



Duncan Christian Reformed Church

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Announcements

Church Calendar

Monday, May 9: Full Council Mtg 7 pm

Tuesday, May 10: GEMS

Thursday, May 12: Coffee Break Women's Bible Study - coffee ready at 9:30 am

Wednesday, May 18: Freedom Session 7 - 9 pm

Sunday, May 22: Introduction to Human Sexuality Discussion 7 - 8 pm

Saturday, May 28: Community Dinner

Sunday, May 29: Lord's Supper

Community Dinner Thanks!

A BIG thanks to the 30 volunteers who came to help at the community dinner last Saturday! From 2 pm - 7 pm various volunteers helped out with setting up tables, preparing food, serving food and cleaning up. What great team work! It was especially exciting to work with volunteers from other churches and also young volunteers! We fed about 75 people - all very happy we were once again serving a good hot meal! Next planned dinner is May 28 so we look forward to working and serving together again then.

What does it look like, sound like, and feel like to communicate well?

How does it feel to be heard, valued, and respected while wrestling with things that might challenge us? As our denomination prepares for weighty discussions concerning the Bible's teaching on human sexuality and sexual ethics in the church we, as a congregation desire to join in discussions as well. Although the content of these meetings could be tenuous, we hope to use this time to engage in positive communication practices. Ephesians 4:3 reads, "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." This means valuing each other though we may be at different places in our Christian journey. As a congregation, we should strive towards creating a space that is safe in which to be vulnerable, inviting different perspectives rather than acting in judgment due to fear. Being uncomfortable is okay, it is good to truly consider who Christ wants us to be as individuals and as a congregation.

A series of Sunday evenings (7:00 - 8:00 pm) has been set aside to engage in these discussions. The topics are listed below. We encourage you to come with a spirit of humility, grace and a true desire to not just be heard but to listen. Our prayer is that through these conversations we grow closer to one another and practice communicating in love.

May 22 - Introduction to the conversation and setting the stage to communicate well

May 29 - Overview of the Human Sexuality Report and its conclusions

June 12 - The discussions and decisions of Synod

June 19 - Moving forward together as a worshipping community

Safe Church Ministry

May 2022 Safe Church Webinar: Step 2 Making and Revising Policy - Join us May 18 at 12pm (Eastern) for Webinar 2 of our Safe Church Basics Series. In this webinar, Safe Church Ministry staff will highlight common myths hidden within many abuse prevention policies, share a new model policy, and hear from other leaders about ways they have navigated the tedious task of revising and making policies. Register at: <https://bit.ly/SCwebinarMay22>

Church Family

Please pray for the Duncan Christian School Grade 11 students, staff and chaperones that will be going on the West Coast Trail this week. From this church, Tom V, Pastor Dan, Joel D, Deen K and Julianna K will be going.

Dear church family,
thank you so much for your prayers for me, we are so touched by your love and care for us. I have finished 6 months of iv chemo and am now continuing treatment with oral drugs. My scans have shown significant improvement and I am feeling more energetic. We are so grateful and hope that the new drugs will further improve things or hold the current status. Our lives are in Gods hands. He gives such joy in each day! Marjan and Fred

A Celebration of Life of Life was held for Shirley VW yesterday Saturday, May 7, 1 pm at Sands Funeral Chapel – Duncan. (Obituaries Cowichan Valley Citizen)

“ March 23, 1926 – April 26, 2022 Mom/Oma passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 with her children by her side. Mom passed away at the young age of 96 with a current driver’s license and still living on her own, completely and independently.

She will be lovingly remembered by her children: Tim (Julie), John (Roxanne), Margaret, Joanne (Jim) and Sherry (Rick); 11 grandchildren: Kris, Karey, Jaclyn, Brent, Joshua, Scott, Katie, Hayley, Nina, Brian and Curtis along with ten great grandchildren. She is predeceased by her loving husband Ken VW (1973). Shirley was born in Sneek, Netherlands on March 23, 1926. In 1952 mom and Ken, decided to move to Canada with their first child on the way and settled in Edmonton, AB. In June of 1967, the family now grown to 7, made their way to Duncan, where mom lived for the next 55 years of her life.”

Nursery, Sunday School

Nursery in the Preschool Wing May 8

Joanne B, Affie D

May Sunday School in the Fireside Room

Teachers: Kristen V, Danielle G

Helpers: Aliya N, Laura S

Birthdays this Week

Sunday, May 8: William W

Monday, May 9: John A

Friday, May 13: Reuben V, Deen K

Saturday, May 14: Christine S

Coffee Servers

Sunday, May 8: Chris & Henrietta G

Sunday, May 15: Joe & Trudy W

Sunday, May 22: Affie & John D

Hall Monitors

Sunday, May 8: Tom V

Sunday, May 15: Will B

Sunday, May 22: Fred W

If you are interested in becoming a Hall Monitor during Sunday morning church services, please contact Tom Veenstra

Prayer Chain

If you would like prayer, please call the PRAYER CHAIN, Anneke W

Church Service Sunday, May 8

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Pastor Dan will bring the Message, "A Resurrected Mindset: How We Act", from Luke 24:50-53.

Offering:
Church Ministries and
(World Renew)

Anyone can come to the 10 am service. Masks are optional.

It's still 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, May 8

The Offering for this Sunday will be for Church Ministries and (World Renew).

World Renew and its partner churches are celebrating Moms of Hope Sunday.

"She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future." Proverbs 31:25

A Mom of Hope can laugh without fear of the future because she knows she is blessed by God with skills and resources to support her family; she trusts in God's love and abundance. But too many women around the world look to the future with hopelessness because they are denied basic human rights, subjected to violence and mental abuse, and deprived of opportunities to learn and to thrive.

Your church's gifts to World Renew's Free A Family® program will help equip vulnerable women around the world with the training and tools needed to overcome trauma, multiply their income, improve their families' health, and more. By sharing Christ's hope with women who would otherwise be denied opportunities to grow, you help them see their value. And they in turn make positive changes that help improve their families and their communities.



Next Sunday, May 15

The Offering for next Sunday will be for Church Ministries and (Duncan Christian School).



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e-Transfer allows you to send funds at any time directly from your online banking. For each transfer you can send a different amount and can specify the cause the funds are to be used for.

See <https://www.duncancrc.org/give/> for details on how to utilize either method.