

News

Benevolence

Innisfil Food Bank

Several months ago CTV News Barrie visited



the Food Bank and aired a story about our almost empty cupboards. Within days the “tap was turned on” so to speak. Schools, businesses, organizations, community, individuals all stepped up to the plate. The amount of food and monetary donations that came in November and December was overwhelming! Two tons were received from the Innisfil Rotary Sandy Cove food drive alone. We literally ran out of bins and boxes to accommodate it all....a wonderful problem to have, especially with the increased demand for assistance. At the risk of missing names, we will not list them all. However, we extend a BIG thank you to the Innisfil community for the “over the top” generosity. A BIG thank you as well to our food bank co-ordinator, Donna Vanbodegom and the many volunteers who helped pick up, receive, sort, and shelve the food. The number of clients per month has increased to approx. 105 from the regular 40-50. Because of the help we have received, we are now in a good position to assist those in need. **THANK YOU Innisfil!**

Matthew 25:35: “For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink.”

News

Benevolence (cont'd)

Clothing Depot

Due to the busyness of the Christmas Season, the Clothing Store was not open for shopping in December. The store was reopened on Thursday, January 24th. We are still looking for a Co-ordinator of the Clothing Depot—someone who can oversee the operation and manage the scheduling of the volunteers who come in to sort on a rotational basis. With the amount of donations that pour in on a daily basis, more volunteers are needed. Several have recently signed up and we are currently in the process of training. Thank you!!

Matthew 25:36: “I was naked, and you gave me clothing.”

In Memoriam

Thank you ICC for praying for those in our church family who lost loved ones this past month. We extend our deepest sympathy to:

Rocco (Connie) Aurelio: on the passing of Rocco's dad

Steve (Tina) Covert: on the passing of Steve's mom

Grace Dean: on the passing of her brother-in-law

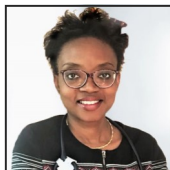
Tanya (Paul) Firth: on the passing of Tanya's uncle.

Anthony (Annette) Langeveld: on the passing of Anthony's aunt.

Coming up Next Month

Soul Sisters Event - February 8th

The Guest Speaker will be Dr. Fola Ogunbiyi, speaking on Mental Health (Part 2). Dr. Fola is a family physician at the Rizzardo Health Centre in Innisfil. She has extensive experience in mental health, marriage and relationship counseling. Dr. Fola shared Part 1 in February of 2019. Her talk was very informative and inspirational, as she shared the various aspects and effects of mental health. We invite all ladies to come and hear



Part 2.

“God, thank You for the year that has passed. May this new year be a fruitful and purpose-filled one.” **BLESSINGS EVERYONE!**

Innisfil Community Church Newsletter January, 2020



We hope you have all had a blessed and joyous Christmas and you are ready to embrace the New Year with meaning and purpose!

Following are some of our 2019 Christmas highlights:

Christmas Production

A presentation of “Christmas Break-In” was held on Saturday night and Sunday morning, December 7th and 8th. “On Christmas eve Harriet faces the fact that her family will not be able to spend Christmas with her. Sad and lonely sitting in her living room, two thieves break in and decide to steal her belongings that same night. Through the journey, Harriet and the thieves find the true meaning of Christmas.” The production, which included a kids and adults choir, was co-led by Pastor Eli and the script writer, Grace Dean.

Christmas Hampers & Gifts

We distributed 68 Hampers to families in the Innisfil community. These were filled with festive items and everything needed for a Christmas Dinner. We are thankful to Innisfil Fire & Rescue for donating 70 turkeys, to Foodland in Stroud for 50 bags of potatoes, and to our church family for helping complete the Hampers with other special items. As well, the recipients of these Hampers shopped for their families in our “gift store” (all items donated), making their Christmas even brighter!

Christmas Eve Community Dinner

Jennifer Hay (our co-ordinator) and her Team, did a fantastic job of hosting a full sit-down festive meal for our 55+ guests from the community, who also had an opportunity to shop for gifts for their families as well. We were honored to have had our MP, John Brassard, and his family, help serve the meal. Thank you to all the volunteers! You were fantastic!

Events/Activities/News

Christmas Highlights (cont'd)

Christmas Eve Service

On Christmas Eve we had a full house for our candlelight carol sing, special music, and live kids' nativity (always a highlight)! It was a delight to see so many from our community, as well as family and friends, attend this annual service!

Other Festive Activities

FUEL Youth Christmas Event

The FUEL Christmas Dinner event was held on December 13th, in the beautifully decorated Youth Room. They enjoyed a lovely sit-down meal and lots of festive fun activities.



Soul Sisters Christmas Event

The ladies enjoyed a delicious catered Christmas Brunch on December 14th, with over 60 in attendance. The Guest Speaker was Rev. Shanna Gerber, Associate Pastor at Hiway Pentecostal Church in Barrie, who shared an inspiring message on (spiritual) "Expectancy". There was also worship, photo booth, and prizes. A great day!



Primetimers

The seniors held their Christmas event on December 2nd. They had a full festive turkey dinner and desserts. Of course their afternoon would not have been complete without a game of shuffleboard! Thanks to Beth Skabernicky for coordinating these events.

BGs and The GATE

The Boys and Girls Club and Junior Highs also celebrated the Season with activities such as building ginger bread houses, decorating Christmas cookies, ugly sweater party, and....learning about the birth of Jesus and the REAL reason we celebrate Christmas!

Events/Activities/News

New
Year,
New
Beginnings

January 2019



The first Sunday of the new year, January 5th, was welcomed with communion and a message from our Guest Speaker, Scott Jackson, Station Manager for LIFE 100.3 Christian Radio Station in Barrie. Scott delivered a challenge to be more intentional in sharing our faith and to be bold in our witnessing.

Young Pastors "Time Out"

Pastor Andy & Pastor Sarah attended the Young Pastors' Time Out Retreat, held at Great Wolf Lodge in Niagara Falls January 5th-8th. This conference aims to provide ministry in both a personal and practical way, including spiritually refreshing sessions for all who attend. There is also time set aside to relax, recharge, and connect with old and new friends.

Soul Sisters



When life gives you lemons, you paint! On January 11th and 18th the ladies got together for a sign painting class. There were several signs to choose from and each lady chose their personal preference sign to paint. Everyone enjoyed this experience and proudly displayed their signs at the end of the project. Thanks to Marlene Myers, Kim Robbins, and Johanna Stockley for teaching the class and for their patience and guidance throughout the process.

Events/Activities/News

Men's Ministries

Men's Ministries kicked off the new year with a



breakfast meeting on Saturday, January 18th. John Koning was the Guest Speaker, sharing on the topic "The Elephant In The Room". (Ask the guys who attended)!! John has been an active member around ICC for many years. He is a retired fire captain and business man with a lifetime of experience!

Small Groups & Programs

All our regular programs and Small Groups have resumed. For information on any of our church activities, please visit our website at: www.innisfilchurch.com

Bible Studies

Monday Nights

FUEL Youth Girls' Bible Study - facilitated by Nicole Carrique

Tuesday Noon

"Letters To The Church" by Francis Chan - facilitated by Jennifer Hay & Pastor Andy

Wednesday Morning & Evenings

"Teach Us How To Pray" - facilitated by Jennifer Hay

Wednesday Evenings

Spanish Bible Study - facilitated by Pastor Eli

Prayer Meetings

Tuesdays & Thursdays - 7am to 8 am

Sunday Mornings - 7:30 am to 8:30 am

Friday Mornings - 9:45 am to 11 am

These prayer times are open to ALL. Please feel free to join those who already attend.