

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Deacon Ministry

Consider joining our team as we visit those in hospital or care homes.

Contact: Gail Henry (204) 489-3843

Naomi House Ministry Team

Ministry to refugees.

Contact: Pat Hill (204) 287-8106

Union Gospel Mission Team

Gospel ministry to the homeless.

Contact: Darrell Falk (204) 799-1965 or
technoscottcharlie@gmail.com

BETHESDA CHURCH MIDWEEK MINISTRIES

Wed. Eve. Bible Study, 6:30-7:30pm

Join our weekly study through *The Psalms each Wednesday evening!* **We meet both in-person (Upper Lounge) & via Zoom (link on our website).** Contact: Pastor Mark or consult website for more information.

Wed. Eve. Prayer Meeting, 7:30-8pm

Each Wednesday evening, join us right after Bible study, **also in-person (Upper Lounge) & via Zoom (link on website)**, as we pray for our missionaries, families, Congregation, community, and the world. Contact: Pastor Mark or Eunice Hill.

Thursday Morning, Bethesda Elder-led, Men's Prayer Meeting, 7-8:30am

Bring Your Own Breakfast
Downstairs, Lower Lounge
Contact: Pastors George, Yuri, or Mark

English Conversation Class, 6:30-8p (Currently on pause due to COVID.)

Contact: Neil Craton (craton@shaw.ca)

Church Office

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILIES ARE COMING! LET'S GET READY!

One of our families (E&S) have done all they need to do to depart and could arrive at any time. Our other family (Q&N) just received the date for their Immigration interview (December 9th)! So, hopefully, they'll not be far behind. **Currently, we're making final preparations, and we need your help!** Please read over "[*Welcoming Our Afghan Families*](#)" (find on the back table), and prayerfully consider what part(s) you and/or your family can be involved with. Please contact Gail Henry or Rose Marie Tan.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR STILL-COMING AFGHAN FRIENDS (NEW LIST)!

Hey, friends! Our two Afghan refugee families have been approved by Immigration Canada and could be here at any time! Please keep checking this ever-changing list to learn what you may be able to contribute!

STILL NEEDED: infant boy clothes and sleepers size 24 months, plastic plates and bowls, NEW underwear and socks for boys ages 3,6,9 and NEW socks and underwear for a girl age 4. *Please contact Neveen before bringing items to church.*

LOAVES & FISHES MISSIONS LUNCHEON, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH!

Mark your calendars for our fellowship meal following the worship service on Sunday, November 13th. All are warmly invited to stay and visit over a hearty lunch! An offering will be taken to help cover the cost.

NOVEMBER IS MISSIONS MONTH @ BETHESDA CHURCH!

Please plan now to join us for as much of November as you can handle and do invite others to join you! There will be many meaningful moments, including a **fellowship meal** (Nov. 13th), **Third Sunday Communion & Prayer** (Nov. 20th), and the **First Sunday of Advent** (Nov. 27th).

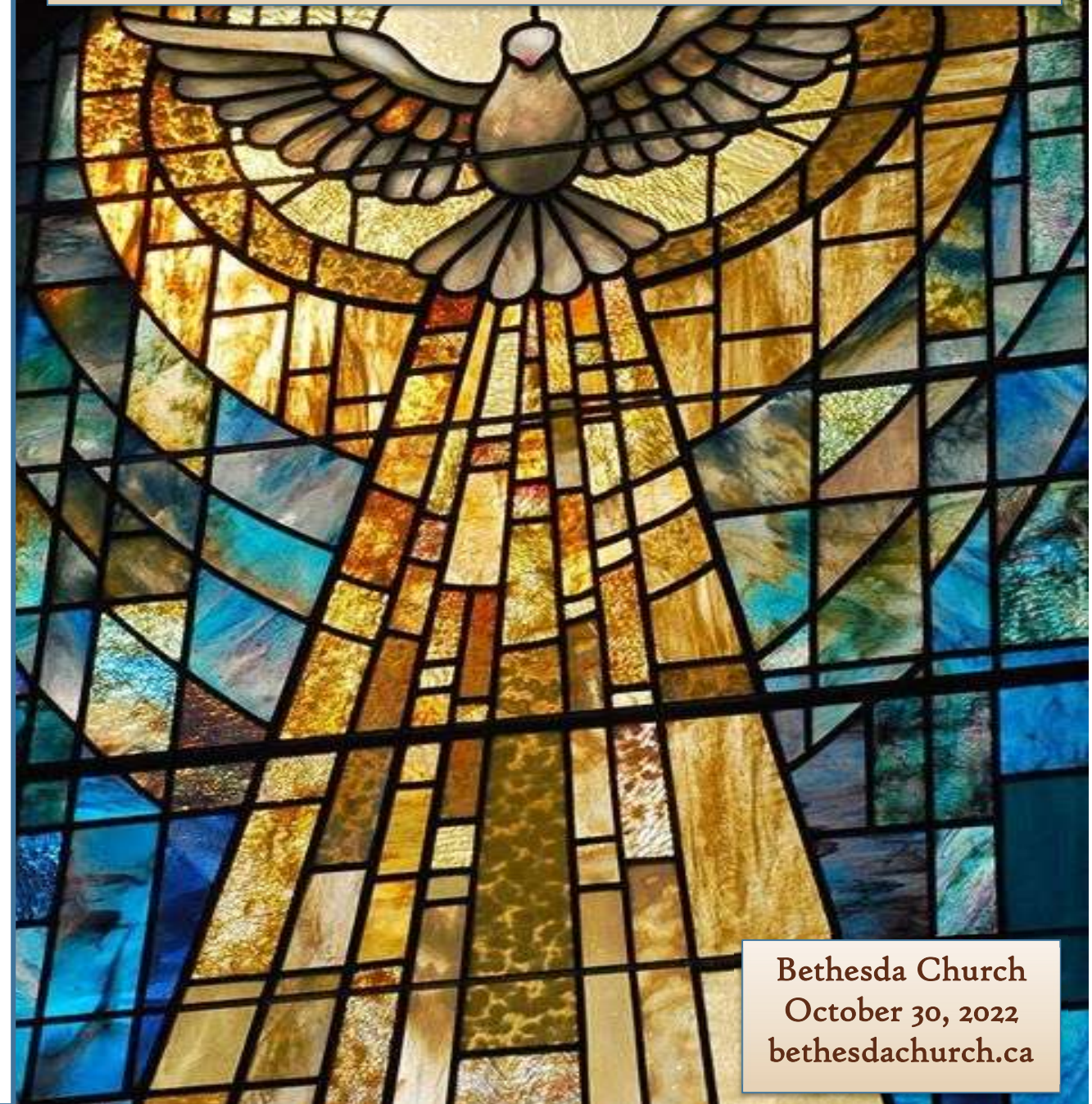
We'll also have missions speakers each Sunday, including Tim & Brenda Noble (**Overseas Missionary Fellowship**) on the 6th; Howard & Caron Moore (retiring from **Greater Europe Mission**) on the 13th; Eunice Hill (**The Evangelical Alliance Mission**) will bring an update on her recent trip to Pakistan on the 20th; David, Shanlee, and Bereket Birrell (**Inter-Varsity**) on the 27th; and David Prince (retiring from **TEAM**) will also join us on a Sunday in November yet to be determined.

In addition to these dear folks and exciting events, as we look to December and the fuller season of Advent, Shoaib & Mariam Ebadi (**Square One World Media**) will join us on December 4th, as will Ed & Joy Loewen (retiring from **Pioneers**); and our friend and sister Carla McKay (formerly of **Indian Life Ministries**) will bring us an update on her life and times, December 11th! You won't want to miss out on any of these!

GET MORE INFORMATION FROM BETHESDA ABOUT OUR HAPPENINGS!

If you'd like to receive more and better information about our Bethesda happenings, email Neveen (office@bethesdachurch.ca) to let her know to add you to our *Church Information, Missionary Updates, or Prayer alerts.*

BIBLICAL-CHRISTIAN ANSWERS TO OUR SERIOUS QUESTIONS



Bethesda Church
October 30, 2022
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The Central Truth of Our Message this Morning

While **all suffering derives from sin** – original and/or personal sin, cultural and/or societal sin, corporate and/or national sin – and, therefore, **is evil in its origin**, God has used, does use, and will continue to use **suffering of all types for His glory, to exalt Jesus Christ, to build His Church, and to benefit all peoples.**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Bethesda Church exists to glorify God by joining Jesus in making His disciples from all nations, relying on God's Spirit and Word to guide and equip us.

ARE YOU VISITING WITH US TODAY?

Please accept our warm welcome as our guests!

Would you consider filling out a welcome card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate?

We'd love to begin to get to know you, and you us!

Please be assured that we will never sell, distribute to third parties, or misuse your information.

Welcome to Bethesda!

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

KIDS CHURCH IS BACK! We invite our children back to our Children's Sunday School designed just for them. Join **Pat & Soufhiea** (3-5 years) and **Dave & Ian** (6-11 years)!

Our unstaffed **NURSERY** (upstairs, past the office suite, end of the hall, to the right) is available for parents of very small children to use at any time during any of our events.

WORSHIP WITH BETHESDA

Prelude

Congregational Call to Worship: 1 Peter 4:1-11

Neil Craton

Worship through Song

Pastoral Welcome & Prayer

Pastor Mark Wilcoxson

Announcements & Blessing Our Children

Michelle Mourre

Prayer for Our Missionaries and the World

Ed & Joy Loewen, Pioneers

Carla McKay

Worship in Anticipation of *THE WORD*

The Public Reading of *Holy Scripture* & Prayer

Romans 5:12-14, 18-21; 1 Peter 2:19-25, 4:12-19

Helen Hooker

The Ministry of God's Word to His People Assembled

MORE BIBLICAL-CHRISTIAN ANSWERS

TO OUR SERIOUS QUESTIONS:

"SUFFERING: Is There a Point? And if so, what is it?"

Pastor Mark Wilcoxson

Worship in Response to *THE WORD*

Benediction and Closing Prayer: *Philippians 1:27-30*

Pastor Mark Wilcoxson

Postlude

PRAYER & INTERCESSION

*Please join us in prayer for **Ed & Joy Loewen**, our partners in The Gospel with Pioneers.*

Prayer Chain: If you'd like to be a Prayer Chain partner or you have a prayer request to share, please contact Neveen in the office.

Pray with us for the unwell among us—in hospital (H), care home (CH), or just having an especially difficult time:

***Our Afghan Refugee Families (Q&E)**

***Venus Coté** (kidney function)

***Mona Behrens** (IBS, back pain & depression)

***Betty Ehlers** (gall bladder cancer into lower abdomen; urgent prayer!)

***Andrew Friesen** (heart/autoimmun.)

***Louise Gillis** (HOME!) & **Arlene Rempel** (for stamina & strength)

***Marion Hill** (Susanne's Mom; stroke recovery, Home now!) & **Susanne**

***Ron Hooker** (back/mobility)

***Homira & Sejed** (parents in Pakistan; salvation, mental & emotional health)

***Mujeeb** (Homira's brother, here now!)

***George Manalang** (heart health)

***Joan McRae** (Misericordia Place)

***Michael** (Eunice's neighbor: mental health, salvation, reconciliation)

***Laylee** (surgery recovery, PTL!)

Laylee's boys **Omid & Bijan**;

Laylee's Mom (**Shereen**) & Sister (**Shalla**) – salvation for both

***Ukraine** – people still there, nation, our brothers & sisters, all refugees

***Ashleigh Wilcoxson** (now eczema herpeticum, and TSW)

***Chris Wilcoxson** (mental & heart health; Psych Assessment, Seattle)

***Andrea Wittebolle** (BACK HOME!)

Pray for pain relief and peace)

****Please contact Neveen to get your name (or a loved one's) put back onto the list with an update, so we can pray and share with insight.****