to be godlier without prayer?
- How does your knowledge of God affect the way you pray?
- When you place your burdens at the feet of Jesus, do you leave them there, or do you anxiously carry them home with you again?
- How can your life show that you depend on God and look to Him for all your needs?

PM

- The response to Jesus seemed to be either love or hatred; what happened to those who were indifferent?
- What does your devotion to the Lord look like? Are you willing to bring your best to the Lord, or are you always holding back the best for yourself?
- Do we ever disguise our greedy thoughts with words and actions that appear wise and good?

Wisdom Seniors Dinner, Friday March 16

Who: Anyone over 60!

What: Turkey and Ham Dinner

When: Friday, March 16. Doors open 5. Dinner 5:30

Where: Bethel Church

There is a **sign-up sheet** at the back of the church, if you could please sign up so we have an idea of how many people would like to attend. Thanks!

"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Ps 90:12



Bethel Ladies Bible Study will meet on **Tuesday, March 13th at 9:45 am.**

We will continue with our study of Chapter 11: The Full Duty of man Ecclesiastes 2:12-26, 9:1-5; 12:1-14).

Nursery: Grandma Joanne, Kerri Posthuma, Erica Adema

Coffee Service: Sonja Fordyce

Leaders: Carol Wright, Brenda Ewald

Story Hour: Kara Bisschop

*****Please note that this will be our last meeting before spring break; we will continue with Chapter 12 on Tuesday, April 10th.**

Catechism Classes March 13

Grades 7-8 at 7:00 pm; Please prepare for Lesson 24; 1 Timothy 2:1, 2

Grades 9-12 at 7:45-8:30 pm; Please prepare for 24 LD 22 Q & A 57

Mar 14: Pre-confession class, 7:30, chapters 11, 12

Men's Bible study is finished for the season. Thanks to all who attended.

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

Rev. Bill Green is missionary in San Jose, Costa Rica.

- 1) Praise for the new "Ministry Center building" which is now being used by three Reformed ministries: The Christian High school, the CLIR ministry and printshop, and the Pacto de Gracia congregation!
- 2) The CLIR printing operation will be losing its pressman in a month. Please pray that the Lord provide an ideal person for our needs.
- 3) Latin America is being assaulted severely by the LGTB forces, and already there is discrimination and persecution of those who don't agree. Pray for our churches, our school, and for the many concerned parents.

Church Calendar:

Mar 11: Praise and Worship at 7:30 pm

Mar 12: Consistory meeting at church at 7:30 pm

Mar 13: Ladies Bible Study, 9:45am

Mar 13: Catechism classes at 7:30 & 7:45pm

Mar 14: Pre-confession class, 7:30, chapters 11, 12

Mar 16: Wisdom Seniors Dinner at church at 5 pm

Mar 20: Baby shower for Mary Taylor at church at 7:30 pm

Mar 28: Council Meeting at church at 7:30 pm

Mar 30 (Good Friday) Lord's Supper at 10:00 am

Apr 10: Ladies Bible Study at 9:45 am

Apr 23: Bethel AGM at church at 7:30

Apr 18: Prayer Day service at church

Church Annual General Meeting - Monday, April 23, 2018 @ 7:30pm

Committee Chairpersons' are asked to submit their annual report for the upcoming AGM by Wednesday, March 28, 2018. The reports are to be emailed to jamesbisschop@hotmail.com. AGM packages will be made available to members on Sunday, April 8, 2018.

Praise and Worship Evening: March 11th at 7:30pm at Bethel URC.

Come out and join us for an evening of singing praises to our God and King as we look forward to the celebration of our salvation this coming Easter! Everyone welcome



Sunday School Reminder

Today (Mar. 11) is the first day our Sunday School classes will be combined. 3-5 year olds are welcome to meet in the Sunday School room by the bathrooms during first service. We will be going through the Preschool Walk With Me Curriculum. Teachers please check your mailboxes for an updated schedule! Questions please contact Jessica Koldyk.

Baby/Farewell Shower for Mary Taylor

Mary and Justin will be moving to Ontario at the beginning of April so we won't get to throw her a baby shower after the baby is born, so we figured we would do it before!

When: Tuesday, March 20, 7:30pm Where: Bethel Church

There will be a "money tree" set up for Mary, but she also said she is excited to receive anything as they don't have any baby stuff yet. Just keep in mind that your gift will be heading across the country.

Order of Worship:

March 11, 2018 --10:00 A.M – Rev. Simon Lievaart

Preparation for Morning Service

Gathering for Worship

- * Call to Worship **Psalm 98:1-3**
- * Silent Prayer followed by musical response
- * Votum: Declaration of dependence on God
- * Salutation (The Lord's Greeting)
- * Opening Song: # **192 (blue)** "Unto God our Saviour"

Affirming God's Law

Law of God: Exodus 20:1-17

Response Song: # **353 (blue)** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Preparation Song: # **140 (blue)** "O God, How Good Thou Art."

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Reading: **Psalm 116**

Text: **Lord's Day 45**

Sermon: Prayer and Godliness

1. Pray with a Responding Heart,
2. An Understanding Mind
3. And a Trusting Life

Responding in Faith

* Song of Response: #**467 (blue)** "Stand up Stand for Jesus"

Congregational Prayer

Offering: M.E.R.F.

Continuing our Calling

* Closing Song # **228:1,3,7 (blue)** "I Love the Lord, the Fount of Life"

* Benediction (God's Blessing)

* Doxology: # **228:10 (blue)** "I Love the Lord, the Fount of Life"

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

Musical Accompanist: Jolene Meints

Order of Worship:

March 11, 2018-- 2:30 P.M. – Rev. Simon Lievaart

Preparation for Afternoon Service

Gathering for Worship

- * Call to Worship **Psalm 65:1-4**
- * Silent Prayer followed by musical response
- * Votum: Declaration of dependence on God
- * Salutation (The Lord's Greeting)
- * Opening Song: # **116:1-3 (blue)** "Forth from Thy Courts"

Confessing Our Faith

Apostles Creed said in unison

Song of Response: # **318:1,3 (blue)** "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Song of Preparation: # **381 (blue)** "Man of Sorrows, What a Name"

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Reading: **John 11:45-12:11**

Text: **John 12:1-11**

Sermon: Do you Love the Lord of Life?

1. Mary's Thankfulness (1-3)
2. Judas' Greed (4-8)
3. Devotion and Opposition (9-11)

Responding in Faith

* Response Song: # **58 (blue)** "The Lord I will At All Times Bless"

Congregational Prayer

Offering: M.E.R.F.

Departing to Serve

* Closing Song: # **440 (blue)** "My Jesus I Love Thee"

* Benediction (The Lord's Parting Blessing)

* Doxology: **3 Fold Amen**

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

Musical Accompanist: Klaas Kort