

May 14, 2017 – Morning Worship Service – 10:00AM

Rev. Daryl Meijer

CELEBRATING A GOD OF MERCY AND JUSTICE

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Gathering Hymn: *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* LUYH#521

*God’s Greeting and our Mutual Greetings

*Hymn of Praise: *“Praise to the Lord Almighty”* LUYH#575

RECEIVING GOD’S GIFT OF MERCY TO US

Prayer of Confession and Call to Holy Living

Song of Thanksgiving: *“Mighty to Save”* LUYH#611

CHILDREN’S TIME

Blessing for Children's Worship:

Children: The Lord be with you as you worship Cong: And Lord be with you also, as you worship

Children ages 3 – Grade 3 leave for Sunday School

HEARING OUR CALL TO MERCY AND JUSTICE

Introduction of Speaker and Prayer

Ministry of the Word and Music – Jacob Moon

Compassion Video

*Hymn of Response: *“Be Thou My Vision”* LUYH#859

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

SENT TO EMBODY GOD’S MERCY AND JUSTICE

The Prayers of the People

Offering: Compassion Canada/Budget

Offertory Music: *“I Will Follow”* (Chris Tomlin)

Offertory Prayer

*Blessing and Sending

*Closing Song: *“Everlasting”*

** indicates please stand if you are able*

Members are encouraged to remain after the service for a brief time of choosing new office-bearers, before meeting Jacob in the foyer and enjoying coffee and cake in the gym.

Mrs. Kathleen Cook emigrated from England and she is celebrating being in Canada for 50 years! She has been attending Maranatha for some time and to mark this special occasion she wanted to share with the congregation, which is why there is cake being served after this morning’s service. May God continue to bless her.

CONGREGATION

This morning 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. 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 VanSchepen. 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 this morning 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.

OPERATION BABY BOTTLE in support of Beginnings Pregnancy Care Centre

The Deacons will be handing out baby bottles following the service. Between now and Father’s Day you are encouraged to fill the bottle with your loose change (and/or cheques) Please involve your children in the filling of the bottles and explain to them, what the money is for. Many households making small contributions add up to a big difference for our ministry. Be sure to complete the little slip of paper inside the bottle as tax receipts will be issued for all contributions over \$20. It’s encouraging to know that all over Woodstock, people from many different churches are all taking part in this special effort. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. Your contribution can help us make Mother’s Day a celebration of life instead of a painful reminder of abortion for some of the young women in Woodstock over the coming year.

COVENANT FAMILY NEWS

**Marie Griffioen’s health is declining, she is receiving palliative care around the clock. Marie is at peace with her faith in the Lord. Pray for Marie and her family, that God will be near to them and comfort them at this time.

MARANATHA CRC NEWSLETTER

May 14, 2017

Maranatha Youth Group Update

All Ontario Youth Convention

Next weekend 9 of our youth and 2 young adult leaders will be attending the AOYC.

Linda DeVor, Brandon Kiers, Nathaniel Klein, Alexis Lendvay, Zoe Lendvay, Ashley Meijer, Jarrad Meijer, Esther Penders, Elaine Schepers, Nathaniel deVries, Bronwyn Klein

Please pray they will be blessed through their small groups. worship and fellowship

MAY CLASSIS CHATHAM MEETING

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

COLLECTIONS

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

Date: May 7, 2017

Church Ministries: \$6,835.50

Operation Manna: \$1,418.60

GEMS: \$100

Mortgage: \$1,250

Date: April 30, 2017

Church Ministries: \$6,145

GEMS Girls Club: \$1,499.90

Mortgage: \$316.71

FROM THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

If you notice something that needs repair in the church building please make a note and put it into the mailbox by the office door. This way the Business Committee will be aware of these items and take care of them.

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!

STUDENT CONNECTIONS NIGHT

If your family has a child registering for (or considering) Grade 9 at LDCSS this September, your child is invited to attend the annual **Student Connections Night on Friday, May 26**. New students are invited from 5 -10pm for food, games, and new friendships. If your child is attending please RSVP ghoogstra@ldcss.ca. We are looking forward to getting to know the class of 2020!

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

LDCSS invites you to our spring Celebration of Learning on Thursday, June 8 from 7-9pm. Along with a choir concert, there will be an art show, and an open house to celebrate the learning that has happened in the classroom this year. Come enjoy student presentations, class displays and opportunity to see how much our students have learned! For more information visit www.ldcss.ca

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: *"Unanswered Prayer and the Problem of Evil in Habakkuk"*

In Habakkuk 1, Habakkuk speaks the questions about unanswered prayer and about the problem of evil that plagues many of us today. Join the Groundwork discussion as we study how his ancient questions help us navigate in today's world. Tune in and join us each week at www.groundworkonline.com or your local radio station
Sundays Dial 820AM - 8:00am.

KIDS CORNER

“Cheer Up Chamy” When the news of Chamy’s parents’ divorce gets out, Liz and gang mobilize Operation Cheer Up Chamy! Which KC character finds the best way to cheer Chamy up? Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. At www.kidscorner.net, download the new free resource Power Tools: Taking a Stand Against Bullying.

INSPIRE 2017

Buy 3, Get 1 Free - Have you been considering registering to attend Inspire 2017 in Detroit, Michigan this August? Why not team up with others from your congregation and go together? We have a special promotion happening this month for all churches planning to register a team for Inspire. If you register three people from your congregation together, you can send a fourth person free! Simply register three people using the “CANADA” discount code first at crcna.org/Inspire2017. After that order has gone through, go back to the Inspire homepage and register the fourth person for free using discount code “BUY3GET1”.

PRAY FOR INSPIRE 2017 - Inspire 2017 is a conference to connect people from across the 1000+ churches in the Christian Reformed Church for three days of worship, workshops, speakers, and conversation. As we plan and prepare for this event, happening August 3-5 in Detroit, Mich., please join us in praying for the event and all who will attend. This week, please pray for worship team members Kizzy Thomas and Nate Glasper. Pray for them as they make decisions about worship sessions at Inspire 2017 and as they plan and prepare. Pray that worship will be powerful and positive for all involved.

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.

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.

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: Helen Y.

WELCOME CENTRE

Next Week: Pat S.

LIBRARY

Next Week: Grace, Lindsay

DOOR GREETERS – Next Week

Main Door: Fam. P. Vandersar

Side Door: Fam. T. Vanderkooi

COFFEE SERVERS

Next Week: Fam. P. Voskamp, Fam. T. Bentum

LETTERS TO OUR MISSIONARIES

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

Next Week: Fam. B. Boot – Joseph & Robinah Mutebi
Fam. D. Booy – Alicia & Maynor Navarrete

Mutebi’s – c/o World Renew–Uganda, PO Box 4473, Kampala, Uganda or email: jmutebi@worldrenew.net
Navarrete – Nehemiah Center, Apartado 1076, Managua, Nicaragua or email: maynor.alicia.navarrete@gmail.com

NURSERY Parent of the Month –

Next Week:

Floater: Marianne Idema

Infants: Sylvia VanScheepen, Ada DeVor

Toddlers: Lisa Schaafsma, Jolene Wilson, Nathaniel Klein

May 28

Floater: Amanda Pasma

Infants: Alicia Bentum, Patti Reyneveld

Toddlers: Alicia Mulder, Alanda Murray, Naomi Beimers

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 30 – Full Council Meeting

June 6 – Deacons Meeting

June 13 – Administrative Council Meeting