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MINISTRIES IN OUR CHURCH

Cadets Stephen Mark voort
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 Pastor's Class Rev. Daryl Meijer
 Praise Team Rebecca Sol
 Sunday School Heather DeBoer/Melanie Huinink/Pat Schepers
 Ushers Justin Mulder
 Youth Group Brenda Sol

RADIO/TV MINISTRY**Back to God Ministries International**

Every Sunday Dial CHAM 820AM – 8:00AM
 www.groundworkonline.com

Kids Corner

Saturdays CJFH 94.3FM – 8:00am
 www.kidscorner.net

BACK TO GOD HOUR REP

Gus and Fenny VanStraten

CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY REP

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Please leave the building by the closest exits.

Parents: Your children will be taken by their teachers out of their classrooms via their closest exits. Please meet your children outside the building.

MARANATHA

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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MAY 7, 2017

Maranatha CRC's purpose is:

Helping people to grow in Jesus Christ by celebrating God's grace

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If you would like a copy of the service please contact the office.

Please have bulletin announcements in by Thursday noon.

We have come into His House to worship Him.

Welcome to all those who are worshipping with us today. We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting. We pray that our worship and fellowship will encourage you and all of us in our daily walk with the Lord. Please join us for fellowship and coffee in the gymnasium after the morning service. May God bless Rev. Daryl Meijer in the preaching of the Word this day. Our weekly church newsletter is available at the Welcome Centre. Songbooks and the Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal, regular & large print, are available from the ushers. If you would like more information about our programs please take a purple folder from the Welcome Centre

NEXT WEEK Rev. Daryl Meijer

OFFERINGS Today – Operation Manna/Budget **Next Week** – Compassion Canada/Budget
Received Apr 30/17 – Church Ministries \$6,145 GEMS Girls Clubs \$1,499.90

We gratefully acknowledge your support of our church, our denomination and various ministries!

The word “repent” means to turn from sin, to change our actions. When it comes to change, do we take responsibility for change or do we think that others have to change instead? Change that is permanent comes from within; we must take control and be disciplined. Remember though that we are not alone, Jesus is there to help lighten the load.

NEXT WEEK’S COLLECTION – Compassion Canada

As one of the world’s leading child development organizations, Compassion partners with the local church in 25 countries to end poverty in the lives of children and their families. Today, nearly two million children are discovering lives full of promise and purpose as they develop in all the different aspects of their lives—their minds, bodies and relationships while discovering God’s love for them in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

TODAY:

Elder in Charge: Mr. Ralph Haverkamp

Usher in Charge: Mr. Richard Reinders Ushers: R. Reinders, B. Mulder, G. Markvoort, H. VanSchepen

Audio: S. VanSchepen

Computer: R. Kiers

Video: R. Bentum

Library: Rebecca, Nicole

Children’s Blessing: Kristin

Welcome Centre: Clara

Coffee Servers: Fam. P. Vandersar, Fam. S. VanSchepen

Main Door Greeters: Fam. A. VanderKooi

East Side Door Greeters: Fam. T. VanderHoek

Nursery: Floater: Nicole VanderHoek

Infants: Dorothy Geerlinks, Monique Nagtegaal

Toddlers: Adrienne Reyneveld, Natasha Thuemler, Brad Kiers

SUNDAY SCHOOL for children ages 3 – Grade 3 will be dismissed for Sunday School following the blessing as written in the order of worship. All visiting children ages 3 – 5 please pre-register at the Welcome Centre in the front foyer before the start of church.

CHURCH SCHOOL for Grades 4 – 7 are dismissed following the hymn after the sermon.

BAPTISM: This morning we have the privilege of witnessing the baptism of Jude, son of Axel & Abby Hiemstra. Pray that God will help each of us to fulfill the promises we make today and thank God for His promises to covenant children.

CHURCH FAMILY – Prayer Notes

**Sylvia Markvoort began intensive chemotherapy treatments this past Thursday (once a week for sixteen weeks) after cancer cells were discovered in her body after the surgery. Pray for hope and determination for the family in the face of this discouraging news, and pray for protection of body and soul for Sylvia in her journey.

**Andy Luth moved this week from Woodstock Hospital to Sumac Lodge, a nursing home in Sarnia. This was the closest care home available where Andy could be close to family members. Pray for Andy and Anneke during this difficult time of transition and distance from each other.

**Richard Reyneveld and Amanda Prokopowicz were glad to receive a healthy baby boy this past Tuesday, and named him Noah Michael. We give thanks for his safe arrival, and pray for God’s guidance and blessing for this mother, father and child on their journey together.

**Hank Horinga was healed from an infection in the hospital this past week and was walking around and ready to come home from Woodstock Hospital on Thursday. We pray for continued strength for Hank and Betty, especially as they are unable to join us on Sundays at this time.

**Albert Wesselink remains in Woodstock Hospital recovering from pneumonia and other complications. Pray that Albert might regain the strength to go home, and when the time comes, to accept his need for a nursing home. Pray for encouragement; give thanks for his faith and sense of humour.

**Debbie and Anna Kuiken are both at home and grateful for the time they can spend together there. Debbie’s cancer is now on her abdominal lining and is very difficult to treat. Pray for wisdom as she weighs her options for treatment and care. Pray also for Pam Gray and the rest of the family members in this difficult time.

**Stacey Horinga continues to deal with many complications related to her cancer, including spinal degeneration and a cyst in her brain on one of the tumours. Pray for continued courage, hope and faith, as well as wisdom regarding further treatments, as she continues on homeopathic treatments.

**Audrey Douma continues to deal with fatigue after finishing a month of chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Pray for strength to face her daily challenges as she awaits word in mid-May about possible surgery to remove the tumour.

**Due to their health, Jacoba Batterink, Andy Berghuis, Ann Burgers, Anna DeJager, Jurriena Scheerhoorn, Lucille Schepers, Tina Schut, Klaas & Liz Slik, Helen Vander Ploeg, Baukina Vanmeekeren and Albert Wesselink are unable to join us for worship services. Please support them with prayer, encouragement, phone calls and visits.



May 11 – Mr. Harry VandeZande

May 13 – Mrs. Betty Flikkema

May 16 – Mrs. Wendy DeBoer

May 17 – Mr. John Bergman

May 20 – Mrs. Helen VanderPloeg

Check out the GEMS Calendar to see who is celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week!

CONGREGATION

This morning we welcome Betty Pries, our Congregational Renewal Specialist to our service to update us on our renewal journey and to invite Maranatha into a season of listening prayer. Please be sure to hear what she has to say, whether in person or via live-stream, as we enter this important time in our church family’s story!

May 7, 2017 – Morning Worship Service – 10:00AM

Rev. Daryl Meijer

WE FOCUS OUR HEARTS ON THE LORD

*Call to Worship

*Gathering Song: *“God of Wonders”* LUYH#4

*Opening Prayer and Silent Meditation

concluded with singing: *“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”* #S138

*God’s Greeting and We Greet One Another

*Hymn: *“God With Us”*

WE REMEMBER GOD’S GRACE

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Reflection: *“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”* LUYH#898:1,2

Service of Baptism: Jude Benjamin Hiemstra

Hymn: *“Oh Lord, You’re Beautiful”* #S191

Children ages 3 – Grade 3 leave for Sunday School during the singing

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Invitation to a Season of Listening Prayer – Betty Pries

Prayer of Understanding

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42 (p.1028)

Message: **“ALL EARS FOR GOD”**

*Hymn: *“Be Still, for the Presence”* LUYH#532

Church School (Grades 4-7) leave following this hymn

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Special Presentation

The Prayers of the People

Offering: Operation Manna/Budget

Offertory Hymn: *“It Is Well”*

Offertory Prayer

WE GO OUT AND SHOW GOD’S LOVE TO OTHERS

*God’s Blessing

*Doxology: *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”* LUYH#965

Praise Team 1

* indicates please stand if you are able

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sun	May 7	10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE
Tues	May 9	10:00AM BOWLING FOR RETIRED & SEMI-RETIRED at C&D Lanes 7:30PM ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Wed	May 10	9:30AM PRAYER MEETING in Fireside Room – All Welcome 7:30PM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Fri	May 12	10:00AM MEN’S BIBLE STUDY: Ephesians 4:17-5:21
Sat	May 13	8:00AM MEN’S BREAKFAST

CONGREGATION

Next Sunday, May 14, we welcome Christian recording artist and Compassion Canada Ambassador Jacob Moon to Maranatha Church both to lead worship and speak in our worship service. The Deacons and Pastor Daryl have extended this invitation to Jacob to help us focus on God’s heart for children around the world, especially those living in great need. Consider whom you might invite for this special Mother’s Day service. Opportunity to sponsor a child will be available after the service.

ELECTIONS: Council feels led by the Lord to present the following slate:

Shepherding Elder – Jake Bentum, Frank Bergman, Bonny Vanmeekeren, Henry Scheerhoorn, Ken VanBoven, Sid Tilstra, Dorothy Geerlinks

Administrative Elder – Tim Bentum, Steve Booy, John Kiers, Grace VandenDool, Terry Sol

Youth Elder – Cathy Graansma, Justin Mulder

Deacon – Ben DeBeer, Ada DeVor, John Mulder Sr., Sonya Neutel, Tony Overzet, Frank Wall, Mike Zuest,

Those whose terms will be finished for Administrative Elders are Andrew Streutker and Stewart VanScheepen. Shepherding Elders are Jelle DeVries, as well as Dave Sanders who requested to be relieved from his duties to which council acquiesced; Youth Elder Raymond Bentum and Deacons Linda Klingenberg and John Mulder Jr.

All the nominees are to be voted on a yes/no supporting basis; this voting to be held Sunday, May 14, DV, following the morning’s service. Every nominee that receives a majority will have their name placed in a hat and office bearers will be selected by way of lot by the retiring office bearers during the service on May 21. If you are unable to be here on May 14 an Absentee Ballot will be available in the Council Room.

A CORDIAL INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO ALL MEMBERS to attend the CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, DV

Join us at 7:30pm in the gymnasium – please bring your agendas to the meeting

MARANATHA CRC NEWSLETTER

May 7, 2017

Maranatha Youth Group Update

As the youth group season is finished for the summer, please remember our youth in your prayers. A number of them will be attending the upcoming All Ontario Youth Convention the long weekend of May. Also, as they finish up the school year, anticipate holidays, or finding a job may God guide them and lead them.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

We enjoyed our time together so much that we are hosting another men's breakfast Saturday, May 13 at 8am in the church gym. Please let Arlin Dreise or Jeff Horinga know if you plan to attend so we have the right amount of food for all

SPRING CLEAN UP

Please join us next Saturday, May 13 beginning at 9am to do some Spring Cleaning at the church inside and out! We would like to help the custodians with some of the extra duties like washing walls, windows, cleaning kitchen cupboards, storage areas, etc. Outside the garbage needs to be picked up around the yard. Many hands make light work and a group working together makes for fun and fellowship!

MAY CLASSIS CHATHAM MEETING

at Maranatha!

Maranatha will be hosting the Classis Chatham meeting on Tuesday, May 23. We are looking for people to help the day of Classis with coffee, preparing lunch and cleaning up. We would like to have two teams. One for the morning to prepare for coffee and lunch and one for the afternoon to clean up after lunch and prepare for coffee.

If you are willing to help out that day please call Sharon in the office at 519-539-5301 or email office@maranathacrcwoodstock.com

KINGDOM BUILDING – CHURCH MINISTRY UPDATE

Weekly giving required meeting our commitments to Maranatha, Classical and Denominationally **\$11,402**

DOING MINISTRY TOGETHER: APRIL 2017

	Plan	Actual
Maranatha Income to date	\$216,203	\$148,249
Maranatha Exp (incl. A/P)	\$216,203	\$167,635
Offering (April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)		
Indwell.....		\$969
The Bible League.....		\$2,031
Home Missions.....		\$775
Refugee Sunday.....		\$4,480
GEMS Girls Clubs.....		\$1,500
Mortgage Fund.....		\$1,198

15th ANNUAL MISSION TO HAITI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Come join us for fun and fellowship on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at Burford Golf Links. Registration at 11am, Scramble Format golf to start at 12:30pm. Cost is \$180/person if you sign up before May 27. After that date it will be \$200. Check out our new website at mthcanada.org You will receive a \$100 tax receipt. Come join us for a great day! Dinner and program to follow. Dinner Only tickets are also available at \$50. Anyone wanting to golf, sponsor or volunteer please contact Ed Hettinga at 519-532-0245. Help support our work in Haiti!

SCHOOL RELATED

WOODSTOCK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

13th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mark your calendar and join us on **Saturday, June 24** at Ingersoll Golf & Country Club with a 1:00pm shotgun start. Cost is \$150/adult; \$100/student and includes 18 holes of golf (Texas Scramble), golf cart and a delicious meal (partial tax receipt will be issued). Anyone wishing to participate or sponsor or for more information please contact the school at 519-539-1492 or office@woodstockchristian.ca Thank you for your support of Woodstock Christian School!

LONDON DISTRICT CHRISTIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL SUMMER VOLLEYBALL CAMP

With spring finally making it's appearance, we know that summer is just around the corner and so is the 2017 LDCSS Volleyball Camp on August 14-18! Volleyball Camp is open to students going into Grades 6-9 this fall. Registration is open now at www.ldcss.ca/volleyballcamp Sign up today!

REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

FRIDAY VISITS

Redeemer's campus has an open house from 11am to 2pm on a variety of Fridays throughout the summer for prospective students and parents interested in getting a taste of what Redeemer is all about. Learn more and register at www.redeemer.ca/visit.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACK TO GOD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

GROUNDWORK: "When Christ Returns" Will there be rapture when Christ returns? What does "a new heaven and a new earth" mean? Will earth as we recognize it cease to exist? Join our Groundwork discussion on 2 Peter 3 and Revelation 21 as we explore the biblical description of the kingdom Christ will usher in when he returns. Tune in and join us each week at www.groundworkonline.com or your local radio station Sundays Dial 820AM - 8:00am.

KIDS CORNER

"Chamy's Catastrophe" Brand New Episode. Chamy's parents' divorce is final on Friday. Chamy doesn't believe it - surely there's something that she can do to bring her parents back together! Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. At

www.kidscorner.net, download the new free resource Power Tools: Taking a Stand Against Bullying.

CITYWIDE PRAYER GATHERING

An invitation is extended for Christians to gather in unity for prayer on Sunday, May 7 in the Market Square from 3:30 to 5pm. This will be an opportunity for us as believers to intercede for our city. There are many styles of prayer across our various church cultures; our gathering will not reflect any particular culture of prayer. We anticipate diversity and mutual respect. This is a time for us all to work together in prayer.

OXFORD COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL WALKATHON

Join us on Saturday, May 27 for our Annual Walkathon. Registration is at 9am at Emmanuel Reformed Church, (170 Clarke St), Woodstock. Walk begins at 9:30am and lunch is at 11am. There are flyers/pledge sheets on the Welcome Centre if you are interested in participating.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Join us on Thursday, May 11 for the 20th National March for Life in Ottawa. This is the largest annual demonstration on Parliament Hill and a sign that ending abortion is the civil rights movement of our day. To register for the bus trip call Mary VanVeen at 519-421-0029. More information is in the Oxford Right to Life newsletter you received.

RESPECT FOR LIFE PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, May 31 at 7:30pm at Tillsonburg CRC, 150 Concession St W. All are welcome!

LIBERTAS MALE CHOIR

In anticipation of Canada's 150th festivities, plans are well underway for a tour of regions in Eastern Ontario during the first week of June 2017. The choir will be directed by Martin Mans accompanied by Martin Zonnenberg on the organ. As an extra special gift for this momentous occasion, flutist, Marjolein deWit will delight our audiences with her graceful harmonies. We also welcome back the rich vocal talents of Jan Schaper – all of our guests are from the Netherlands. Our journey will include concerts in our Nations capital – Ottawa, as well as, Kingston, Peterborough, Durham and Toronto. **We invite you on a bus trip to spend the day with us in Toronto for a luncheon cruise, visit to Ripley's Aquarium before our concert on Saturday, June 3 at the Metropolitan United Church. Call for details!"" Bus trip cost is \$135/person and bus leaves from Rehoboth Canadian Reformed Church in Burlington. Call 905-522-0001 To order tickets online: www.libertasvoices.com; email: info@libertasvoices.com or phone 905-522-0001 Cost: Adults \$20, Youth (ages 10-14) \$10, children under 10 are free. In addition, tickets will be sold at the door.

BIBLES FOR MISSIONS THRIFT STORES WOODSTOCK

Want to give back in your community? Bibles for Missions, a non-denominational Christian organization, needs YOU! We are in need of cashiers, as well as a truck driver for once a week. Give 4 hours a week of your time spreading the gospel - just by helping sell items and talking with members of our Woodstock community. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Wendy DeBoer at 519-842-2879

KNOX KIDS CAMP

Sign your child(ren) up for a week, two or more of camp! Registration is for children ages 4+ Camp runs from July 10 to August 25 from 9am-3:30pm. The cost is \$80/week with before and after care available. See knoxwoodstock.ca for online applications or paper copies have been emailed to the church office.

THE LION KING JR

YFC/Youth Unlimited Woodstock's K2K Productions Senior Cast Presents "The Lion King Jr"
May 11 & 12 at 7:30pm, May 7 & 13 at 3:00pm at Innerkip Presbyterian Church
Tickets: \$15 Adults, \$10 Students (13 & Under)
Tickets can be purchased through our Box Office at 519-537-8080, on our website at www.yfcwoodstock.com or at the following local businesses: All About Health on Norwich Ave and The Hallmark Shoppe on Dundas St, Woodstock.

SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

USHERS: Usher in Charge: Mr. Richard Reinders
Next Week: R. Reinders, H. Scheerhoorn, E&J Timmerman

AUDIO/COMPUTER/VIDEO

Next Week: /J. Klingenberg / T. Sol

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Next Week: Marcia

WELCOME CENTRE

Next Week: Henrietta W.

LIBRARY

Next Week: Ada, Sharon

DOOR GREETERS – Next Week

Main Door: Fam. T. Vanderkooi

Side Door: Fam. A. Vanderkooi

COFFEE SERVERS

Next Week: Fam. M. Verkuyl, Fam. G. Voogd

LETTERS TO OUR MISSIONAIRES

This Week: Fam. F. Bergman – Joseph & Robinah Mutebi
Fam. J. Bergman – Maynor & Alicia Navarrete

Next Week: Fam. H. Blyleven – Joseph & Robinah Mutebi
Fam. H. Bokdam – Alicia & Maynor Navarrete

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Navarrete – Nehemiah Center, Apartado 1076, Managua, Nicaragua or email: maynor.alicia.navarrete@gmail.com

NURSERY Parent of the Month –

Next Week:

Floater: Megan Booy

Infants: Marianne Idema, Nettie Ionitoui

Toddlers: Tony Schaafsma, Janelle Markvoort, Brandon Kiers

May 21

Floater: Marsha Sikma

Infants: Sylvia VanSchepen, Ada DeVor

Toddlers: Lisa Schaafsma, Jolene Wilson, Nathaniel Klein

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 16 – Elders Meeting

June 6 – Deacons Meeting

NEW ADDRESS

Jean Meyer

Harvest Retirement Community

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