

**December 25, 2011**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY!**

**A WARM WELCOME** to all this morning. Today elder Nick VanderHeide will lead us in worship this morning.

**GUESTS AMONG US** are invited to sign the Guest Book, located on the Welcome Center.

**CHILDREN AGED 0-3** are welcome in our Nursery

Musical Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Songs: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" <sup>PsH 345</sup>, "Joy has Dawned"

Call to Worship

God's Greeting

Songs of Worship: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" <sup>PsH 354</sup>; "Joy to the World" (1, 3, 4) <sup>PsH 337</sup>

Opening Prayer

Song: "O Come Let us Adore Him"

Call to Confession:

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" <sup>PsH 355 vs 2&3</sup>

Lighting of Advent Candles: God's Promises

Song: "Lo, how a Rose E'er Blooming

Song: "Angels We Have Heard on High" <sup>PsH 347</sup>

Song by Praise Team: "Love Has Come"

Children's Message:

"Away in a Manger" <sup>PsH 349 vs 1 & 3</sup>

Prayer of Blessing

Scripture: John 1:1-14; Revelations 21:2-4

Message: The Season of "With Us"

Song: "Once in Royal David's City" <sup>PsH 346</sup>,

Congregational and Offertory Prayer

Offering: Budget & Haldimand Pregnancy Centre

Offertory: "The First Noel" & "The Drummer Boy" by Olivia Numan

Profession of Our Church's Faith:

God's Blessing

Closing Song: "Glory to God" <sup>PsH 214</sup>,



**SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY:** We welcome Pastor Arie VanEek who will lead us in worship January 1, 2012.

**OFFERINGS NEXT WEEK:** Beginnings

**NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE:** We will be joining together with our brothers/sisters from Simcoe Immanuel and Jarvis Ebenezer for a combined New Year's Eve Worship service at Jarvis Ebenezer CRC at 7:00 pm on December 31, 2011. Pastor Jeff VanderMeer will be leading the service.

## WITHIN OUR FELLOWSHIP

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY** for Helen Torensma, Harold VanderMeer, Trixie Wonder, Dan Strobosser and our missionary Alicia Hamming Navarrete (World Missions Nehemiah Centre, Nicaragua and Mike Fennema & family in Laos.

**Interim Pastor:** Pastor Ralph Koops will begin preaching on January 8, 2012. After the service we will enjoy homemade soup prepared by wonderful volunteers. He will be preaching two times per month and doing visits on Monday's. Please contact Jake Elgersma if you would like a visit.

**BANNERS:** Worship Committee is in need of Banners to be hung in the front of the church. We are in need of a variety of "Themed" Banners. We need a Baptism, Fruit of the Spirit; Mother's Day; Father's Day; The Seasons; Advent (Hope, Love, Joy, Peace); Creation etc. Are you gifted at making Banners? If not would you be willing to purchase a Banner? Please contact Nancy Kraay or Henrietta Heeg.

**YOUTH GROUP & CATECHISM FOR GRADE 9-12:** Jarvis Ebenezer is inviting all youth in Grade's 9-12 to attend their Thursday evening youth group meetings on Thursday's from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. The time is divided between Catechism and Youth Group. HCCRC Council encourages youth in this age group to attend these meetings.

**COUNCIL HIGHLIGHT CORRECTION: Small Groups** for married couples will begin Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 pm-8:00 pm at Hagersville CRC. This group will be led by Hilary VanderHeide and Natalie Stam. It is a 6 week Video series "**Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage**" with Mark Gungor's hilarious marriage tips and insights. Improve your marriage and reduce marital problems with Mark Gungor's exclusive advice. He is one of the most sought-out speakers on love and marriage, explores the underlying dynamics of male/female relationships, combing striking clarity and practical solutions to common relationship woes. Mark's humor makes his teaching enjoyable, effective and memorable, helping husbands and wives remember these insights and immediately put them to work.

**2011 VIDEO PICTURES OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** That time again! We are almost done another year of memories in our church and we would like to share all of them with the church. The video of pictures from our church for 2011 will be shown on Sunday Jan 8<sup>th</sup>/12. We will need pictures of the new babies that were born this year and weddings that took place in 2011, as well as memorials. Plus pictures from couples who have had a BIG anniversary and pictures from people who have celebrated a BIG birthday for the year of 2011. Also all pictures of new families/members that have joined our church this year—if you are one of them—please send in a picture! **Sunday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>** is when I need the pictures by. if possible digital pictures **only** please (either emailed to me, burned on a cd, or your camera with the USB cable)—digital pictures are a lot easier to deal with—if you can't give me a digital picture—please drop off a picture and/or your digital source into Crystal Van Groningen's mail slot by **Sunday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>**, otherwise you can email the picture to [ecvg0710@yahoo.com](mailto:ecvg0710@yahoo.com) —no later than Dec.25<sup>th</sup>. Thanks very much!!



**CHRISTIAN HORIZONS** is a non-profit, faith-based charitable organization that serves the person with exceptional needs. We are currently seeking individuals and or families to participate in our Family Home Program. This program models foster care where you invite an individual with developmental disabilities to share your home as well as offer care and support. The rewards of providing such care are immeasurable. For more informations, please contact Evelyn Schilstra, Family Home Coordinator, at 905-385-8908 or [hamiltonfh@christian-horizons.org](mailto:hamiltonfh@christian-horizons.org)

**CRWRC** – Philippines Tropical Storm - On December 17, the southern Philippines was devastated by Tropical Storm Washi. Strong winds and heavy rains caused massive flooding and landslides. The number of dead and missing is now over 1,000 and 285,000 people have been displaced from their homes. CRWRC staff are in touch with local pastors of the Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines to coordinate a response to provide food, water, clothing, blankets and mosquito nets. Gifts marked "Philippines Tropical Storm 2011" can be sent 3475 Mainway, PO Box 5070 STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON, L7R 3Y8, donated online at [www.crwrc.org](http://www.crwrc.org), or called in to 1-800-730-3490.

**GROUNDWORK** - The Christian Virtues: What qualifications do we use to decide what makes a good person? That is not quite the same as asking what makes a person good. A person becomes good by doing good things, but a good person is someone who has mastered the art of living well and has learned what it means to be a proper human being? Join the January 1st Groundwork conversation, based on Ephesians 4. Find a local radio station or listen online at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com).

**KIDS CORNER** - The Knights Before Christmas: Are we really supposed to help everyone? Even if they are not Christians? Check out who deserves our help on this week's Kids Corner. Kids Corner is a member of the HisKids.net alliance--working together to provide quality entertainment for kids that is Christ-centered and Bible-based. Visit HisKids.net to find great Christian programs and music for kids.

**VOLUNTEER PHOTOGRAPHER / VIDEOGRAPHER NEEDED IN HONDURAS!** - The Association for a more Just Society (AJS) based in Honduras, is looking for a volunteer to take creative pictures and videos of their beneficiaries, either from January 10 - 19 where you would be part of a Bike Tour or from March 16 - 24 where you would be part of a Mission Team. If this is your area of expertise and you have a willingness to learn more about issues related to human rights, then please contact ServiceLink at [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org). Further information is also available at [www.crcna.org/servicelink](http://www.crcna.org/servicelink).

**December 25, 2011**

Mother of the Month-Hilary VanderHeide

**NURSERY**  
**GREETERS**  
**AUDIO**  
**VISUAL**  
**USHERS**  
**LIBRARY**  
**OFFERINGS**

Sue Hogeveen  
Brian & Julie Paterson  
Andrew Heeg  
Janice Miles  
Roger Hogeveen, Jason Healy

1. HCCRC Budget
2. Haldimand Pregnancy Centre

**January 1, 2012**

Mother of the Month-Natalie Stam

**NURSERY**  
**GREETERS**  
**AUDIO**  
**VISUAL**  
**USHERS**  
**LIBRARY**  
**OFFERINGS**

Julie Paterson, Nancy Kraay, Beth Douwes  
Ditta Rauwerda  
Trevor Hogeveen  
Chris Bill  
Darren & Katie Kraay  
Trudy Miedema, Grace Strobosser

1. HCCRC Budget
2. Beginnings

**January 8, 2012**

**NURSERY**  
**GREETERS**  
**AUDIO**  
**VISUAL**  
**USHERS**  
**LIBRARY**  
**OFFERINGS**

Terra Adema, Vicki Miles, Myia Veldstra  
Derek & Paula Salverda  
Bill Heeg  
John Heeg  
Ron Douwes, Ryan Miedema  
Tracy Adema, Sharon Hogeveen

1. HCCRC Budget
2. Halimand/Norfolk Woman's Centre

**THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday**  
**Saturday**

**Executive Meeting**                      **7:30 pm**  
**New Year's Eve Service**            **7:00 pm**  
**Jarvis Ebenezer CRC**

**GREETERS:** Please turn the percolator on 20 minutes before the service to avoid any noise from the percolator interrupting the service - Thanks!

**NURSERY:** If you are unable to be in the nursery when you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement to take your spot - It is important for the children as well as the other volunteers that there are enough caregivers in the Nursery on Sunday mornings.