



WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

Willowdale Christian Reformed Church
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January 13, 2019

Council notes from the meeting of January 9,

2019: While we had hoped that the transition to a new pastor would include a time with a Specialized Transition Minister (STM), that is not to be. There is a very short list of STMs and currently they are all assigned for some time. In light of this news from the Pastor Church Relations Office, work started on obtaining leadership for the Pastor Search Team. We are delighted to announce that Heather Woods and Harley Dekker have agreed to co-chair this team.

Elders and deacons will be embarking on a round of Kitchen Table Visits during Jan. Feb. and March. We hope everyone in the congregation will allow us into their homes to focus for a few minutes on the life and future of Willowdale CRC. We hope to gauge the personal experience of Worship and fellowship at Willowdale as well as the involvement and hopes for our congregation.

Elders and deacons discussed the various preachers that have joined us over the past two months. Pastor Herm will be with us for January, March and April.

It's time again to start thinking of new elders and deacons. With Heather Woods agreeing to serve as co-chair of Pastor Search Team, her term as an elder will be ending in June of 2019 although she will serve as liaison from Pastoral Search to Council. Please contact any elder or deacon if you have nominations or would like more information on serving the church in this capacity. With other elders and deacons completing their 3 year terms in June and the need for Pastor Search Team members, this will be a time for more members of Willowdale CRC to consider their involvement in church leadership.

The Budget and Offering Schedule for 2019 were approved. A Congregational Meeting will be called in the near future.

Delegates to Classis Toronto for the February 21st meeting were designated.

Membership matters: transfer for Pastor Joel and Tricia Kok to Covenant CRC in Sioux Center, Iowa. Transfer of Kyle Pippel received from Ingersoll CRC. Council accepted the resignation of Eric Voss.

Today's Guest Preacher: Pastor Herm is a retired CRC pastor who served at Willowdale from 1989-2000. Pastor Herm will be preaching for us today and the next 3 Sundays.

1st Offering Collection is for the Church Budget:

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 18 — Helga Voss

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 counseling, 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

Cheltenham Care Community Service: Today at 2:30 p.m., we will host a service at Cheltenham Care Community, located at 5935 Bathurst Street. All are welcome especially to help with the singing.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: All are welcome to come and study Joel 2:12-32 on Tuesday, January 15 at 10:00 a.m. – 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).

Operations Team: There will be a meeting on Tuesday, January 15th at 7:30 p.m. in Room #1.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: All are welcome, women and men, to come and study 2 Thessalonians 2 on Tuesday, January 8 at 10:00 a.m. – 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).

College & Careers: Our next gathering will be pizza and board games at Adrian & Suanne's on Monday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. If you are between the ages of 18-30, please join us! Check out the Willowdale CRC College and Careers Facebook page for more info about this event and the C&C.

Circle of Bible Reading Practice: Scheduled Bible readers and any other interested members of the congregation who wish to participate (all ages) are invited to attend a couple of once-a-month meetings to read aloud to one another and to discuss how best to read assigned passages of Scripture.

The first session is planned for the second Sunday of 10 February, 2019 in the Fellowship Hall, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Cal and Hye-Jin will lead the discussion. Those who come are asked to prepare by reading aloud at home the following passages: Exodus 20:1-21, Psalm 32, and Romans 7. Preferred translations are RSV, NRSV, and NIV.

Preaching Schedule:

January 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

February 17, 2019: Leslie Van Milligen, Georgetown CRC, Regional Catalyzer, Faith Formation Ministries

Joyfully Giving – December 2018

	Actual for November	Budget for November	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	Projected expenses for 2018
Church Operations	\$55,910.00	\$22,351.00	\$251,448.00	\$268,212.00	\$235,700.00
Other Causes	\$8,361.50		\$62,970.00		

Week at a Glance: January 13 – January 19

Day	Time	Location	Event
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sanctuary	Morning Worship
	11:50 a.m.	Sanctuary	Newcomers Orientation
	2:30 p.m.	5935 Bathurst Street	Cheltenham Service
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
	7:30 p.m.	Room #1	Operations Team Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study	Room #1
	9:45 a.m.	Fellowship Hall	Senior’s Excersie Class
Thursday	9:45 a.m.	Fellowship Hall	Senior’s Excersie Class
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall	Senior’s Internet Café
	7:00 p.m.	Old Toddler Room	Farsi Fellowship

Schedules

Nursery Volunteers	
Today Nell DeBoer & Nicholas van Lingen	January 20 WilmaJoy Veenstra & Xanthe van Lingen
Coffee Servers	
Today Art & Lukie deWaard, Wiersma family	January 20 Leanne Chuba, Nicholas Chuba, Mary Martens, Mary Eygenraam
<i>Reminder – coffee servers are to lock all outside doors – thank you!</i>	
Second Offering	
Today Toronto City Mission	January 20 Resonate Global Mission (Roland Vandenburg)