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May 6, 2012

**BIRTHDAYS:**

May 6	Chris Bray
May 6	Grace Haas
May 8	Stephen VanAndel
May 10	Shawn Sandink
May 10	Sydney Spyksma
May 11	Michael Koopman
May 11	Priya Meekel
May 12	Bernice Huinink-Buiter

**VBS CRAFT TIME!**: Crafts are being planned and we need your help with some supplies! If you have any toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls or 2L pop bottles you don't need, please bring them to the church and drop them in the large box labelled "VBS Craft Supplies" located in the church foyer. Thanks so much!  
Andrea VanRooyen (Craft Coordinator)

**THE BIBLE LEAGUE:** Persecution against Christians is escalating in Sudan. As tensions between Sudan and South Sudan turn into military combat on the border, predominantly Christian citizens of southern origin trapped in Sudan fear the Islamic government and citizens will turn on them. Officially foreigners, though many have never lived anywhere else, the ethnic southerners have been granted another 30 days as of April 8 to register or leave the country. But the government has forbidden hundreds of ethnic southerners from boarding planes for Juba, saying they require documents from the southern capital in order to leave. "They closed all ways in front of us in order to prevent us from travel to our country," said one church leader. Please pray for peace in Sudan and South Sudan! [www.bibleleague.ca](http://www.bibleleague.ca)

**FROM J.K.C.S.**

Ascension Day Assembly-8:30am-Everyone Welcome.  
Coffee to follow

Drive One for your School Event-FORD will have vehicles for test driving at our school. For each family that takes a test drive and completes a form they will donate \$20 to our school! This is going to be a fun filled day with a car wash, barbeque lunch and test drives!!

Our Spring Fundraising Dinner May 26<sup>th</sup> will be featuring music from Isobelle Gunn. Please call the office to reserve your ticket. 519 539 1492.

**COUNCIL NEWS:**

Immediately following the worship service this morning, we will hold a short congregational meeting for the purpose of electing office bearers. This will be done by the drawing of lots. Listed below are the names of those nominated for the offices of Elder and Deacon:

Nominees for Elder (**4 to be elected**): Roy Hanenburg, George Claus, Lucille Koopman, Eric Van Andel, Rick Van Rooyen, and Marty Geerlinks

Nominees for Deacon (**4 to be elected**): Steven Haverkamp, Craig Renkema, Harry Bakker, Jonathan Poort, Carl Van Rooyen, Derek VanderSpek, Hugh DeWit, and Ellen Van Egdome

Those elected will be installed during the morning service on June 3, 2012, D.V. Council would like to express their collective appreciation for the following who have served this congregation and the Lord well during their terms:

Retiring Elders - Bill Barneveld, Case Scheltema, and Rob Haverkamp

Retiring Deacons - Christine Renkema, Gerald (Red) Roode, and Mike Koopman

We give God the glory and praise for His continued faithfulness to Covenant CRC in graciously providing leadership for His church!

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**WOODSTOCK PRAYER WALK:** You're invited to attend the Woodstock Prayer Walk on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. We will meet at the Museum Square on Dundas St. at 2:00 p.m.

**TWENTYSOMETHINGS SMALL GROUP STUDY:**

Come out to dig deep into the first letter of Paul to Timothy, a young emerging adult in the church. It's Paul's "Teacher's Manual" to this Christian leader in the midst of powerful cultural forces. First meeting is Wed. May 9 at 7:30 p.m. and we'll be meeting alternating weeks. Your hosts are Pastor Willemina and Chaplain Kelly at 18 Portal Crescent in London. For more information contact them at [pastorwz@gmail.com](mailto:pastorwz@gmail.com) or [chaplainkjs@gmail.com](mailto:chaplainkjs@gmail.com) or 519.675.1976.

**MINISTRY WEBINAR** - Called to Be An Elder? Now What? May 9, 12:00 – 13:00 ET - Now you are ordained by the church to provide spiritual oversight to the body of Christ. What does that involve? How is that carried out in today's culture? How can I serve in an office that I feel "unqualified" for? Together we will explore the nature of spiritual leadership in the church. Our presenter: Rev. Andrew Beunk is the Lead Pastor at the New Westminster CRC in Burnaby, B.C. Register at [www.crcna.org/webinars](http://www.crcna.org/webinars).

**O.A.S.I.S.:** Just a reminder that we will be finishing the season with a POT LUCK LUNCH on Thurs. May 10th . We will also celebrate with those who will be having a birthday in the month of May.

For all those who ordered tickets for the Walters Family Dinner Theatre, please remember to pay Renny Hettinga that day as well. Tickets are \$60. Includes the dinner and the performance of (An Amish Reunion). Date of this is June 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

**INGERSOLL CHORAL SOCIETY:** May 11, 7:30 pm.

The Ingersoll Choral Society presents a Benefit Concert for Huntington Disease. Enjoy an evening of music featuring the Choral Society, as well as guest artists, Stompin' Tom Connors Tribute Artist - Jean St.-Pierre; local fiddler - Celine Murray; and guitarist/soloist - Emma Hanlon. First Baptist Church, Ingersoll. Free will offering, with proceeds to the Huntington Society of Canada. For more information, call Glenn at 519-485-1938 or email [sevorgfarm@hotmail.com](mailto:sevorgfarm@hotmail.com), or visit [www.ingersollchoralsociety.com](http://www.ingersollchoralsociety.com).

**SARNIA YOUTH SERVICE:** All youth groups in our classis are invited to First CRC in Sarnia on May 13 for a time to worship together, to pray together, and to hear God's word together! The service starts at 6:30pm, and there will be plenty of food after the service for everyone. Come join us!

**DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR.:** K2K Productions presents Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr on May 11 & May 12, 2012 at the Innerkip Presbyterian Church. Dinner: 6:00, Show 7:30, Saturday Matinee 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 for Adults (show only), Students \$10.00 (show only), Adults (dinner & show) \$25.00, Students (dinner & show) \$15.00. Student = 12 & under. Tickets available at The Hallmark Shoppe, The Little Book Shoppe, Innerkip Presbyterian Church or [www.yfcwoodstock.com](http://www.yfcwoodstock.com).

**THE VIVA VOX CHRISTIAN MALE CHOIR:** Presents its debut concert: A New Name Singing Glory Including Director Johann van Ittersum, Pianist Stephanie Mc Donald, Organist Andre Knevel. Friday May 11 2012 at 8 pm First St. Andrews United Church, 350 Queens Ave, London D.V. Saturday May 12 at 7.30pm Maranatha CRC, 735 Frontenac Cr, Woodstock D.V. Proceeds to support WORD & DEED Sponsor children. Admission: \$10/person or \$30/family. For more information visit our website: [www.vivavoxmalechoir.com](http://www.vivavoxmalechoir.com)

**ALL ONTARIO YOUTH CONVENTION** is just around the corner on May 18-21! With nearly 1000 registrants from across Ontario, we look forward to what God has planned for us. For the first time this year, we are welcoming you to join us via live stream with Brett Younker, Tony Campolo, and Shane Claiborne in our worship services. During the weekend, you will be able to log onto [www.allontario.com](http://www.allontario.com) and participate in all 5 worship sessions. You can find the times listed on our website and Facebook page. Consider getting together with your small group or even church to join us in worship during one of those times. We believe God has

some great things planned for the weekend, and we would invite you to join with us in praying to that end.

**PLANTS, PLANTS, PLANTS!:** Please join us on **Saturday, May 26, 2012** at Covenant CRC for a Plant Sale hosted by the Women's Ministry Team. We will be selling many different types and sizes of perennials from **8:00 to 11:30am** in the parking lot so come on out and see what treasures you can find! We are still looking for more donations of perennials so if you have some that need splitting we'll gladly take them off your hands! Just contact Shirley Renkema or Andrea VanRooyen for more details on how you can donate your plants. If gardening isn't your favourite past time, but you'd still like to get involved, we will also be having a table set up for coffee and baked goods. If you enjoy baking and would like to help out, you can drop off your baked goods in the church kitchen Friday from 9-2 or Saturday morning before 8am. Please label any goodies brought as for the plant sale. Thank you for your support!  
*The Women's Ministry Team*

**BUILDING HONOURABLE YOUTH** invites all young peoples and young adults for another evening of encouragement and Christian fellowship. Rev. Zekveld will be leading us in the final seminar of this series on 1 Timothy 4:12. Set aside May 30th for this BHY seminar to be held at Bethel URC in Woodstock at 7:30 pm. There is no registration and there will be no charge for the last seminar of this series. Questions and comments can be sent to [bhyinfo@gmail.com](mailto:bhyinfo@gmail.com)

**DEFENDING DIGNITY INFORMATION FORUM:**

Defend Dignity is a justice initiative of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, an affiliate denomination of the EFC. It works to abolish prostitution in Canada by advocating for law reform and resourcing churches and individuals to get involved. It will hold another city-wide information forum on Friday, June 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bayview Glen Alliance Church in Thornhill, Ont. Trisha Baptie, founder of Honour Consulting & EVE, will share her story as a formerly sexually exploited woman. EFC Policy Analyst Julia Beazley will share about the EFC's public policy engagement with the federal government on the laws concerning prostitution in Canada. Julia will provide tips on how attendees can get involved and engage our political leaders to work toward the abolition of prostitution.

**MISSION TO HAITI GOLD TOURNAMENT:**

Anyone who is interested in participating in our 10th annual Mission to Haiti Golf Tournament, on June 16th 2012 at Burford Golf Links. Please contact Jack Streef at 1 (519 421 - 4376 ) for more information or to register.

The Parents of the Month are Chris Broad & Kristina Broad-Hollinger.  
 If you have switched turns with another person, please contact them.

<b>Service List</b>	<b>May 6</b>	<b>May 13</b>	<b>May 20</b>	<b>May 27</b>
<b>Door Greeters:</b>	Chris Broad & Kristina Broad-Hollinger	Roy & Grace Hanenburg	Jeff & Judi Hanenburg	
<b>Song Leader:</b>	John Klingenberg	Shirley Renkema	Bernice Huinink-Buiter	
<b>Children's Leader</b>			Terry Loerts	
<b>Accompanist:</b>	Terry Loerts, Peter Schepers	Faith on Fire, Laura Dieleman	Marion Dieleman	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stephen & Henny Zylstra	Jordan & Bethany Groen	Meeke Claus, Ellen VanEgdom	
<b>Nursery – Toddlers:</b>	Nursery 1: Terry Loerts, Natalie Geerlinks Nursery 2: Jenny Morton, Janelle Hanenburg	Nursery 1: Karen Poort, Sarah Haverkamp Nursery 2: Heather Poort, Rachel Haverkamp	Nursery 1: Christine Renkema, Rachel Hickey Nursery 2: Shirley Renkema, Adam Hickey	Nursery 1: Cara Renkema, Greg Loerts Nursery 2: Marjan Scheltema, Laurie Roth
<b>Library:</b>	Janet VanderSpek	Elaine Wesselson, Natalie VanAndel	Natalie Geerlinks	
<b>Sound system:</b>	Jeff Hanenburg	Joseph Dyk	Craig Renkema	
<b>Screen:</b>	Katie Balsillie	Greg Loerts	Ray Hoiting	
<b>Coffee Servers:</b>	Jeff & Judi Hanenburg, Kyle & Katie Balsillie	Matt & Marlene Lynes, Martin & Irene Geerlinks	Clarence & Agnes Woudsma, Rick & Barb VanRooyen	
<b>Sunday School Helper</b>	Maria Spyksma	Rachel Hickey	Kathleen Scheltema	