

# Duncan Christian Reformed Church

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

December 31, 2023

Dear Father. I thank You that throughout the season of life, there are endings and new beginnings. I bless Your Word that reminds us that there is a time for every purpose under heaven. So, I thank You for the things that have ended in my life and I bless you for new beginnings. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen. **ECCLESIASTES 3:1** 

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## **Worship Services**

# New Year's Eve: Sunday, December 31 at 10 am (no evening service)

Pastor Kevin will bring the Message, "A Beautiful Tapestry: All Things Come Together" from Hebrews 9:11-15.

The Offering is for Church Ministries.

#### New Year's Day: Monday, January 1 at 11 am

The Offering is for Church Ministries and (the Cowichan Basket Society).

The Cowichan Valley Basket Society (CVBS) was started in 1988 to ensure no individual or family in the Cowichan Valley goes hungry either physically, spiritually or emotionally (5810 Garden St).

#### Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 10 am

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper together.

The Offering is for Church Ministries and (Cowichan Valley Hospice Society). Hospice provides compassionate, person-centered, end-of-life and bereavement care available to anyone, anywhere in the Cowichan region (3122 Gibbins Rd).

#### **Announcements**

## **New Year's Day Get Together**

Monday January 1<sup>st</sup>, everyone is invited to come to church for an informal New Year's morning get together. Bring some ollie bollen or some left over Christmas treats and we can have coffee and visiting beforehand at 10:30 am. At 11 am there will be a litany with singing, readings and candle lighting to remember 2023 and look forward to the year ahead. Stories will be shared and activities for the kids will be provided. Join us for a soup and bun lunch with ice cream sundaes for dessert! Hope to see lots of you there to start 2024 together!

#### Mens Breakfast - Sat, Jan. 6

Our next men's breakfast will be Saturday January 6th, 8 am at the Dog House. Come for fellowship, conversation, a discussion on a passage of Scripture and good food. Hope to see you there.

## **Date Night**

Friday, February 2 (note date change), 6:30-8:30 pm will be a time for couples to hit pause and breathe in some fresh air for your relationship, to learn some new wisdom and new tools to strengthen your connection. \$20 includes dessert. Child care available if you have registered before Jan. 5th. Register online or at the welcome desk.



#### **Foyer Mailslots**

Be sure to check your mailslots for Christmas cards and soon to be donation receipts for 2023. There are now mailslots for new members and regular attendees and if you were missed be sure to let the office know. Also, photos can still be taken in the Church foyer or submitted for the new Directory.

#### **Announcements**

## **Advent Thanks from the Worship Committee**

Many thanks to everyone who helped out during the Advent season. Decorators, candle lighters, bale deliverers, cookie servers, hot chocolate makers, Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, wisemen, readers, story tellers, pyjama wearers, candle sharers, creche builders, costume ironers, singers, players, projectors, sound techs and preachers you were such a gift to the congregation this Christmas. We thank you for helping to make this season special.

#### Lost Blanket

We love that everyone has enjoyed the set up in the foyer, but we are missing one blanket from the couch. Cream coloured with an embossed pattern on it. If you took it home by mistake, please return it asap so it can be returned to its owner.

## Vintage Couch in Foyer

The vintage couch brought in to decorate the foyer is up for a new home. If you would like to have it (free of charge!) please talk to Margie or Michelle.

#### Read the Bible in a Year

Join Pastor Dan and Laura as they read through the Bible in a year starting January 1st. You can follow along on the Bible App, or you can get a paper copy at the Welcome Desk. Please let Pastor Dan know if you will be joining this journey.

Use this QR code to access the Bible App

Use this QR code for electronic schedule







#### This Week:

Sun, Dec 31: Worship Service at 10 am (no evening service)

Mon, Jan 1: New Year's Day Service 11 am

Wed, Jan 3: Adult Bible Study 7 pm Thurs, Jan 4: Youth Jam 7 pm

Sat, Jan 6: Men's Breakfast 8 am at the Doghouse

## **Future Dates:**

Sun, Jan 7: Celebrate the Lord's Supper together

Mon, Jan 8: Full Council Mtg 7 pm

Thurs, Jan 11 Coffee Break Ladies Bible Study & Nursery starts up again

Jan 9 - 20: Pray for the Dominican Vision Mission Trip

Mon, Jan 15: Pastoral Care Mtg 7 pm

Mon, Jan 22: Elders' Mtg 7 pm

Fri, Feb 2: Date Night 6:30 - 8:30 pm. \$20 - Register online or at the welcome desk

August 9 - 13, 2024: Rathtrevor Camping. Talk to Joel or Pastor Dan

# **Little Lambs (Nursery/Preschool)**

Dec. 31: Open to use on your own Jan 7: Carol K, Tangarene J, Hannah B

The Little Lambs/Nursery room is located in the wing to the right of the sanctuary

# **Sunday School**

Dec 31: No Sunday School

Jan 7:

K-2 Teacher: Danielle D, Helper: Addie N Gr 3-5 Teacher: Michelle B, Helper: Reyna

Sunday School children are dismissed part way through the service and return during the service.

## **Greeters**

December 31: BJ W, Shawn & Cathy D, Tim G

# **Birthdays this Week**

Monday, January 1: Pierson A Wednesday, January 3: Candice B Saturday, January 6: Ted M

#### **Coffee Servers**

Dec 31: Joe & Trudy W, Renee dB Jan 7: Pete & Carol K

#### **Hall Monitors**

Dec 31: Ben V Jan 7: Fred W

Hearing assistance is available upon request from the greeters.

Sharps Needle Container
If needles are found, there is a needle disposal container in the Council Room.

#### Gifts & Tithes for 2023

To get a donation receipt for 2023, donations of cash or cheques are to be made by December 31<sup>st</sup>. E-transfers must be completed before 9 pm on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

4 ways to Tithe:

- 1. Cash designate on the pew envelope where you would like the funds to go. Put the envelope in the Offering boxes located at the back and side of the Sanctuary.
- 2. Cheque use the envelope as well. Write the cheque to "Duncan Christian Reformed Church" and the cause in the memo line. Put the envelope in the Offering boxes at the back of the Sanctuary.
- 3. PAR: Pre Authorized Remittance (PAR) is a method of giving a recurring monthly amount which is automatically withdrawn from your bank account at the same time every month. All funds are used for Church Ministries. There is a form to fill out which is on the Welcome Table in the Foyer.
- 4. E-transfers: 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. To give your offerings through Interac ETransfer from your bank online. Log in to your bank's online banking and navigate to the Send Interac e-Transfer area. Your first time using this method you will need to add giving@duncancrc.org as a new recipient. To designate a portion of your offering to a specific cause, note the amount for that cause in the note with your transfer. Any undesignated funds will go to Church Ministries.