



WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

Willowdale Christian Reformed Church
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December 2, 2018

1st Offering Collection is for the Church Budget:

This offering pays for the operational expenses of the church including staff salaries and benefits, the cost of running the church building and the parsonage, office and program expenses and our ministry shares. These ministry shares allow our denomination and classis (region) to support missionaries, pastors-in-training, our colleges and seminaries as well as outreaches, both global and local.

Members of our congregation give to this offering in several ways. Some place a donation in the offering basket or plate every week as their thank offering. Others donate on a periodic basis such as a monthly cheque. Some have automatic withdrawals from their bank account. So if you have a donation to make when the plate or basket is passed to you do so and if not today just pass the plate to your neighbour in the pew.

2nd Offering – Willowdale Christian School:

The proceeds of this offering are to support our local Christian grade school. For more information visit www.willowdalechristianschool.org

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: All are welcome, women and men, to come and study John 14:1-27 on Tuesday, December 4 at 10:00 am – noon in Room #1. For more information about this Bible study please speak to Corrie Vanderhoef (905-237-1138) or Suzanne Christie (416 223 3894).

Farsi Fellowship: Everyone is invited to the Farsi Fellowship gatherings that take place every Thursday evening in the Toddler Room at 7:00 p.m. This is a time to gather to prepare for Sunday worship by reviewing scriptures, and enjoying some fellowship. For more information please speak to Sylvie and Nasser.

Birthdays this week:

December 2 — Jerry Morrow
December 4 — Rose Corro
December 5 — Tina Massaar

Pizza & Catechism: Pizza & Catechism will take place on Thursday, December 6, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the church Narthex, everyone is welcome to attend this youth focused Heidelberg Catechism study! This week we will be covering Lord's Day 51, Q&A, which focuses on the fifth petition 'Forgive us our debts'.

NeighbourLink News: NeighbourLink North York has partnered with Seneca College on a research project to determine the feasibility of an innovative housing - sharing arrangement called WeShare Housing. This plan would empower senior homeowners to rent space for a reduced rate to single parent families, in exchange for assistance with chores and companionship. We want to assess the needs of seniors and single parents in the community to determine the most important criteria for creating compatible matches. If you are a home owning senior or a single parent with at least one child under 12, living in North York, we invite you to fill out an anonymous questionnaire before December 21. Please see Beth Little if you would like a questionnaire.

The Lighthouse: Are you looking to volunteer as a bookkeeper? The Lighthouse is looking for a Bookkeeper to begin around January 2019 for 10 – 15 hours per month. If you are interested and want to know more about what is involved, contact Rob Datema at rob@lighthousecentre.ca or 416-535-6262 or 416-802-5943.

Advent Schedule:

December 2	First Sunday in Advent (today)
December 9	Second Sunday in Advent worship service at 10:00 a.m. At 5:30 p.m. We invite you to: <i>"A glimpse of Filipino Christmas celebration and treats"</i> in the Fellowship Hall
December 16	Third Sunday in Advent worship service at 10:00 a.m.
December 23	Fourth Sunday in Advent worship service at 10:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols service begins at 6:00 p.m.

Preaching Schedule:

December 9	Shiao Chong, editor of The Banner, former York Univ. Chaplain
December 16	James Poelman, retired CRC pastor
December 23	Cara DeHaan, Waterloo CRC and enrolled in the Calvin Seminary Masters of Divinity Distance Learning program, she has served as Intern at Immanuel CRC Brampton
December 25	Harry Salomons, retired CRC pastor
December 30	Rob Datema, Willowdale CRC member and Executive Director of The Lighthouse
January 1	Adrian Miedema, service of reflection
January 6, 13, 20, 27 & February 3	Herm Van Niejenhuis, retired CRC pastor, pastor at Willowdale CRC from 1989 to 2000
February 10, 2019	Syd Hielema, Team Leader for Faith Formation Ministries of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

Week at a Glance: December 2 – December 8

Day	Time	Location	Event
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Room #1	Monthly Prayer Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Sanctuary	Morning Worship
Monday	12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall	Senior's Exercise Class
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary	Joyfully Singing
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Room #1	Morning Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Room #1
Thursday	9:45 a.m.	Fellowship Hall	Senior's Exercise Class
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall	NeighbourLink Senior's Internet Café
	7:00 p.m.	Toddler Room	Farsi Fellowship
	7:00 p.m.	Narthex	Pizza & Catechism

Schedules

Nursery Volunteers	
Today Michelle de Boer & Nicholas van Lingen	December 9 Beatrice Vandervelde & Xanthe van Lingen

Coffee Servers	
Today Reinette & Graham du Preez, Dickson Corro, Martiny Van Meggelen	December 9 Miriam de Jong & Juan Rojo (setup only); Carlos Gonzalez & Jenny Nossa (cleanup only); WilmaJoy Veenstra (cleanup only)
<i>Reminder – coffee servers are to lock all outside doors – thank you!</i>	

Second Offering	
Today Willowdale Christian School	December 9 Friendship Community Church