

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

English Conversation Class, Wed. Eve., 6:30-8pm, Fellowship Hall. Neil Craton

Wed. Eve. Bible Study, 6:30-7:15pm, Upper Lounge, in-person or Zoom (www.bethesdachurch.ca). Pastor Mark

Wed. Evening Prayer, 7:15-8pm, Zoom (www.bethesdachurch.ca) or Bethesda Upper Lounge! Pastor Mark

Wed. Eve. Youth Bible Study, 7:15-8:15, Lower Lounge. Our study of 2 Timothy resumes, plus food & fun! Pastor Yuri

Men's Thurs. Morning Prayer Meeting, drop-in anytime, between 7-8:30am! We meet downstairs in the Bethesda Lower Lounge. 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, 10am-3pm

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETHESDA CHURCH FINANCES [STILL] NEED OUR CONCERTED ATTENTION

*Our finances—giving of tithes and offerings to invest in God's kingdom through ministries and missions – are an important part of being a church. We are running a significant monthly deficit. Consequently, we are implementing cost-cutting measures on the expenses side of the ledger. **Nothing is off the table, but the last thing we want to do is reduce our missions investments and commitments to our missionaries!** Let's all be praying for our Church Council and Finance Ministry Team as we prepare a budget for the New Year. Let's pray about what we can do—each of us—to help on the ledger's income/giving side.*

CELEBRATING BELIEVER'S BAPTISM, NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH!

*Are you a true Christian, a born-again believer in, and a follower & disciple of Jesus Christ but never submitted yourself to His Lordship through the sacrament of baptism? **If so, why not? If so, why not now? Next Sunday, we'll celebrate the new life in Jesus Christ to which the sacrament of baptism testifies. It's not too late for you to be a part!** (Please see Pastor Mark for more information.)*

NOVEMBER IS "MISSIONS MONTH" @ BETHESDA!

At this time each year, we focus on missions and our missionaries to show our appreciation for them and to them, as well as promote the vital role of missions in the life & ministry of the Church. On the back table, the Missions Team has provided Christmas cards for you to sign and send your best wishes and prayers to them. We are also collecting money to give each missionary family a gift card. Please see the table at the back of the sanctuary to sign the cards and leave a donation. The table will be available every Sunday in November.

INFORMAL B.B.Y.O.L. FELLOWSHIP! Bethesda **B**ring **Y**our **O**wn **L**unch provides anyone and everyone a weekly opportunity for food & fellowship, after each of our Sunday Worship Gatherings, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. You can B.Y.O.L., buy a sandwich/burger/etc. nearby, or *there's food to share. So, please join us even if you didn't bring any food, and especially if visiting with us today!*

PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR E, S & THEIR FIVE CHILDREN! We've been getting mixed messages concerning the proximity of their departure from Pakistan. Whatever the situation on the ground there, let's keep praying for God's sovereign and timely protection and provision for them, all the way to Canada!

ATTENDING, TEACHING OR HELPING WITH CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH CLASS?

We've begun our very fruitful English Conversation Class on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8pm, in the Fellowship Hall. If you might be interested, either to improve your English skills, help teach conversational English, or support, please contact Neil Craton. It's great fun with a great goal: *English facility!*

"THE SOVEREIGN GOODNESS OF GOD IN THE COMING OF MESSIAH!" will be our Advent theme for this year! Believe it or not, the First Sunday of Advent will be here in just two weeks from today, Sunday, December 3rd. Plan now to join us and be sure to invite and bring friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors to hear and learn about, wonder and celebrate the sovereign goodness of God in the coming of the Promised Messiah, King of kings & Lord of lords (aka Jesus the Christ)!

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



COMMITTED TO GLORY

Bethesda Church
November 19th, 2023
bethesdachurch.ca

PLEASE USE THIS SPACE FOR YOUR SERMON NOTES:

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 & Susanne** (3-5 years) and **Ruth & Rose** (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

Psalm 22:22-23, 27-28, 30-31

Pastoral Welcome & Prayer

Pastor Mark Wilcoxson

Worship through Song

Announcements

Michelle Murre

Blessing Our Children

Pastor Yuri Hooker

Prayer for Our Missionaries and the World

Tim & Sue Nielsen, MSC Canada

Eunice Hill

Worship in Reflection on *THE WORD*

The Public Reading of Holy Scripture & Prayer

Hebrews 1:14-2:4; 12:14-16; 13:1-16

Pastor Mark Wilcoxson

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

COMMITTED TO GLORY, Part 4

"The Mission" – *Hebrews 2:3-4*

Pastor Yuri Hooker

Worship in Response to *THE WORD*

Sharing Holy Communion, Together & with the Lord

Benediction and Closing Prayer

Pastor Yuri Hooker

Postlude

PRAYER & INTERCESSION

*Please join us in prayer for **Tim & Sue Nielsen**, our Gospel partners with **Mission Service Corps Canada**.*

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), personal care home (PCH), or just having an especially difficult time:

***Our Afghan Refugee Families (E&S!)**

***Mona Behrens**

* Gail Barnes

*Betty Campbell (PCH)

***Lawrence & Selma Churchill**

***Kathy Clow (diagnostic testing)**

***Venus Coté (our NCEM missionary)**

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

*Edwin & Kamala Henry (Esther's Dad & Mom) surgery recovery, stamina & rest

*Ron De Hoff (Patti's brother)

***Helen Hooker**

*Andrew Friesen (our AIM missionary)

*Bernice Gruenke (health & diagnosis)

*Marion Hill (Susanne's Mom)/Susanne

***Homaira & Sejed**

***The Jewish People, God's Chosen**

***Mujeeb (Homaira's brother)**

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

*George Manalang

*Joan McRae (Misericordia Place)

***Laylee Moterrased**

***Her boys, Omid & Bijan;**

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

***The Palestinian People, esp. in Christ**

***Andrew Poirier (Contact with parents)**

*Patti Poirier (health and strength)

***Peace of Jerusalem (Ps. 122:6-8)**

***Russian People & Church**

*Sean Smith (Evelyn's son)

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

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

***Cheryl Wilcoxson (Pastor Mark's sister; mass on kidney, biopsy on Dec. 5th)**

***Andrea & Rick Wittebolle**

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