



# 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.

## Church Family

Please continue to pray for Marjan W as she continues with treatment for her cancer. Pray that God will provide her with strength to endure the treatments and that He will bring about healing through these treatments. Pray also for Fred and the children and give them strength in their support of Marjan.

Birthdays this Week

Monday, September 13: Danielle G

Tuesday, September 14: Pastor Kevin V

Thursday, September 16: Maartje R

Sunday, September 19: Nell P, Marty V

## Letter from the Chair of Council

Dear Friends in Christ,

Here we are – Sept. 10, 2021. Holidays for most people are over and children are back in school and older students are off to college or university. Our church also, being in stage 3 of the pandemic, is beginning again with our programs keeping Covid protocols in mind. We pray for a fruitful year for all of our programs.

Council has proposed adding a staff person to work in outreach which will include pastoral ministry, as well as fostering discipleship. A vote on this proposal is presently underway with the deadline for the ballots being Sunday, Sept. 12. Some people have expressed concerns regarding funding for such a program while others have expressed concerns about the need for such a staff person. In regard to these questions, it is important to remember that for decades both Duncan CRC and DCS have continued to grow, build bigger, build better, and embarked on new programs. The funding for these endeavors seemed to be available. The desire for growth and innovation were always there. How could these progressive changes occur? Through the will and grace of God. These changes and growth were a part of God's vision for his people in the Cowichan Valley. Our church endorsed a vision and mission statement to that effect as well. As council we ask that you prayerfully consider God's will for our congregation in fulfilling His plan. You can still vote on Sunday and leave your ballot in the ballot box. As an aside, we are all constantly changing, growing, and innovating. Farmers do not farm the same as they did 30, 40 years ago. Construction workers, the same. The same can be said for all businesses as well as all of us in personal growth. And so it is with churches. A stagnant church does not grow and eventually will dwindle in size and programs. Duncan CRC has fulfilled the vision of the need for a second pastor in the past. That vision is here again now. As council we hope and pray that we may soon move to stage 4 of this pandemic bringing us back to pre-pandemic times. We also wish everyone God's blessing as you continue to worship and serve Him in our church and within our greater community.

Frank G, Chair of Council

### Ballot

Ballots and Ballot Box are in the Foyer and are due today, Sunday, September 12

**Proposal** - That Duncan Christian Reformed Church hire a pastor of Discipleship and Mission for a two-year term.

**Vote** - yes  No

## Church Service Sunday, September 12

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Pastor Kevin will bring the Message, “God’s New People”, from Our World Belongs to God, Article 39 and Ephesians 3:14-21.

Offering:  
Church Ministries &  
(Resonate Global  
Mission)

Anyone can come to the 10 am service and masks are still optional.

NOTE: It’s still important though to stay home if you or anyone in your household is feeling sick.

The services will continue to be live-streamed at 10 am and then available as recordings afterwards.

### **Our World Belongs to God, Article 39**

39. The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners called to be holy. Saved by the patient grace of God, we deal patiently with others and together confess our need for grace and forgiveness. Restored in Christ’s presence, shaped by his life, this new community lives out the ongoing story of God’s reconciling love, announces the new creation, and works for a world of justice and peace.

### **Offering this Sunday, September 12**

The Offering today Sunday, September 12 is for Church Ministries and (Resonate Global Mission - the former Home Missions and World Missions).

### **Offering next Sunday, September 19**

The Offering for next Sunday, September 19 is for Church Ministries and (Duncan Christian School Tuition relief).

Duncan Christian School was established as a Christian learning community in the fall of 1960. The first classes were held in the facilities of the Christian Reformed Church at 930 Trunk Road. Three years later, classes moved to a newly erected school facility on the church property.

The decision to relocate and expand was prayerfully made. Within a matter of days, ground was broken at 5781 Chesterfield Street. The fall of 1980 classes were held at the new location. Building continued for the next two years until the fall of 1982 when we were able to open a new science lab, home economics room and gym, as well as an industrial education shop.

During the years following, thought was often directed toward expanding the program to include secondary instruction. In 1985, five acres adjoining the elementary property was purchased for the high school. In May 1988, the first step toward making this thought a reality was taken.

On January 5, 1990, students first occupied the brand new Duncan Christian Secondary campus. It was an exciting day in our history — a day of thanksgiving and praise. The secondary campus, located at 495 Beech Avenue, is separated from the elementary campus by a parking lot and a playing field.

In January 2009 we celebrated the dedication of the opening of the high school’s new full size gymnasium. This project broke ground in June of 2007. Our new gym allows us to offer our students one of the finest facilities on Vancouver Island.

## Announcements

### At the Church

Sunday, September 12: Ballots handed in for Pastor of Discipleship and Mission

Monday, September 13: Full Council Meeting 7 pm

Sunday, September 19: Budget Sheets for 2022 handed in to Margaret

Wednesday, September 22: Freedom Session 7 - 9 pm at the church

Thursday, September 23: Elders' Meeting 7 pm

Sunday, September 26: Hiking Stoney Hill with Tom and Sandy - leave the church at 12 noon

### Fun, Fitness and Fellowship

Tom and Sandy are planning to lead a hike once/month on a Sunday afternoon. We will leave from the church at 12:00, sometime after coffee. Bring a lunch and appropriate hiking clothes. Many hikes will be familiar, family friendly and generally moderate. The first of our monthly hikes will be on September 26 at Stoney Hill. For more information, talk to Tom or Sandy.

### Report from the Missions Ministry Committee

We hope to find ways our church can be involved in reaching out and helping those in our community who are needy and going through hard times. At the moment there are a few people from the community who do a breakfast run every morning to feed the homeless in our community. With the colder weather coming up they are requesting blankets for those who sleep outside without a warm shelter or warm clothing. We can join in on a BLANKET DRIVE that has been started. They are looking for new or used blankets in good shape. If you would like to help out that way you can drop them off at church during the week. Any questions talk to Affie.

Also this Wednesday we will be providing a hot meal for about 25 homeless people who come to the United Church at 5 p.m. Three times a week those who live on the streets can come there for food. We have offered to bring a meal there once a month - possibly more in the future. This is a good opportunity for us to serve in our community. You can sign up to be part of the missions group if you are interested in helping out. Thank you!

### In the Foyer

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1. Bulletins, Children's Bulletin
2. Handout for Council's "Gift's Based Ministry Model" that starts this Fall.
3. Ballot for the position of "Pastor of Discipleship and Mission" handed in by today, Sunday, September 12.
5. Sign up for RightNow Media. RightNow Media There is no cost since it has already been paid for by the Church.

### Coffee, Sunday School, Nursery

#### Coffee Schedule

- Sunday, September 12: Pete & Carol K  
Sunday, September 19: Joe & Trudy W  
Sunday, September 26: Tom & Sandy V

#### Nursery in the Preschool Wing

- Sunday, September 12: Kristen V, Trudy W.  
Sunday, September 19: Danielle D, Katie V  
Sunday, September 26: Trudy W, Susan R

#### September Sunday School in the Fireside Room

- Katrina and Tamara (teachers)  
Julianna and Josie (helpers)