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Senior Youth: We start this week Tuesday Night at Anthony and Jenn's home, 35824 Vye Road. We will begin at 7:30 PM, not 7:00 PM.

Junior Youth: Corn Maize – Thursday, September 24th. We will meet at the Church at 6:30 PM and return at about 9:30 PM. \$5.00 per person.



MODERN DAY ST. PATRICK: Liz wants to return to his kidnappers and tell them about God. Will they listen to Liz? Find out on this week's Kids Corner. Then write to Kids Corner at P.O. Box 5070, Burlington ON L7R3Y8 for your very own Bible study.

PRAYER REQUEST: Back to God Ministries International—Nine year old Fernanda called our ministry center in Campinas, Brazil and left this message: "Please pray for my parents. They drink too much and I'm worried. Please call me soon." Pray that through our Portuguese staff and outreach ministries, Fernanda and her family would find their answers in Jesus Christ.

IS PAIN A PUNISHMENT? Life is hard and each of us encounters difficult, and even painful situations. What causes pain and hardship in life? Is the pain we experience a punishment for sin? Find out on the Sept. 27 Back to God Hour. Visit BacktoGodradio.net to find a station in your area or listen to a sermon. You can also download our podcast. No station in your area? Can't listen on line? Call or email to request a CD to be sent to you.

DIACONAL MINISTRIES CANADA: ISN'T DIAKONIA (Diaconal Ministry) JUST FOR DEACONS? Is there more to it than taking up the collection? Read the latest issue of Partners on-line at <http://www.diaconalministries.com> and discover how you and your entire church are called to be part of this ministry.

WELCOME TO GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

September 20, 2009

Helping people to love and serve Jesus

We extend a warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us today. Whether you are a member or a guest, whether you come as a family or by yourself, please know that we are a church family that celebrates God's grace in Christ Jesus and desires to embrace all who come, just as you are, and whoever you are.

We invite everyone to join us for coffee and fellowship following the service. If you have trouble reading the words on the screen, the ushers will gladly provide you with song sheets and Bibles at your request.

If you have any questions about our church or anything you would like us to pray for, please feel free to talk to one of our pastors or greeters. If you'd like a copy of today's worship service, please contact the church office.

Bringing a gift to God is a regular part of our worship. If you are a guest here, we want you to know that although you are welcome to contribute to the morning's offering, as our guest you are not expected to do so. We're just glad you came, and hope you'll be blessed by your presence here.

Worship Services

Today's Service will be led by **Pastor Slofstra**. We will commission all our teachers, counselors, and leaders for the ministry season ahead.

Next Sunday our service will be led by **Pastor Stan Groothof**, while **Pastor Slofstra** (via a 3 way exchange and to facilitate his classis responsibilities as regional pastor) will lead worship services in Smithers, BC.

Church Family:

Anno Oosterhof remains at Mission hospital for now but it appears that he may be ready to return home some time in this coming week.

talk to Me: We are thankful for a successful and inspiring session with Alvin VanderGriend at the Leaders' training on Tuesday. Be sure to read our article in the Outlook today.

October 3: Council & Ministry Staff Retreat

October 11: Message series begins

October 11 - November 15: Care Groups and Study Groups meet weekly to study the book, Love to Pray. Your group leaders have copies of the book.

Missions Bulletin Board Please check the bulletin board in the hallway for newly posted updates from the Thomas family, from Howard and Jannie Johnson and Sheila Dykstra. A letter from Rev. Untung has also been received and copies are on the table in the foyer.

Coffee Break Ministry for women

Coffee Break starts again this week Wednesday morning from 9:30-11. Story hour and nursery will be available for your little ones. We'll be having a social with time to connect with friends and meet some new ones. We are looking for willing volunteers to help in the nursery and story hour. Call Punk 864-8005 or Karri 859-1268 for more info.

Conferences If you are interested in Christian conferences that are happening around the lower mainland, please check the bulletin board in the hallway. Due to the overwhelming amount of information about conferences being received, we will not be advertising them all, so check the board often as the poster information will be posted there.

Attention Seniors: Our 26th annual FV/Vancouver Island Seniors Reunion will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at Fleetwood CRC. The cost is \$15.00. Please inform Audrey VanderHoek, your contact person, or Nella Yzerman (pete-nell@shaw.ca or 604-589-4540) if you plan to attend by **Wednesday, September 23, 2009**.

Weekly Calendar:

Today, September 20

9:45 am Prayer in Room 107
10:00 am Morning service

Tuesday, September 22

7:00 pm GEMS/Cadets
7:30 pm Senior Youth

Wednesday, September 23

9:30 am Coffee Break Women's Ministry
9:30 am Women's Bible study—Ann VanDorp leads lesson 3
7:00 pm Friendship
7:30 pm Praise Team practice

Thursday, September 24

6:30 pm Junior Youth Corn Maze

Women's Bible Study will be meeting again for a new season, starting this Wednesday, September 23 at 9:30 am in the library. We will continue studying 1,2,3 John. We love to welcome new members, so please join us if you are interested.

Church bulletin To decrease costs in paper, ink and just generally decrease our environmental footprint, the number of bulletins printed each week will be decreasing. The congregation is encouraged to only take one bulletin per family. Another idea for those who like reading online is to read the bulletin ahead of time on our church website, it's usually posted by noon Thursday. Check it out at www.gatewaycrc.org.

Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ) is a national organization of members inspired by faith to act for justice in Canada. As a Canadian Christian organization founded over 45 years ago within the Christian Reformed community, CPJ is a strong Christian voice promoting public justice in Canada. **CPJ's goal is to have a CPJ representative in each congregation**, to help us work together on issues in our communities around poverty reduction, helping newcomers, or protecting the environment. If you would be interested in being that representative at Gateway, please contact Pastor Slofstra for more information.

servicing each other

Greeters

This week morning:
Diane Slofstra, Tina Kielstra
Next week morning:
Henry & Alice Groothof

Ushers

This week:
Tracey, Kevan, Pat, Willy, Jay,
Roy, Darren
Next week:
Nathan, Anthony, Dave, Tim,
Jacob, Ray, Matt

Nursery

Parents of Month: Nathan & Heather
This morning:
Theo & Linda, Doug & Joyce,
Punk, Krista V, Leslie A
Next week morning:
Adam & Jenine, Cheryl M, Cecelia
Heidi A, Loren V

Collecting Deacons

Today: Ted & Ron M
Next week: Aubrey & Ron T

Offering Schedule

September 20—Benevolent Fund
September 27—Tuition Relief

Coffee

This Sunday—Ron & Helena vdWal
Next Sunday - Neil & Candy

Library

This Sunday - Ana, Punk
Next Sunday - Johanna, Julia

**Bulletin deadline is
Thursday at 11 am**

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome

Call to worship

Opening song **Let Everything That Has Breath**

God's greeting

Songs of praise:

Famous One

He Reigns

Holy, Holy, Holy

God's will for our lives

All sing **Ancient Words**

Service of commissioning

All sing **The Servant Song**

Children's message

(Children ages 3—8 leave for Kids church)

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All sing hymn 286 **Lord of Creation, to You be All Praise**

Congregational prayer

Offering for **the Benevolent Fund**

Sweetly Broken

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