

## 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](mailto:technoscottcharlie@gmail.com)

## BETHESDA CHURCH MIDWEEK MINISTRIES

**IN-PERSON WEDNESDAY EVE. PRAYER, 7:15-8PM, BETHESDA UPPER LOUNGE (and Zoom: [www.bethesdachurch.ca](http://www.bethesdachurch.ca))!**

All are welcome and wanted! Please see Irene Hedlin for more information.

**Wed. Eve. Bible Study, 6:30-7:15pm.**

Please see Pastor Mark for more information and suggestions.

**Youth Bible Study (WILL RESUME OCT. 4<sup>TH</sup>.)** Contact: Pastor Yuri

**Men's Thurs. Morning Prayer Meeting, drop-in anytime, between 7-8:30am!**

We meet downstairs in the Bethesda Lower Lounge. Contact: Pastor Yuri

*Please pray diligently for our church leadership – staff, elders, and Council – as we navigate a few matters and look to the future Jesus has prepared for us.*

### Bethesda Church Office Information

Admin Hours: Tues-Fri, 9:30am-3:30pm

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR E, S & THEIR FIVE CHILDREN!** We've gotten an exciting update; they may be here ... sooner, as early as mid-October! Let's pray for their protection and God's provision all the way to Canada!

**LEARN SOME DARI!** Why not learn a few words or greetings as a simple way to demonstrate our welcome and love? Use the search terms: ***Afghanistan online Dari*** to find helpful YouTube videos!

**"WELCOME BACK, BETHESDA!"** We soft start our new 2023-2024 church year, today! Kids Church for children ages 3-12 will resume. Following the worship service, we'll gather for a fellowship meal. Fun games with prizes will ensue! *We look forward to seeing you for lunch!*

**THIS SUNDAY IS ALSO THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH!** This means we'll also share in *Holy Communion*, together and with the Lord Jesus, as well as offer special prayer after the service for anyone who would like prayer. Just take a seat in the first or second row of pews, and we'll come to you.

**SAFE RELATIONSHIPS TRAINING: SEPT 30<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-2:00pm.** Join us in the Sanctuary to learn about our *Safe Relationships Policy*. Please contact Pastor Yuri with questions or for more information. (*Safe Relationships* training is mandatory for anyone who works with vulnerable people.)

### **BETHESDA CHURCH DIRECTORY 2023 UPDATE!**

We are updating our *Bethesda Church Directory!* You can update or add your information to our *Bethesda Church Directory* by seeing Neveen after church, calling her, or emailing her according to the information supplied just to the bottom left corner of this page.

### **TEACHING OR HELPING WITH CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH CLASS?**

As our fall programming approaches, we are considering restarting our very fruitful English Conversation Class, probably on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8pm. If you might be interested, either to improve your English skills, help teach conversational English, or support, please contact Neil Craton.

### **UPCOMING 2023 BETHESDA CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING**

*Our Annual Meeting date and time have been set. We will meet on Wednesday evening, October 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Bethesda Fellowship Hall.*

### **Square One World Media Invites You to Fill a Table for their Fall Event,**

**"Planting The Story!"** It will be an engaging evening celebrating creative ways to tell the story of Jesus through media. It's on Wed., Nov. 8, at 145 The Leaf Way, Assiniboine Park. ***IT'S FREE!*** RSVP by: Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> for the in-person event, or Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> for the online event.

### **GET YOUR COPY OF PASTOR MARK'S CONGREGATIONAL LETTER!**

Didn't get Pastor Mark's weekly *Congregational Letter* by email? You may pick up your copy from the table at the back of the sanctuary.

**<<< Please contact Neveen to be added to our Church Information, our Prayer Chain, and/or our Missionary Update list(s). >>>**

**PERSEVERING BY  
FAITH & HOPE IN  
CHRIST JESUS!**

Bethesda Church  
September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
[bethesdachurch.ca](http://bethesdachurch.ca)

## The Central Truth of Our Message this Morning

*True Biblical-Christian discipleship is a life continually transformed by God's Word & Spirit into the image of God's Son.*

## 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 *Carol & Soufhiea* (3-5 years) and *Arlene & Eunice* (6-11 years)!

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

## WORSHIP WITH BETHESDA

Prelude

Scriptural Call to Worship & Prayer: *Psalm 107:1-9*

Pastor Yuri Hooker

Worship through Song

Pastoral Welcome & Prayer

Pastor Mark Wilcoxson

Children's Blessing

Pastor Yuri Hooker

Announcements

Michelle Murre

Prayer for Our Missionaries and the World

*Jaeho Cho & Samjin Byun, Interserve Korea*

Carla McKay

Worship in Anticipation of *THE WORD*

A Word from the Bethesda Church Council

Dr. Neil Craton

The Public Reading of *Holy Scripture & Prayer*

*John 2:23-3:15*

Dr. Neil Craton

The Ministry of God's WORD to God's People:

PERSEVERING BY FAITH & HOPE IN CHRIST JESUS:

*"True Biblical-Christian Discipleship: Hearing Jesus"*

Pastor Mark Wilcoxson

Worship in Response to *THE WORD*

Sharing Holy Communion, Together & with the Lord

Benediction and Closing Prayer: *1 John 5:1-5*

Pastor Mark Wilcoxson

Postlude

## PRAYER & INTERCESSION

*Please join us in prayer for **Jaeho Cho & Samjin Byun**, our Gospel partners with **Interserve Korea**.*

**Prayer Chain:** If you want to partner in prayer or you have a 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)**

\*Mona Behrens

\*Gail Barnes

\*Lawrence & Selma Churchill

\*Anshula Donalld (pressure inside brain; walking/talking; pray for husband Ajay)

\*Venus Coté (our NECM missionary)

\*Edwin & Kamala Henry (Esther's Dad & Mom) healing from surgery and rest

\*Ron De Hoff (Patti's brother)

\*Andrew Friesen (our AIM missionary)

\*Bernice Gruenke (health & diagnosis)

\*Marion Hill (Susanne's Mom)/Susanne

\*Homaira & Sejed

\*Mujeeb (Homaira's brother)

\*Mujeeb/Homaira's parents (in Pak.)

\*George Manalang

\*Joan McRae (Misericordia Place)

\*Michael (Eunice's neighbor)

\*Laylee Moterrased

\*Her boys, Omid & Bijan;

\*Her Mom (Shereen) & Sister (Shalla)

\*Andrew Poirier (blood clots; housing)

\*Patti Poirier (health and strength)

\*Russian People & Church

\*Sean Smith (Evelyn's son)

\*Don Southerland & Lynn (Pastor Mark & Shelly's neighbors; strokes/salvation)

\*Ryker Trithart (Alissa nee Kehler's son; praise God for clear results!)

\*Ukraine – the nation, the Church, our brothers & sisters in Christ & refugees

\*Chris Wilcoxson (mental & heart health; residential program, Seattle)

\*Pastor Mark Wilcoxson (Parkinson's, depression, vision for the future)

\*Vonda Kay (Pastor Mark's sister)

\*Andrea & Rick Wittebolle

**\*\*Please contact Neveen to get your name (or a loved one's) put on this list. \*\***