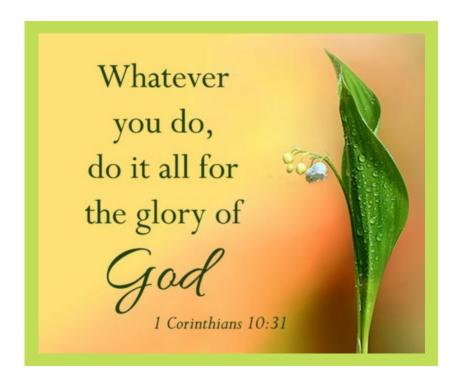


Duncan Christian Reformed Church

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Worship Services

Sunday, January 14

Pastor Dan will bring the Message, "God Glorifying", from 1 Corinthians 10:23 - 11:1.

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).

Sunday, January 21

The Offering next Sunday is for Church Ministries and (Clements Society).

The Clements Society brings hope, belonging, and independence to children, youth, and adults with developmental disabilities and their families here in the Cowichan Valley (5856 Clements St).

Council Report

Monday, January 8, 2024

- The church's FULL Council met in the church Council meeting room on Monday evening. For opening, Pastor Kevin read from 2 Timothy 3 and together we discussed the core values needed for a biblically rooted congregation. He then closed our devotions time with a prayer – thanking the Holy Spirit for leading congregations to be rooted in God's word and for leading people to continue and/or become members at such churches.

- Council was privileged to hear personal testimonies of the four members of the J. family who requested to become church members. Pastors will be making arrangements for affirmations or professions by Lief, Lori, Erik and Greta, - welcoming them into church membership.

We thanked the Lord with them for the work that the Spirit is doing in them at this point in their journey of life.

- Classis BCNW will be having a "virtual" meeting on Feb. 6 and since Pastor Kevin will be heavily involved with classis' responsibilities, Pastor Dan and Matt will be the delegates.

- A part of the denomination's calling process requires that pastors be released from the church where they are currently serving. Pastor Kevin shared reasons why he feels led to accept the call to serve the CRC in Medicine Hat, Alberta. Council agreed to release him from his responsibilities with Duncan CRC, wishing him the Lord's blessing on that new part of his life's journey. Pastor Kevin's last sermon will be on Sunday, March 10.

- In February it will be time to begin looking for members coming into council to replace five who will be completing their term of service in May. Church members who wish to suggest persons to be nominees may share their suggestions by submitting them to council through the church office.

- Next meeting of council is scheduled for February 5.

John D, Clerk

Church Family

Frerik vW is moving to London Ontario for work this month where he will be a hardware developer for Audioscan. We pray God's blessings for you with your new home and work!

Christ Community Church, Victoria: There will be a celebration of life for Martha Bosma on Jan 20, 1pm.

Announcements

Baptism

On March 3rd, we are excited to witness the baptism of a few people in our congregation. We want to open this up to anyone not yet baptized but interested in doing so. In the words of Ananias to Saul in Acts 22:16, "And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name". For more information, here is a link to a great article explaining more about what we believe about baptism.

https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/position-statements/baptism/baptism-and-new-life Pastor Dan or Kevin would love to have a conversation with you so do reach out.

Wednesday Fireside Room Bible Study

First meeting of the year will be this Wednesday, January 17 - new members are always welcome! Meet at 1:30 pm for coffee/tea and refreshments and socializing. Shortly after 2 pm we will watch the second video of our study from Malachi with discussion questions to follow.

GWICTL Jan. 28th

Guess Who Is Coming to Lunch is centered around PEOPLE and FOOD! We believe that when people gather together, they are encouraged, equipped and empowered. All ages are invited to join in the sharing of a potluck meal, conversation and hopefully some spontaneous fun. Sign up online or at the welcome desk as a host or guest, for our Jan. 28th event.



Coffee Break Update

We met this past Thursday with 26 ladies (10 absent) so we're looking forward to a great group this new year! Two new ladies came which is exciting - we are still growing! New ladies are always welcome! And children! We had a special morning with a litany for the New year - reminding us to keep the Christ light burning all year - not just at Christmas time and discussing ways we can grow to be followers of Jesus. Next week we will begin our 6 week study from 1 and 2 Thessalonians.

Church Heritage Wall

The committee is interested in borrowing your original photos or negatives of our church history, especially of the church buildings and building projects from the past. We hope to work towards a heritage wall (the photos in the anniversary book are not high enough resolution).

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. 29th. Register online or at the welcome desk.

Rentals Needed:

New teachers to the DCS community are looking for affordable housing options. As contracts are being renewed and new staff are looking to apply at the school, we are finding the cost of housing to have an impact. If you have a rental for a reasonable rate that would be great for a teacher, please email mndederlof@duncanchristian.com.

Church Calendar

This Week:

Mon, Jan 15: Pastoral Care Mtg 7 pm Tues, Jan 16: Coffee & Crafting in the Fireside Room 10 am - 3 pm Tues, Jan 16: Ball Hockey 7 pm Wed, Jan 17: Afternoon Bible Study 1:30 pm Wed, Jan 17: **Cancelled** - Pastor Kevin's evening Adult Bible Study Thurs, Jan 18: Coffee Break Ladies Bible Study & Nursery 10 - 11:30 am (coffee at 9:30 am) Thurs, Jan 18: Youth Jam 7 pm

Future Dates:

Mon, Jan 22: Elders' Mtg 7 pm Sat, Jan 27: Community Dinner Sun, Jan 28: Guess Who is Coming to Lunch - sign up at Welcome Desk or online Fri, Feb 2: Date Night 6:30 - 8:30 pm. \$20 - Register online or at the welcome desk August 9 - 13: Rathtrevor Camping. Talk to Joel or Pastor Dan

Little Lambs (Nursery/Preschool)

January 14: Katrina B, Laura S, Serenity January 21: Tamara K, Julianna K, Aliya N

Child care for infants to pre-school is located in the wing to the right of the sanctuary

Sunday School

January 14: K-2 Teacher: Danielle D Gr 3-5 Teacher: Michelle B

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

Hospitality team

January: Mike & Susan R, Ben & Margie V, Sandy V

Coffee Break Nursery

January 18: Henrietta G, Eileen F

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Birthdays this Week

Monday, January 15: Janet W Tuesday, January 16: Kristen V Saturday, January 20: Toni L

Coffee Servers

January 14: Jim & Darlene B January 21: Renee dB

Hall Monitors

January 14: Will B January 21: Tom V

Prayer Chain

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

Hearing assistance is available upon request from the greeters.

Tithing Options

