



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 - Friday, 9 am - 12 noon of this week.

Announcements

Online Worship/Church Meetings/Groups Only

Monday, February 8: Virtual Full Council Meeting 7 pm

Tuesday, February 9: Virtual Worship Committee Meeting 7 pm

Thursday, March 25: Elders' Meeting 7 pm

Donation Envelopes for 2021

There are new donation envelopes in the church mailboxes. You can pick them up during Office hours; Tuesday - Friday, 9 am - 12 noon.

Thank You

for the used stamps, used cards, and Country Grocer & 49th Parallel tapes. They will be used @ Duncan Christian School and for the Cancer Society. Please continue to put them in my mailbox or in the library! Anneke W

Gifts & Tithes collected to January 17, 2021

Church Ministries	\$2,435.00
Calvinist Cadet Federation	55.00
Clements Centre Society	5.00
Cowichan Valley Hospice	75.00

Church Family

Dear Church family,

Last Sunday, January 17, I completed my last run of my fundraiser, Running for Parkinson's: 250km in 30 days to raise awareness for Parkinson's disease. 30days...253kms...\$15,400!!! I am so thankful for all the support and the many encouraging words I have received. I started at a financial goal of \$7,500 and am beyond grateful to have reached \$16,700 (as of January 20). As a celebration and thank you to all who helped me reach my new financial goal of \$15,000, I will be completing the length of a marathon this Saturday, January 23! Donations can still be made at <http://donate.parkinson.ca/goto/RunningforParkinsons>.

Once again thank you for your support,
Danielle G

THANK YOU for all your prayers and phone calls. Gerald is doing very well..almost walking without a cane. We thank God for His healing mercies and for you... the church family holding us in prayer. We pray that we may all see each other in the near future.
Gerald & Anneke W

Birthdays this Week:

Friday, January 29: Matthew vB, Patricia F

Saturday, January 30: Albert W, Jaymie B, Rose B (Len)

Services are Live-streamed / Recorded

Sunday, January 24: Pastor Kevin VanderVeen will bring the Message, Authentic Discipleship, from 1 John 4:7 - 21.

Everyone can watch the live-streamed service at 10 am and the recorded service afterward. website www.duncancrc.org and Pastor Kevin's Church facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/duncancrc/>

Sunday, January 24	Live-streaming at 10 am (and recorded service afterward) Offering: Church Ministries and (Calvinist Cadet Federation)
Sunday, January 31 Live-streaming with Nanaimo CRC	Live-streaming at 10 am - the link to Nanaimo CRC will be found on our website like usual Offering: Church Ministries and (CRC Race Relations)
Sunday, February 7	Live-streaming at 10 am Offering: Church Ministries and (M2W2 - the Prison Ministry)
Sunday, February 14	Live-streaming at 10 am Offering: Church Ministries and (Resonate Global Mission - the former World Missions and Home Missions)
Sunday, February 21 First Sunday in Lent	Live-streaming at 10 am Offering: Church Ministries and (DCS Tuition Relief)

Cadets

Cadets is a weeknight program that meets weekly or bi-weekly in churches and helps boys become more Christlike in all areas of life. Each meeting includes assembling with the entire club for the landmarks, breaking up into small groups (called "cadres") for Bible study and working on badges, and a time of games or other physical activity.



Dear Friends in Christ

January. The first month of a new year – 2021. Here we are starting a new year and we continue to deal with the covid virus. The pandemic is taking a toll on many people, mentally and emotionally. I have heard expressions of frustration with the pandemic from my clients, have heard them on tv and read it in newspapers. People are experiencing anxiety and depression in attempts to cope with the pandemic with its restrictions. The elderly are feeling lonely, not being able to have in-person visits with children and grandchildren. Children not being able to visit their shut-in parents. The single adults are also feeling this sense of loneliness in not being able to socialize as they have in the past. It is important to remember that the way we process this pandemic in our thoughts will have a direct negative effect on our emotions. Negative thinking will result in anxiety and depression. As I have encouraged you in a previous letter, be aware of your thoughts, and, if they are negative, change them to more positive, yet realistic thoughts. We must keep our eyes focused on God and continue to place our trust in Him. He will pull us through this pandemic. The bright hope for us is that the vaccines have begun to roll out. More and more people are being vaccinated. So, it is important to keep our hope that we will come through this and eventually be able to visit and socialize again and also to worship together again.

I would like to share a couple of important topics from council. We have approved the ministry teams as part of the restructuring process. Implementation had been put on hold due to the restrictions. We are looking forward to the next few months with a hope to begin the work of the ministry teams. Pastor Kevin will provide a description of these ministry teams in order that you may understand how they will benefit the church. Names for the various ministry teams have already been approved by council. Toward the end of this month and beginning of next month some of you may be approached to serve on one of these teams. Council asks that you consider this call thoughtfully and prayerfully should you be approached. We believe that the use of ministry teams will have a positive effect on renewing the vibrancy our church has experienced in the past. Also, it is fast approaching that time of year when council will ask for nominations, from others or self-nominations, for office bearers. Again, we ask that you thoughtfully and prayerfully consider this calling to serve God and His church here in the valley. Personally, I have considered it a privilege to serve as an elder. I have been blessed in this in my role as an elder. We need to shake off the attitude of old that it was a 'duty', when an elected office-bearer received a handshake and the word, 'sterkte' or 'strength'. These words tend to have a negative meaning. I considered it a joy to serve God and His church and I hope and pray that you will also. As council, we encourage you to continue in your hope that this pandemic will soon end and restrictions lifted. As mentioned earlier, keep your eyes fixed on God and continue to place your trust in Him. I am reminded of the hymn, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus". Frank G, Chair of Council

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Helen H. Lemmel

O soul are you weary and troubled
No light in the darkness you see
There's light for a look at the Savior
And life more abundant and free
Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there
Over us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conquerors we are
Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace
His word shall not fail you, He promised
Believe Him and all will be well
Then go to a world that is dying
His perfect salvation to tell
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