



Duncan Christian Reformed Church

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The Church Alarm
will be set at 7 pm every evening and disarmed at 8 am every morning.
The Church Office will be open Tuesday - Thursday, 9 am - 12 noon of this week.

Announcements

COUNCIL REPORT – Monday, December 7, 2020

- The church's FULL Council met virtually on Monday, using Google Meet. Pastor Kevin opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.
- Pastor Kevin reported that the contracta meeting of Classis BCNW met on November 24 and approved ordination of Mr. Hyung-Jun Kim as Minister of the Word. Ordination is scheduled for Dec. 13, at New West CRC.
- Council agreed to postpone till January the additional work towards a restructured council which would have "teams" of persons that would focus on church ministries in the areas of: 1) Worship, 2) Pastoral Care, 3) Children and Students, 4) Missional, 5) Faith Formation, 6) Stewardship.
- Kingdom Treasures board and staff are continuing to provide child care despite health concerns/restrictions and Council is thankful for the dedicated service that they provide in our community.
- Frank G agreed to compose/draft a letter for church members, to share concerns and thanks.
- Pastor Kevin reported that he has completed his dissertation and will soon be ready for presentation/defence.
- Duncan Foodbank requested use of a part of the Fellowship Hall and kitchen for distribution of Christmas Dinner to drive-thru or walk-thru clients on Dec 19, 10 till 2. Initially the request was denied because all meetings/services are paused/cancelled, but it has been found that food distribution activities are exempt from the severe restrictions, so the request can be granted.
- Delegates will be needed for the March 2, 3, 2021 meetings of Classis BCNW, which will be held as "zoom" meetings.

Next meeting of the Full Council is scheduled for January 11.

John D, Clerk

Dear church family,

My grandpa was diagnosed with Parkinson's a few years ago and I have seen the effect this disease can have on the individual, family and friends. To raise awareness to Parkinson's in Canada, I am going to run 250km in 30 days! A large part of Parkinson's disease is difficulty with movement which can make everyday activities harder. Physical activity is also important for improving motor and non-motor symptoms of Parkinson's. By running 250km in 30 days, I hope to bring awareness to Parkinson's and the struggles that come along with it. My fundraising goal is \$7,500, that means 1km=\$30. Please consider joining me to make a difference in the lives of those affected with Parkinson's disease.

I am fundraising through Parkinson Canada and my fundraising page can be found at <http://donate.parkinson.ca/goto/RunningforParkinsons>.

I have also created a personal page with more information about my fundraiser as well as a way to keep everyone updated regarding the progress. My personal page is: <https://runningforparkinsons.weebly.com>.

December 19 is the start date as it is my grandpa's birthday and what better day to start my fundraiser than his birthday! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Thanks, Danielle G (dgroenendijk@hotmail.com)



Services are Live-streamed / Recorded

Sunday, December 20: Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent. Pastor Kevin will bring the Message, "Finding Light in all the Right Places", from John 1:1-15.

Sunday, December 20 4 th Sunday in Advent	Live-streaming at 10 am for everyone (recorded for afterward) Offering: Church Ministries Write the cheque to Duncan CRC and the cause in the memo line.
Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve	Recorded video available starting December 23
Friday, December 25 Christmas Day	Live-streaming at 10 am Offering: Church Ministries and (World Renew General)
Sunday, December 27	Live-streaming at 10 am Offering: Church Ministries and (Cascade Christian Counselling)
Friday, January 1 New Year's Day	Live-streaming at 10 am

Church Family

We rejoice with Keith and Dianne L who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on December 10!

We grieve with the Jonker family as they mourn the passing of Pastor Jonker last week in Victoria.

Birthdays this Week:

Sunday, December 20: Aliya N

Monday, December 21: Madison W

Wednesday, December 23: Andrew N

Sunday, December 27: Holly W

Gifts & Tithes

Church Ministries	13,155.00
Deacon Fund	200.00
World Renew	50.00
M2W2 Prison Ministry	60.00
Back to God Min Int	75.00
DCS	165.00
Resonate Global Missions	5.00

Duncan Christian School Virtual Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas Program is always a highlight of the year for both our students and our community. Instead of cancelling since we cannot gather together, our staff and students in the Elementary School worked hard at bringing you a virtual show! We released a new video everyday for 12 Days, with each class presenting a different Day of Christmas. If you missed it, please go to our Duncan Christian School YouTube Channel at: www.tinyurl.com/hope495

Christmas and New Year's Greeting from the Chair of Council

Dear Friends in Christ,

December – the last month of the year, the month in which we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, and, sadly the ninth month into the COVID pandemic. This certainly will be a year to remember. The main concern for everyone, young and old, has been the pandemic and the accompanying effects - mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. As a counsellor I am aware of the toll this crisis can and does have on people. Negative thinking will often result in anxiety and depression, lack of socialization will result in feelings of loneliness for many, and others will be affected materially as a result of unemployment or reduced hours at work. It is also disheartening to hear in the news of people denying covid is real and defy wearing a mask and engage in social distancing. They claim it infringes on their right and freedoms. It is even more disheartening to hear of a few churches on the mainland who are flouting the rules of the chief medical officer. The flip-side to rights and freedoms is responsibility. No-one has the right to endanger the life of others – that's why we have laws such as for speeding and impaired driving. Scripture includes many passages that talk of our responsibility to our fellow man. Rom. 12:10 "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves", and, 1 John 4:11 "Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another". Scripture also includes passages that require us to follow and obey the government and its representatives. Rom. 13:1 "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God"; and, Titus 3: 1,,2 "Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good". In spite of all these ongoing issues, I encourage everyone to look upward to the Heavens – that's where we find our hope and help in these times of need.

Council has struggled with the new rules regarding in-person worship. We would like nothing better than to continue with in-person worship, but we believe that scripturally we need to obey God's word. Council had continued to meet in person for a few months and now we meet virtually through our computers. As per Dr. Henry's order, all meetings at the church were cancelled at least until Dec. 18, but those orders have now been extended to Jan. 8, 2021. These extended restrictions do make it more difficult for Christmas celebrations for families. Through these restrictions at this time we remember that Christmas is more about the birth of our Saviour and we can certainly continue to celebrate this wonderful news in other ways.

Council welcomed our clerk, John D back after his surgery and healing period. We thank God for the successful surgery and subsequent healing. We thank Renee and Sandy for taking care of the duties of the clerk – that was a great help in maintaining the work done by council. Thank you Renee and Sandy. Council also is sending a huge thank you to Matt and Michelle for providing the songs and hymns for our praise and worship. Thank you very much for your faithful service! Thank you also to our very talented technician, Joel, who has done an amazing job of faithfully livestreaming the services to our homes each Sunday. Thank you Joel!

On behalf of the members of council I wish everyone a blessed, safe, and happy Christmas season and a healthy new year.

Frank G, Chair of Council