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GENERAL NEWS

ROLLING CALENDAR

General

Dec 21 CCRS Christmas Program

Jan 11-13 CRTS Conference

Jan 13 ARPA Fundraiser Dodgeball Tournament

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Barrhead

Dec 17 Christmas Program

Dec 19 Seniors Christmas Coffee/Tea

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Dec 31 New Year's Potluck

Neerlandia

Neerlandia South

Dec. 17 Keir Care, Hillcrest Services

Neerlandia North

PHONE BOOK UPDATE

The home phone number for Garrick and Marian Schepers is no longer available.

Here is the new contact info:

Garrick: 780-307-4754

Marian: 780-307-4756

COVENANT CANADIAN REFORMED SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Everyone is invited to attend the CCRS Christmas program on, D.V., December 21, 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Barrhead Canadian Reformed Church.

CRTS CONFERENCE: IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

This year's CRTS conference is entitled "Real Gospel: Sovereign Grace for Church and World." It will take place from Jan 11–13 (Thurs. eve. to Sat. noon) in the Ebenezer CanRC building, Burlington. Registration before **December 31** is \$65 (\$50 for students), but in the new year it goes up to \$80 (\$65). Other options are available if you cannot attend every session and no registration is required for the two free evening lectures. For more details and to register go to:

www.canadianreformedseminary.ca.

STRENGTHENING THE CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE 2018

Strengthening the Christian Marriage 2018 information is here! Join us Jan 19-20 at Grace Reformed Church of Leduc for a 2-day conference. We will explore how to glorify God by keeping our marriages pure, communication strong and our finances stewardly. Friday night we have planned a date night of fun and fellowship with other Christian couples. Please see the printed brochure for lots of additional information. Space is limited so please book as soon as possible!

YOUNG PEOPLES SKI TRIP

All young peoples (16+) are invited on a ski trip to Marmot Basin in Jasper on January 20th. If at least 15 people sign up, the cost of a lift ticket will be \$67. Rentals are \$49 for a full set. Please contact Peter Viersen (email: viersenpeter@gmail.com or text: 780-284-0637) to sign up or if you have any questions. We will be accepting registrations until New Years Day, January 1st.

COVENANT CANADIAN REFORMED TEACHERS COLLEGE UPDATE & REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

This past fall, CCRTC opened its doors to 25 enthusiastic students. We give thanks once again that the Lord has blessed our school community! As the 2017 calendar year draws to a close, you are respectfully asked to remember the work of training Reformed teachers in your year-end giving. We are aware of the fact that without the prayerful and financial support of all of you, the college could not continue to provide a supply of Reformed teachers for our schools.

The suggested donation for this year is \$480, but any amount is gratefully accepted. Donations are needed to help cover this year's budgeted expenses as this will reflect positively in our accreditation application. Please send your cheques to Covenant CRTC, 410 Crerar Drive, HAMILTON, ON L9A 5K3, or if you would prefer automatic withdrawal you will find a form on the donate page of our website: covenantteacherscollege.com/donate.html.

We thank you for your generosity, and pray the Lord will bless you in 2018.

BARRHEAD NEWS

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TO AND FROM THE CONGREGATION

Another week has gone by and sr. **Tena Dykstra** still remains in hospital care indefinitely. And yet we give thanks for the help and support she is receiving from all who surround her as all this ultimately provides a tangible witness to the Lord's fatherly care for her. May the Lord graciously continue to give strength and endurance to Tena and Louis and their family members every day. Our prayers also go out to the Lord on behalf of all who are grieving. Early this past week the Lord called home to himself the mother of br. **Rick Hofsink** in the Netherlands. The Hofsink's hastened to travel there but never made it in time to say final goodbyes. Nevertheless they are thankful for a recent visit they could have 2 months ago and that they could now be present to support his father. On Thursday br. Ed Aikema received the news that his father (Peter Aikema of Vernon) had died suddenly. Just late last week they could all be together to celebrate a family-wedding in Coaldale. Yet in the Lord's providence it was time for him to be called home so soon after. The Aikema's hope to have arrived in Vernon by the time you read this. Finally in the wider-Christian world, on Thursday the Lord also called home to himself his faithful servant, **Dr. R.C. Sproul** – someone well-known to many Reformed believers for his clear and winsome teaching of the gospel. After experiencing some years of flagging health, his work is now done, his race is now finished, and he has entered the inheritance the Lord had prepared for him. While we mourn with those who mourn in the sorrow of loss, yet we rejoice with those who rejoice in knowing that to be with the Lord is better by far (Philippians 1:23).

We are also grateful that today sr. **Tena Wierenga** may celebrate another birthday, the Lord willing. We thank God for giving you the blessing of good health and loving family, and we pray for his continued blessing in the year to come.

A special thank-you also goes out to all those who were involved in organizing the **recent speaking engagement for Dr. G.H. Visscher** in this area. This task was shared among the evangelism committees of the area-churches and they all worked hard to put on this event. All who attended could certainly say they received a good taste of the quality of the teaching our seminary in Hamilton offers.

Nevertheless I will say that the low turnout (especially on Day 2) was unexpected and disappointing. Realizing every absent person could have their own excuse – some justifiable, others not – let it suffice to say that these evangelism committees are YOUR evangelism committees and the seminary in Hamilton is YOUR seminary. May we strive to do all we can to support them.

On a closing note, this evening is the annual Christmas program. Much planning and practicing goes into such a program like this. May the Lord be praised and glorified as we celebrate together the coming of our Saviour into this world and the miracle of the incarnation of the Son of God taking on human flesh, being born as a baby in Bethlehem in order to bring joy and peace to the world. May the Lord grant us all a blessed day of rest and worship.

CVL

BARRHEAD PREACHING SCHEDULE

December 17 AM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

December 17 PM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

December 24 AM – Rev. G. Veurink

December 24 PM – Rev. G. Veurink

December 25 (10 AM) – Rev. C. Vanderlinde (Christmas Day)

December 31 AM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde (New Year's Eve service)

December 31 PM – Rev. C. Vanderlinde

BARRHEAD SCHEDULED COLLECTIONS

December 17 & 24: Mission Aid Brazil

December 25: Anchor Association

December 31: Anchor Association

VISITATION REQUEST

During these winter months and in times of trial, it is important that we as congregation focus our attention a little more on those who are unable to be out and about. We would like to request the members of the congregation to assist with visitations to members in need of such care. If you are willing and able, please make contact with us to assist us with this wondrous work of fellowship. We wish to ensure that all members are well cared for! Thank you. Barrhead CanRC Deacons.

HOST FAMILY

This week's host family is **Kurtis & Helena Olthuis**

December 24 Ed & Cisca Jansen

December 31 Folkert & Fran Miedema

CATECHISM INSTRUCTION

Catechism students are reminded to bring a Bible, Book of Praise, binder and pen.

Class One: Grades 7 & 8 - taught by Mr. H. Stel (7:30-8:30pm)

Class Two: Grades 9 & 10 - taught by Mr. J. Jagersma (7:30-8:30pm)

Class Three: Grades 11 & 12 - taught by Rev. Vanderlinde (7:30-8:30pm)

Pre-confession class: open to anyone who wishes to join - taught by Rev. Vanderlinde (8:30-9:30pm)

BARRHEAD COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

In previous years the Barrhead United Church has organized and put on the Community Christmas Dinner. For the last few years they have been hoping to pass the baton on to someone else and we as congregation will be doing just that this Christmas. This event takes place every December 25th and so we will continue that. The dinner will be starting at 1:00pm so we will make it work with the service that day. Right now I am in contact with a lady from the United Church...learning the ropes...and I am not sure how many volunteers we will need to help out and/or donations needed as there are many community members who look forward to helping out at this event each year and we would like to keep them included. But...if you know you will be around and want to put your name on the list to help out or are willing to donate food items or monetary gifts just let me know ASAP. Or if you have any other questions about the event contact Alicia at [780-674-8171](tel:780-674-8171) or cell# [780-674-7365](tel:780-674-7365).

On behalf of the Evangelism Committee,
Alicia Schouten

SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS COFFEE / TEA MORNING

To all our Seniors, you are invited to a Coffee/Tea Morning hosted by the Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Study. Come join us on **Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 10am** in the church fellowship hall to celebrate Christmas with us with devotions, singing and fellowship. Please RSVP to Deanna Doornbos (780-674-4808) or Marian Scheper (780-307-4756) and let us know if you will need a ride. We hope to see you there!

FUNDRIVE FOR THE LADIES AID

Hey Everyone! Remember the FUNDrive with Value Village I posted about for the Ladies Aid? We now have a trailer sitting on Marian Scheper's driveway ready to be filled with your gently used items that you are ready to donate for this! :) Please have SOFT goods (CLOTHING, SHOES, BEDDING / TOWELS, ACCESSORIES: HANDBAGS, TOTES, LEATHER BELTS, WALLETS, BACKPACKS, JEWELRY) in garbage bags and PLEASE be sure they are clean and in good condition! And HARD goods (CDS, DVDS, BOOKS, ELECTRICAL ITEMS, TOYS & GAMES, KITCHEN ITEMS, KNICK-KNACKS, SPORTING GOODS, (NOTHING LARGER THAN A MICROWAVE)) in sturdy boxes.

Please message Marian on FB or call / text her at 780-307-4756 to arrange a time to drop off your goods!! :) Marian hopes to make our first drop off at Value Village at the beginning of January!! So let's fill the trailer!!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

This coming Sunday **December 17th** beginning at **7:00 PM** we will be having our Christmas program. You are all welcome to join us as we sing praises to our great Father in humbled adoration of our Saviour, Jesus' birth. Following the program there will be a time for fellowship over coffee&dessert. We'd like to ask all those from our congregation who will be coming to please bring along a dessert or appetizer of your choice to share. (ie. fruit tray, baking, bag of chips, meat & cheese, dessert etc.)

NEW YEAR'S EVE POTLUCK

Sunday **DECEMBER 31st** we will be hosting a New Year's Eve Potluck. You are all invited to come and share a meal together at the church on New Year's Eve! Doors will open at 5:30 PM and Dinner will begin at 6:00 PM. Please bring along a dish to share (ie. chili, soup, salad, etc.) Looking forward to seeing you there!

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

Once again the Young People's Society would like to offer their services to the elderly of the congregation. If you are in need of help around your home or with yard work the young peoples are more than willing to lend a helping hand. The contact people for those in need of help are Jeremy Hoeksema at [780-284-2343](tel:780-284-2343) and Nicholas Vogelzang at [780-674-7291](tel:780-674-7291).

NEERLANDIA NEWS

SENIOR CITIZENS HOME IN NEERLANDIA

The Board of the Christian Senior Citizens Homes Society of Northern Alberta has expressed interest in pursuing discussions about a Christian Independent & Assisted Living seniors' home in our area. They feel that a partnership between the churches and the Society that operates Emmanuel Home could be an effective vehicle to meet the needs of seniors in our community by providing quality housing and services in a Christian environment. They propose to set up an open house in January or February of 2018 to discuss the idea. More details for the open house to follow in the future.

WVL

BIBLE/PSALM BOOK COLLECTION PROJECT

The South morning Women's Bible Study group is collecting any of your unused Bibles (any translation) and old versions of our Book of Praise that you wish to part with. You can bring them along to church and place them in the box provided under the table in the foyer. We will be bringing them to Bibles For Mission where they will be distributed for further use. Let us help spread the Gospel message through these means. Thank you

NEERLANDIA SOUTH

FOR AND FROM THE FLOCK

Another week has gone by with awesome winter temperatures. These mild conditions help to shorten the winter, but it does make the side roads very slippery. So far no one has been involved in any accidents on account of the conditions. Something to be thankful for.

Our congratulations go out to Amelie Viersen and Henk-Jan Rook on their recent engagement. We wish them God's blessing as they prepare for their marriage.

The service at Shepherd's Care scheduled for this evening has been cancelled due to a bad flu bug going through the home.

Br. and Sr. Joe and Freddy Peters are residents at Shepherd's Care. We ask God to watch over them and pray that they may be spared from any ill effects from this virus.

Our Christmas Day Service will be held at 9.00 am and will be led by Rev. G. Veurink.

The school Christmas Concert will be held Dec. 21 at 7:30 pm in the Barhead Canadian Reformed Church. It truly is amazing to see all the students singing praise to God. A wonderful display of God's faithfulness and blessings through the generations. The group of students continues to grow in number from year to year. We pray that God may continue to bless the school and all those involved in its operation.

Today's services will be led by Rev. E.J. Tiggelaar. May God cause our faith to grow and be strengthened by the proclamation of His Word today.

Have a blessed Sunday

JF

SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

Dec. 17 am – Rev. E.J. Tiggelaar
pm – Rev. E.J. Tiggelaar

Dec. 24 am - Rev. B. Beukema
pm - Reading

Dec. 25 am - Rev. G. Veurink

Dec. 31 am - Rev. Beukema
pm - Reading

Jan. 7- am – Reading
pm -Reading

Jan. 14 am - Rev. Veurink (Lord's Supper)
pm - Rev. W. Den Hollander Sr.

SHORT REPORT OF COUNCIL MEETING DEC. 11, 2017

Our meeting is opened by singing Psalm 71:1 and 10, reading Proverbs 9 and prayer.

Br. J. Froma is absent with notification.

The minutes of the November meeting are adopted and signed. Various congregational memorabilia are taken note of with thankfulness.

Incoming mail: letters from:

- Regional Synod –West.
- Smithers Mission Board.
- Can. Ref. Theological Seminary.
- Needy students fund.
- Aldergrove Mission Board.
- Superannuation Board.
- The Study- Formerly ILPB.

Outgoing mail:

- Church at Calgary.
- -Attestation for Wade Barendregt to Fergus North.

The agenda is adopted.

The brothers report on visits made since last meeting.

The C of A reports November income as \$ 24,325. They have the budget for 2018 and charitable donation status is on the way.

The deacon's report:

\$ 1,933.15 needy
2,337.85 MERF
500.00 support given
\$ 43,494.85 Bank Balance

Sr. Kerry Breukelman is our new Rehoboth representative for Neerlandia South.

Br. Bikker enters the meeting and presents the proposed 2018 budget. He is thanked for his work and leaves the meeting.

The Calling Committee reports on its activities and is making progress to present to Council.

Service arrangements are as follows:

Dec. 17- Rev. Tiggelaar am and pm

Dec. 24- Rev. Beukema am and reading pm

Dec. 25- Rev. Veurink am

Dec 31- Rev. Beukema am reading pm

Jan. 7- Reading am and pm

Jan. 14- Rev. Veurink am (Lord's Supper) and Rev. Den Hollander Sr. pm

Incoming mail:

- Various letters are taken note of for information and assessments are received from various missions for the upcoming year.

- A letter is received from the Can. Ref. Theological Seminary inviting us to the upcoming CRTS conference in January.

Date for the next meeting is set for January 8, 2018

Br. Otten closes the meeting in prayer.

FROM THE C OF A

In order to have your donations recorded under the 2017 year, please submit them no later than Dec. 24th, 2017. All donations received after this will fall under the 2018 year. Budget update: As of December 1, we have collected only 75% of our 2017 annual budget.

KEIR CARE AND HILLCREST SERVICES

TODAY, December 17th is our turn to provide the seniors in Keir Care, and Hillcrest with the gospel message and an evening of singing and fellowship. Keir Care is at 6:30 pm and Hillcrest at 7:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend one of these homes to support those presenting the message and to sing along with those living in these homes. The seniors very much appreciate a little of our time. Please note: The service at Shepherds Care has been cancelled.

INVITATION TO OUR NEW YEAR'S DAY LUNCHEON

Everyone of you is invited to join us at the Mellowdale Hall on January 1st, to celebrate the arrival of the Year of Our Lord 2018. Coffee will be ready at 11:30, with a soup and bun lunch at 12:00. Hope to see many of you there!

The Ladies Aid and Fellowship Committees

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEN'S SOCIETY

Next meeting will be on December 20 at Ron Hamoen's shop. We will be studying chapter 11 of "Growing in the Gospel". Jeff VanGrootheest will be leader. Hope to see many men there!

WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S SOCIETY

We hope, the Lord willing, to meet together again on Dec 20, 2017 at Grace Peter's place at 8:00 p.m. Our topic will be from the book Growing in the Gospel by Dr. Jason Van Vliet Chapter 5, which deals with God's Names and Perfections...God..."Who only has immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen" 1 Tim 6:16 Suggested Scripture Readings: Exodus 3; James 1: 12-18, BC Art 20 and LD 45
Leading: Vonessa Van Assen Baking, Closing Song and Prayer: Rosanne Olson

We welcome anyone to join us as we seek to learn more about our infinite God!

YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIETY

At our last meeting, we had a most wonderful discussion based on Hosea 5. Thank you all for coming up with questions and participating! Sadly, due to the busy Christmas season, our next meeting will have to wait until the new year. It is scheduled to take place on January 7th at the Vanderzyl's house at 8 o'clock as usual. Jadon will be leading the meeting on Hosea 6. May you have a very merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year with friends and family!

HELPING HAND

We, as the Young Peoples Society, are gladly offering our help to those within our church community. For those who would like any assistance from the young people of our congregation, please don't hesitate to contact Wyat Jissink at 284-3215 or Joshua VanAssen at 394-7338.

Micah 6:8 "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

HOST FAMILY

December 17 Curtis & Lorraine Hooimeyer

December 24 David & Christien Hospers

December 31 Andrew & Mona Jissink

January 07 Trevor & Gwen Mast

BABYSITTING LIST

Dec 24 am – Saakje O, Rolynn B, Brandi J
pm – Gwen M, Jewel B
Dec 25 CHRISTMAS – Jen O, Teri B
Dec 31 am – Rosanne O, Becky F, Brooklyn S
pm – Bec P, Marina H
Jan 07 am – Kym P, Christien H, Raina S
pm – Corlisa P, Jantien H

NURSERY CLEANING

Jan 08 Debbie VA, Joanne VA, Jocelyn VL

NEERLANDIA NORTH

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people.” As we come closer to Christmas Day, these words from Zechariah in Luke 1:67 help us to focus on what is truly important, namely that Jesus the Christ came to earth in order to redeem us and reconcile us to God. May this truly be the reason for our celebration, not only at this time of year but every day of our lives. And also today, as we hear the gospel of salvation proclaimed and as we see God’s covenant promises confirmed in baptism, may we be led to rejoice in the abundant goodness of our Heavenly Father!

Congratulations to our Br. & Sr. Darren and Rachel Krikke who were blessed with a healthy baby girl whom they have named Enzleigh Lynn. We pray that the Lord would bless our sister with restoration of health and strength and that he would provide to both parents everything they need to raise their daughter in the fear of the LORD!

On Saturday December 23, our Br. & Sr. Wulfert and Yvonne Van Laar will, DV, celebrate their 35th anniversary. We give all thanks to God for the blessings he has given to our brother and sister throughout the years and we pray that our Gracious God would not only bless them with a joyful day of celebration but that he will also continue to bless them in the years to come!

In this new week we may also rejoice together with our Br. John Van Assen as he celebrates his birthday on Tuesday December 19, DV. We are thankful that our Heavenly Father has continued to bless you in so many ways and we pray that he would also continue to be with you in the year to come! May you have a joyful day celebration, together with your wife and the rest of your family as well!

This past week our Sr. Carol Werkman underwent a biopsy and we pray that this biopsy would come back with favourable results. Even though we know that our lives and our health are completely in the hand of the Lord, it can still be unsettling to have so many unanswered questions at this stage and so it is our prayer, Sr. Werkman, that our Faithful God would grant you his peace, also in this time of waiting.

We also continue to remember in prayer our Sr. Fiona Brand and her family as Fiona’s sister in BC undergoes different tests to determine the best course of action for her. The health of Fiona’s sister Monique is declining relatively quickly and the family’s focus right now is on how to keep her comfortable. As we can tell this is a difficult situation for the family but what makes it even more difficult is that this is the third child in the family to go through these things. We pray that the Lord would continue to surround Fiona, as well as the rest of her family with his gracious care and that he would provide for them everything that they are in need of.

The mother of our Sr. Sarah Van Assen continues to decline in her health, and is looking forward to being with her Saviour. We continue to pray that the Lord would surround the whole family with his love and care, especially in these difficult times when there is, humanly speaking, nothing that can be done any longer.

As we can see, the Lord has given us many reasons for thankfulness but there are also struggles and difficulties that many have to go through. What a blessing it is that the Lord places us in the body of believers so that we can help and encourage one another! And even more, what a great privilege it is that we can bring these matters to him in prayer, pouring out our hearts to him and knowing that he both hears and answers us! Let us then constantly approach his throne of grace with confidence, seeking all that we need for body and soul!

Wishing you all a blessed day of worship!

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PREACHING SCHEDULE

December 17 AM: Rev. G. Veurink
PM: Rev. G. Veurink
December 24 AM: Rev. C. Vanderlinde
PM: Rev. C. Vanderlinde
December 25 AM: Rev. G. Veurink

SHORT REPORT OF COUNCIL NOVEMBER 6, 2017

- The vice-chairman Br. W. Vanlaar opens meeting and requests we sing Hymn 23:1.

- He reads from Eph. 5:1-21 and opens in prayer.
- All are welcomed, absent with notification Brs T. Peters, J.Kippers and Rev. Veurink.
- Minutes of September 4 ,2017 are read and approved
- Matters from minutes put on agenda
- Memorabilia is discussed
- o Agenda is adopted
- o All brothers make report on visits made
- Incoming mail=
- o Pulpit schedule
- o Notice of date for material for classis
- o Letter from Aldergrove re: info on health of Rev. K. Wieske
- o Attestation for Sr. Fiona Brand
- o Several travel attestations returned
- Outgoing mail
- o Attestation Br. and Sr. Wazza and Betty Spanderman
- o Attestation Br. and Sr. Russ and Vanessa Taekema
- o Attestation Br. and Sr. Hendrick and Shelley Vanbeek
- Committee of Administration
- o Income September \$ 21,560.00
- o Amount paid to south as agreement when split- \$80,000.00
- o Bank Balance \$ 39,250.13
- o Savings \$ 3,439,.07
- o Balance of agreement to south \$441,500.00
- o Some housekeeping items are discussed
- Home Mission
- o Arranging speeches for 500 year Reformation commemoration
- o Discussion on arrangements of Kier Care and Shepherds Care
- Deacons Report
- o Oct. needy collection \$2,525.00
- o Support given \$1,500.00
- o Special collection ERQ \$2,762.00
- o Book Balance \$16,722.91
- Congregational Matters
- o Nothing special to report
- General Discussion
- o Discussion on the book "The Deacon" by Prof. VanDam
- Service Arrangements are discussed.
- Mission
- o Short update on Mission Mexico.
- Church Federation
- o Financial report from Theological Seminary.
- o Budget for next year is set at \$90.00 per communicant member(same as last year)
- Question Period is not made us of.
- Date of next meeting is set for December 4, 2017.
- Br. D. Terpsma closes in prayer and meeting is closed.

PRESS RELEASE COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 4, 2017

Opening-Chairman Rev. Veurink calls the meeting to order and requests the singing of Psalm 84:5. He then reads 1 Timothy 3 and leads in opening prayer.

Welcome- All brothers present are welcomed. Absent with notification is Br. P. deJong and Br. W. VanLaar.

Minutes of the Council meeting held November 6, 2017 are read and adopted as presented.

Incoming Mail

- a. Invitation from Theological Seminary for Conference to be held January 11-13, 2018
- b. Letter from Langley CanRC re: Superannuation
- c. Letter from Smithers Home Mission Board.
- d. Acts of Regional Synod

Outgoing Mail

N/A

Reports- Office bearers report on various contacts and visits made since the last meeting.

C of A Report – Income November 19,218.46

Deacons Report- Needy month of November Needy \$2067.95 Support given: \$2250.00

Collected for Urban Mission \$3173.05 Bank Balance: \$15,542.19

Collected for Anchor Association \$1,000.00

Home Mission Report- Dr G.H. Visscher is coming to speak December 8, 2017

Congregational Matters-

a. Discussion is held regarding visitors coming from other federations without attestations and requesting to celebrate Lord's Supper with us.

General Discussion-

a. Discussion on book "The Deacon" – lead by Br. Harry Peters. Chapter 2. The aspect of providing for the poor and the scriptural structure put in place by God.

b. Sermon Discussion – Positive Discussion and words of encouragement were given. Thankfulness is expressed that the congregation is being spiritually fed, and the Gospel continues to be proclaimed.

Service Arrangements

a. Service arrangements are discussed

Mission

a. Mexico Mission – Nothing to report at this time.

b. Mission Smithers/Budget/Assessment to be reviewed.

Matters of Church Federation

a. Letter from Langley Can.Ref. Church – re: Supperanuation – to be reviewed

b. Acts of Regional Synod Aldergrove.

Question period- Was made use of.

Next Meeting- January 3, 2018 DV.

Closing – Br. Trevor Peters leads in prayer and the chairman closes the meeting.

FROM THE DEACONS

For the month of December the special collection is for Word and Deed. Word and Deed is a organization which seeks to address the spiritual and physical needs of people in the developing world in accordance with biblical principles. For example, a partner of Word and Deed, the Adoration Christian Centre in Haiti has been working hard to add a high school grade every year. This year, their tenth year in operation, they are adding Grade 13. Praise God that they are now able to offer Christian schooling to students from Kindergarten to the final grade of high school! The students in next year's graduating class have career ambitions in pediatrics, administration, accounting, trades, and more, but they also express a strong desire to serve God in their communities. Please pray that the Lord will provide and strengthen these students in faith, that they will graduate well, be given wisdom as they consider their future path, and ultimately minister as Christian servants in Haiti through their calling in life.

The special collection for the Christmas day service will be for the Barrhead Family and Community Support Services. Barrhead FCSS is a partnership between the Province of Alberta, the Town and the County of Barrhead and the people of our community. They are community based and volunteer supported. Their role is to develop locally driven preventative social services to enhance the well being of individuals, families and communities. A few of their services are the local food bank, the Christmas food hamper program, and a program called coats for kids which gives donated winter coats to those who need them. May we as God's children cheerfully give to those in need of what He has so richly blessed us with.

YOUNG PEOPLES

Our next meeting will be tonight, December 17th 2017. We have decided to have it this week instead of having a extra long Christmas break. Tonight we have been welcomed to the home of Albert and Sonja Vanleeuwen. The meeting will begin at 8:00pm. We will be looking at Proverbs 15th and begin on part 97 in our book. Please prepare for the meeting by reading the Proverb and reading through the following parts. Jesse W will be opening this meeting. Also please remember to pay your dues of \$20 per person. Have a blessed Sunday!

ATTENTION:

We have heard that there is an interest within the congregation for hosting the Young People's Society. From now on there will be a signup sheet in the back of the church for all those who would be willing to host the North Young People's. We are a group of about 25 . We would also enjoy coffee and refreshments. Parents please also continue to take your turn hosting. Thank you!

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our next meeting is planned for Dec 19,2017 the Lord willing.

We are studying ch6 of volume 2 Growing in the gospel. The Holy Spirit: His persons and work. Suggested reading Psalm 51:7-12, John 14:15-31

Judith will lead, Nicole will bake and pray, Whitney will bring kids baking, and Christy and Ang will babysit.

NEERLANDIA NORTH YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE COMMITTEE

We as Young Peoples would love to help any of the seniors or disabled members who need a helping hand. To make arrangements please call Andrew Schouten @ 780-305-8914 or Pieter Steenbergen @ 780-284-4060

HOST FAMILY

December 17 Piet & Grace VanDasselaar

December 24 Cor & Jannie Vandekamp

December 31 Joshua & Abigail VanDongen

BABYSITTING

Dec.17 AM: Ciny, Marie S, Andrea

Dec.24 AM: Nicole VA, Sarah, Leanne W

PM: Cindy, Kathleen, Elana

PM: Laura, Cynthia, Kiersten