



WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

Willowdale Christian Reformed Church
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January 14, 2018

Today's 2nd Offering - Toronto City Mission:

Toronto City Mission has been reaching out to the poor in the city of Toronto since 1879. The missionaries and volunteers live and work in five communities in Toronto, including Willowtree Housing on Willowdale Avenue, offering programs such as after-school tutoring, mentoring, employment counselling, high school equivalency classes, women's Bible studies, children's choirs, youth groups, and March Break and summer day camps, sharing the love and hope of Christ in an effort to help break cycles of poverty.
www.torontocitymission.com

Evening fellowship: Evening Fellowship takes place tonight. At 5:30 p.m. for "Listen and Pray," Ben Gresik will talk about prayers for healing. At 6:30 p.m., Pastor Joel will teach from Mark 1 about Jesus' ministry of healing. Everyone is invited.

Follow up to the Update from Council last week:

The congregation is encouraged to reach out to their Elders and Deacons at any time to offer words of encouragement and wisdom and bring forward items of concern.

If you don't know how to reach your Elders or Deacons, email the Office at office@willowdalecrc.com and Alana will be happy to give you the information.

Scripture Readers:

I will soon be making a new list. If you would like your name added to the list of people who read Scripture during the church service, or if you would like it removed, please contact me; Beatrice Vandervelde (beavan@rogers.com). Thanks.

Ladies Bible Reading Circle: This Tuesday, January 16, we will meet in the church Narthex to study John 8. Newcomers are welcome!

Birthdays this week:

January 14 — Ann Guillaume
January 14 — Joel Kok
January 15 — Fred de Jong
January 17 — Peter de Boer
January 17 — Klaas Tensen
January 20 — Tricia Kok
January 20 — Jake Russell

Prayer Request: Please keep Steve T. and Angie A. in your prayers, as Steve is recovering from a stroke that took place early Monday morning.

Pizza and Catechism: We will resume on Thursday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. If you'd like more information about this time of learning from the Heidelberg Catechism for all ages, speak with Ben or Pastor Joel.

Upcoming membership meeting January 21, 2018. Immediately after the morning service:

This will be the official annual meeting of the church for this year with several important agenda items.

1. We will celebrate the successful completion of the 2017 financial results and present the proposed budget for 2018 for approval.
2. The appointment of Worship Elders, was highlighted and described in some detail in the "Update from Council/Consistory" attached to the January 7 weekly. The Worship Elder nominees will be called upon to preside at communion in times when Pastor Joel cannot be present. We will be sharing the background and process for implementing this initiative in 2018.
3. Consistory will be presenting the minutes of the January 29, 2017 annual Congregational meeting for approval.

Please Check Your Mail-box: In your mail-box today you will find your copy of the proposed 2018 budget and January 29, 2017 Congregational meeting minutes for you to review.

College & Careers: After church on Sunday, January 21 we'll meet at Adrian & Suanne's for lunch. We will discuss Chapter 4 of "*God In My Everything*" about the Sabbath which Ken describes as "an oasis for body and soul"! Preparation is not required to participate in the discussion. Check out the Willowdale CRC College and Careers Facebook page for more info about this event and the C&C.

Coldest Night of the Year: Have you made plans for Saturday February 24, 2018? No plans then join The Lighthouse in participating in the Coldest Night of the Year Walk in Scarborough. The Lighthouse is looking for 100+ walkers to walk for The Lighthouse and celebrate its 50th year anniversary by raising over \$25,000. For more information you can contact Rob at 416-802-5943 or rob@lighthousecentre.ca.

Looking for: A Room, Roommate, or Apartment to Rent/Sublet (March 2018-January 2019):

Hi church family, my current landlords are planning to undergo a renovation of their home this summer, and I am therefore in need of a place to live from March 2018-January 2019. I work right downtown, so easy access to the TTC/subway is ideal. If you have extra space, know of someone who does, or want to know more about me, please contact Danielle Brouwer (email: dbrouwer692@gmail.com, phone: 519.365.5136). Thank you!

Branson Ward Lunch:

A ward lunch is planned for Sunday, January 28 after church at Cor and Hetty Verhage's – 159 Shaftsbury Avenue, Richmond Hill. A chance to socialize with the ward and get together around some lunch. The elders, deacons, ward captain and pastoral visitor will be providing lunch, nothing to bring other than yourselves!

If you need/would like a ride to Richmond Hill and back to the church after lunch, please contact Peter Grauds (416-733-3374) or Beatrice Vandervelde (416-226-3975) or Gerard Duiker (416-225-6628).

Are you new to Willowdale and wonder whether you are in Branson ward? Branson ward is south of Drewry/Cummer Avenue and west of Leslie Street plus Brampton and Mississauga. Please join us!

Is there something on your heart or something you want to talk about? Please contact the Branson Ward elders, Henry Eygenraam (905-477-3635) or Hetty Verhage (905-780-7636).

Thank you: Thank you so much, congregation, for your continued support and your prayers for the Gospel-sharing work of Back to God Ministries International. Find out how your partnership in this ministry is bringing the Gospel to many lives, by visiting www.backtogod.net.



Week at a Glance: January 14 – January 20

Day	Time	Location	Event
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Hall	Evening Gathering
Monday	12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall	Senior's Exercise Class
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary	Joyfully Singing
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Narthex	Ladies Bible Reading
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Room #1	Men's Bible Study
	1:30 p.m.	Room #1	Afternoon Bible Study
Thursday	9:45 p.m.	Fellowship Hall	Senior's Exercise Class

Schedules

Nursery Volunteers	
Today Suanne Miedema & Aemilia Groot	January 21 Liese & Xanthe van Lingen
<i>Reminder – please wait in the nursery until 10:15 a.m. to receive late arrivals – thank you!</i>	

Coffee Servers	
Today Grant Martens, Cathy de Peuter, Mary Martens	January 21 Michelle & Tim de Boer Daphne & Paul Wiersma
<i>Reminder – coffee servers are to lock all outside doors – thank you!</i>	

Second Offering	
Today Toronto City Mission	January 21 Resonate Global Mission (Roland Vandenburg)