



Clinton Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Today, the 2nd week of Advent, we continue to journey through a season of hope with God's Word shining light on our path. We also have the opportunity to celebrate God's promises and provisions in witnessing the **baptism of Peter Eric**, son of Mark & Carolyn Rylaarsdam.

Church Family:

Prayer Needs: Our Heavenly Father is gracious and has an ever listening ear. Let us be faithful in praying for one another. Some members of our church family are not able to worship with us in person and we ask that you keep them in your prayers: *Jeene Amsing, Alice Bakelaar, Sandra Raidt, Evelyn VanderWal, Annie VandenHeuvel, Martin Geleynse, Wilma Reinink, and Sally Hellinga.*

Other members of our church family are struggling and need God's healing hand and comfort: *Sandra Raidt, Helen Steenstra, Jennie Kaastra, Terry and Anne Kaastra, Leen and Agatha Van de Ban, Riek Greidanus, Willy Van Dorp, Janny Postma, Nellie Hoogendoorn's Mom Jenny Valkenburg, and Kay Feddes.*

Pastor Ray Vander Kooij can be reached at the church 519-482-5264, ext. 1, his cell at 519-993-3303 or by email at pastor.ccrcc@tcc.on.ca.

Birthday Congratulations to:

- December 11:** Peter Damsma celebrating his 92nd birthday
Andrea Rether
Jake Rylaarsdam
- December 12:** Melody Van Dorp
Hannah Kroes
Peter VanDriel celebrating his 75th birthday



Church Its Ministries & Concerns:

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING: Christmas Bureau

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING: Teen Challenge

Ways to Give:

E-Transfer: Remember that you can donate via e-transfer online. Use clintoncrctreasurer@tcc.on.ca as the email and type whether it is for the church budget and/or the weekly offering in the memo. We understand that some banks are charging per e-transfer so if you would like to send your donation once a month you can do so. Please make sure that the memo line specifies budget and/or weekly offering.

You can **MAIL YOUR CHEQUE** to the church. Address is 243 Princess Street East, PO Box 697, Clinton, ON, NOM 1L0.

You can sign up for **PAR** if you haven't done so already. Contact Trudy MacDonald at trudy.macdonald@sympatico.ca. Pre-authorized remittance is for the church budget only.

Coupons: This option can be used for the weekly offering and can be mailed to the church. Please make sure that you specify the weekly collection.

Live Streaming: To watch the live stream, go to the church website – www.clintonchristianreformedchurch.ca and click the banner that says "Click here to watch live stream".

Live Stream Volunteers Needed: It's a blessing to be able to have the equipment working well to live stream our worship services. We also need some people to run this equipment. Currently, we have 2 people but it would be better to have **2 more volunteers** to help out. The system is relatively easy to run; the cameras are pre-set and the services are laid out each week with clear directions. Training will be available. If you're interested to see how it works, you can watch the process on a Sunday morning. Contact Mark Damsma.

It is coming! The GEMS/CADETS "Connection Bag" drive/walk-thru pickup event is coming this Thursday, December 10 from 7 - 8:15 pm! This is a creative way to keep in touch with our church and community CADETS boys and GEMS girls. Parents/caregivers gather up their CADET and GEM in their vehicle, drive to our church site and enter on the east (field) side of the church, drive around the building and stop at the pickup station to say HI to their counselors and receive their free "connection bag". To keep everyone safe, families are asked to remain in their vehicles at all times. Participants walking will enter the pickup station when the area is clear, maintain safe distancing, wear a mask, say HI to their counselors and receive their bag. We have 37 families participating with 34 GEMS and 22 CADETS. Thanking God for this opportunity to outreach and share the gospel.

Strategic Planning Team is looking for members to join the team. If you would like to be considered, please contact Ralph DeWeerd, Chair.

Ere Zij God Project – This song is a strong part of our Christmas tradition. With this year being unusual, we'd like to do a different take on this tradition as well. We're looking for people to volunteer to hold a paper with a piece of the lyrics and have their picture taken. We can take the photo for you or you can take it and send it to Angela. Please contact Angela to participate in this special project.



Reading Suggestion: Karen and Val are family – yet they are not close. Karen has carried the burden of responsibility for her aging mother ever since her sister left town years ago. But Val wasn't ever coming home ... until their mother suffers a stroke. The girls are reunited and must come to grips with their past mistakes and care for their ailing mother. THAT CERTAIN SUMMER by Irene Hannon.

School News:



HCS Cheese Order: The cheese order will be ready for pick-up Thursday, December 10th from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser! You still have time to order your gift cards before Christmas....send your orders to the school or trip@huronchristianschool.ca.

Other News:

TODAY DAILY DEVOTIONAL is available online at <https://today.reframemedia.com/devotions>. The November/December booklets are now available. If you would like a copy of the booklet, you may pick one up at the entrance of the church.

OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONAL is available online at <https://odb.org/?fbclid=IwAR1dW0Dx09iMGYCFpRUY6z2YXgW1I0TctehhU34wGr30TNR9awXTKwwoDsk>

The Banner: Get The Banner by Email - Stay connected with our weekly e-newsletter, the Banner Update, delivering you new online content for free, by signing up at thebanner.org/signup.

Advent has started. Is your heart ready? - Celebrating Christmas isn't a day; it's a season. Orient your Christmas season with Advent devotions from World Renew, Resonate, and the CRC Office of Social Justice every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in December leading up to Christmas. Join us as we journey through lamenting injustice to looking forward to the coming of the Prince of Peace using the book of Micah. To sign up, go to justice.crcna.org/advent.

From Back to God Ministries International: Devotions for a Blue Christmas - In the midst of hard times, find strength and encouragement through God's word. A set of fourteen encouraging Today devotions reassure you that even during the darkest of Christmas seasons, you're not alone. Receive this free email series and ebook when you subscribe to Today at todaydevotional.com/bluechristmas.

SALVATION IS A CHRISTMAS GIFT - Check out our new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. This week's devotion talks about how God's salvation is a free gift. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

From Faith Formation Ministries: At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Hospitality: In the Bible, the Greek term that is usually translated as "hospitality" means "love of strangers." How might your home (whether it's a house, an apartment, a dorm room, or another place) become a space to practice the love of strangers? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).

From Calvin University: Healer of Our Every Ill - A new twist on a favorite Calvin University tradition! The Campus Choir, Women's Chorale, and Capella have professionally recorded five sessions, which will debut on the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship's YouTube channel at 7 p.m. EST each Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. Each service is 30–40 minutes long and contains songs, Scripture, and prayer. worship.calvin.edu/news-events/events.

Redeemer University: Fall Mainstage: *Stranger in the Land* - Dec. 12, 2020 Written and directed by Redeemer's own Professor Ray Louter, *Stranger in the Land* is the story of Anne Vander Berg, a woman coming to terms with generational trauma and her connection to the people who immigrated to Canada after the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands. The performance will be recorded in front of a small audience from November 27-28 and released digitally on December 12. For more details, visit redeemer.ca/stranger-in-the-land.