

# **Duncan Christian Reformed Church**

930 Trunk Road, Duncan, British Columbia, V9L 2S1

# December 5, 2021



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The bulletin and weekly sermons can be found on our website, www.duncancrc.org Christian Reformed Communications: communications@crcna.org

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**

#### Church Calendar

Sunday, December 5: Celebrate the Lord's Supper together

Tuesday, December 7: Committee of Steward's Mtg 9 am

Wednesday, December 8: Freedom Session 7 - 9 pm

Wednesday, December 8: Men's Bible Study at the Church 7 pm

Thursday, December 9: Coffee Break ladies Bible study meets at 10. Coffee is ready at 9:30.

Monday, December 13: Full Council Mtg 7 pm

Sunday, December 19: Gingerbread House Making Competition 3 - 5 pm at the Church - see Pastor Dan (cost is \$25).

#### A Note from Council

A big thank you to everyone for attending the congregational meeting on Monday evening. It felt great to be able to come together in person to discuss matters of importance to our church. It was great to see so many of you there. We felt a spirit of everyone working together to work toward putting our vision and mission into action. Thank you also for the feedback and comments some of you provided. They will be discussed at our next council meeting. In regard to communication, we welcome specific suggestions that we can put into action. As council we do take ownership of the lack of communication. Having said that, council reminds the congregation that a council report is published in the bulletin after each council meeting. We feel that critical comments, which can be useful, would best be offered in a spirit of encouragement and working together to bring about change. It would be spiritually refreshing for everyone to read Philippians 2 and to reflect on what that means for each one of us personally. Council believes that our church has many opportunities for renewal and growth as we move forward. We believe that the Holy Spirit is working within our congregation. We encourage everyone to become involved in the renewal and growth movement. Please feel free to discuss ideas with any of the council members.

Be the change you would like to see in our church.

Frank G, Chair of Council

# **Church Family**

Dear church family, thank you for your prayers and support for us. This week has been intense for our family. After months of preparation the cows left the farm on Monday. It feels strange yet, but we're looking so forward to slowing down and for more time for each other. I also had my scans this week and we are so grateful that the results are good. The chemo is making an impact so I will continue on with these treatments for the next few months. We are so thankful to God for His faithfulness, for carrying us each day and for healing. Fred, Marjan and family

## Birthdays this Week

Sunday, December 5: Laurisa W Tuesday, December 7: Mary Z

#### **Announcements**

#### Thank You!

A big thank you to Jim and Jaymie B and painting crew who did a great job painting the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Foyer, Youth Room, Hallway and Bathrooms by the Office!

## **Gingerbread House Making Competition**

You are invited Dec. 19th, 3-5pm, to enter the 1st Duncan CRC Gingerbread House Making Competition. Regardless of your age or skill level, sign up a team and let your creative juices flow. Cost is \$25. Register online using the QR code or email/talk to Pastor Dan.

Pastor Dan Schultz, Pastor of Discipleship and Mission 250-510-0126



## December 1 Updated Provincial Health Order

- 1. All of those attending Worship Services will need to wear masks at all times (also when singing) with the exception of worship leaders. Masks can be removed for Lord's Supper. Children are exempt from this order (please stay home if your child has a runny nose, etc).
- 2. There will be no coffee or food refreshments until further notice. You can socialize in the building if a mask is worn.
- 3. We will continue to hand sanitize and sanitize bathrooms after use.
- 4. And the center section in the sanctuary will be restricted to every other pew, while other sections will remain open for those who are comfortable.

#### **World Renew**

Give Hope This Advent with World Renew - World Renew's 2021-2022 Gift Catalogue helps people, families, and communities experience more of the hope that God intends for them. Find a special gift that helps a family in need during the world's continued trials. Give at worldrenew.ca/gifts or call 1-888-WRLD-RNW.

West Coast Floods - Flooding from extreme rain events in British Columbia and Washington State in November have already destroyed homes, businesses, crops, and livestock. As the rains continue, World Renew Disaster Response Services is in conversation with area CRCs, Diaconal Ministries Canada, and other responders to supplement their efforts once the flood water recedes. Please pray for those who have been evacuated, lost homes and farms, or are stranded without power. Pray for World Renew DRS as we make plans with local churches and families. For updates, see our social media pages on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

## **Nursery, Sunday School**

## Nursery in the Preschool Wing

Sunday, December 5: Emilia L, Audrey V Sunday, December 12: Katrina B, Josie N Sunday, December 19: Carol K, Danielle D

## **December 5 Sunday School in the Fireside Room**

Teacher: Kristen V/Sharlene E

Helper: Aliya N

## **Prayer Chain**

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"They were holding bowls of incense, which are the prayers of the saints" Rev. 5:8B If you would like prayer, please call the PRAYER CHAIN, Anneke W @ 250-748-5727 or annekew@ shaw.ca. Thanks. Anneke W

# Sunday, December 5

Offering: Church Ministries & (ReFrame Ministries)



# Church Service Sunday, December 5

Pastor Kevin will bring the Message, "Waiting for Light", from John 1:1-18, 9:5. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper together.

Anyone can come to the 10 am service.

We now have to wear masks again while in the building, including when we sing. They can be taken off during Lord's Supper.

Note: Socializing is okay in the building provided a mask is worn. At this time there will be no coffee available. It's important 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.

# This Sunday, December 5

The Offering for this Sunday is for Church Ministries and (Reframe Ministries).

ReFrame Ministries (new name of Back to God Ministries International)

Advent: A Time of Hope - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Waiting for something can be hard. Looking forward means that something special hasn't arrived yet. Have you given your life to Jesus yet? So, what are you waiting for? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the



new content, including The Gifts of Kindness Advent Calendar and the KC parent blog too.

Family Fire - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

# Next Sunday, December 12

The Offering next Sunday, December 12 is for Church Ministries and (M2W2, the Prison Ministry).

M2/W2 community volunteers are dedicated to establishing supportive relationships with incarcerated individuals in our provincial and federal institutions. They seek to come alongside inmates in a caring, non-judgmental manner to bolster a positive and productive lifestyle.

M2/W2 Association – Restorative Christian Ministries Office: 208-2825 Clearbrook Road, Abbotsford, BC, V2T 6S3

