

Oh Come Let Us Adore Him!



Weekly Newsletter for December 16th - December 23rd 2016

JOINING IN PRAISE AND PRAYER!



THANKING GOD:

- > For the continued improving health and healing of Pierre Roux's foot in Beaufort West! He has been cleared to start wearing a shoe outdoors for a few hours a day.
- > For the Young At Heart ministry and leaders. We enjoyed a terrific Christmas Luncheon this past week and a great challenge from Steve Barker!

PLEASE PRAY:

- > John and Jacky Taylor are missionaries in Odessa, Ukraine and have asked us to pray for the Chekhovskiy family. Early in December there was a fire in their apartment and the mother, Anya and all five of her young children passed away. Only Viktor, the father, survived. He has not been told about his family due to his weak condition, but was scheduled to be moved out of intensive care, and

his church is tasked with sharing the awful news with him. Please pray for Viktor today. He is a leader in his church, and has a strong faith which will be tested. Pray for the grace and peace of God to be multiplied in his life, and for the church family and friends as they grieve. Pray also that the message from the funeral will be used by God in the lives of those who have yet to place their faith in Christ, including one of the grandparents of the children who passed away.

- > For Sean Greenwood's daughter Sierra. Sean is one of our teachers at KCA. Sierra had been experiencing headaches and blurry vision. After undergoing a spinal tap last week she is at Sick Kids undergoing follow up testing. Please pray for Sierra and for Sean and his wife Julianne as they journey with Sierra through this.
- > For Julia, a friend of Marisa's who is a mother of a 4 month old and 3 year old and has just been diagnosed with an aggressive Ovarian Cancer and starting chemotherapy immediately.
- > For Lee Doering. She was to continue her chemotherapy treatment Friday but has been hit hard by a virus and as a result the doctors have given her a 3 week break from her treatments to regain her strength. Thank you to all who continue to remember Lee and encourage her during this time.

SERVING ONE ANOTHER:



The church is a people who ... form a body together with Jesus as the head. Jesus teaches us to serve and God who gives gifts so that we can serve humbly and practically. There are lots of great ways to use gifts you have and serve the body of Nashville Road Community Church:

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Offering envelope sets for 2017, will be available in the lobby this Sunday. If you do not currently have a set of numbered envelopes but would like to contribute financially as part of the body of NRCC there will be a sign-up sheet available. Numbered envelopes identify donors in our donation records system. Thank you for your joyful support of the mission that God has invited us to be part of as His body and family as Nashville Road.

HAPPENING AROUND THE BUILDING:

ACTIVITY AT THE NRCC PROPERTY LINE:

The activity you have seen along the NRCC building's west property line is the next step in a major Trans Canada Pipeline natural gas line extension that will be constructed along the west side of our neighbours property. The construction you see on our neighbours side of our property line will be the access road for the construction crews, for the central construction staging area behind and to the west of the neighbours property.

UPCOMING EVENTS + GATHERINGS:



OH COME LET US ADORE HIM - CHRISTMAS EVE:

A time for hot apple cider, gathering with family, music, singing carols, candlelight and a simple retelling of the story of the birth of Jesus as we celebrate the gift of love and grace at Christmas! We'd love it if you are able to bring along some cookies or squares to share together beforehand!

Date: Saturday December 24th

Time: 6:30 - Pregathering Reception

7pm - Christmas Eve Celebration



CHRISTMAS SEASON GATHERING REMINDER:

Christmas is a special time for families and we're enjoying our gatherings as a church family! Looking ahead in our church calendar at this really busy time - we're going to celebrate our Christmas gathering on Christmas Eve as we've been doing for a number of years! In order to be sensitive to the needs and traditions of all our families we won't be gathering again as a body the next morning on December 25th. We feel it's important to give space for families to be together on that morning or to travel to be with extended family. We will then look forward to gathering again on **Sunday January 1st** to celebrate the New Year's morning together at 11am!

SALT + LIGHT:



SHARING CHRISTMAS:

Christmas gives the followers of Jesus great opportunities to be "with" our neighbours and friends in unique ways! At Nashville Road we're committed to sharing God's love with the world around us as a family on God's mission! Our desire is that the people around us each day come to know how much God loves each of us! We've put a little booklet together in the hope that it helps us as we make the time to be "with" our neighbours and grow relationships that bring the reality of God's love and His presence close to people. Our aim is not to get them to church but rather to introduce them to the love of God in Jesus. Pick up a "Sharing Christmas With My Neighbours" booklet at the lobby Welcome Centre.



THE EXCHANGE:

One of the ways we "are the church" is by loving and supporting our community. We are honoured to partner with **The Exchange** in Bolton with the donation of food that helps meet the needs of one another in our neighbourhoods.

Current Food Pantry Needs: (Carbone Family Cantina)

- > Canned meat/fish > Pasta > Pasta Sauce > Canned Fruit
- > Canned vegetables (corn, peas, carrots)

To donate directly - Please contact [Kim D'Eri](#) at The Exchange

Click on the graphic to open a link to The Exchange web site

SUNDAY MORNING GATHERING:



Christmas wrapping is really an art. Tip of the hat to those who do it well. There's some real skill involved when you can disguise a tennis racket or a hockey stick to throw others off the trail. Have you been opening something that you assumed was one thing and found it to be something very different and even way better than you thought? Jesus has told a story that's kind of like that as it throws the expectations and categories of those listening out the window. He's unwrapped expectations on what God is like and also what alienates mankind from Him. The question remains what can change the alienated hearts of the irreligious and the religious brothers who represent those listening to Jesus' story?

We're looking forward to our gathering this Sunday and Unwrapping Christmas. If the first week was the bow, and the second week was the paper - this week we open the box and reveal what is at the heart of the Christmas story! Considering the truth that the greatest most lavish, prodigal gift has been given by the Father to all mankind and when received - has the power to transform hearts! Hope to see you Sunday!

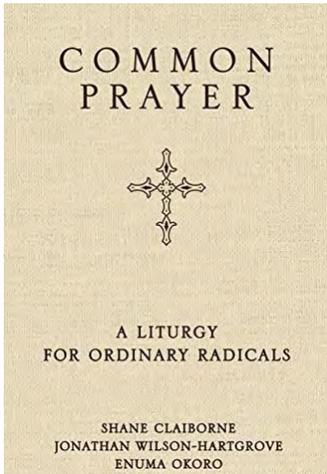
WALKING WITH JESUS DAILY:

COMMON PRAYER - A LITURGY FOR ORDINARY RADICALS:

This book can be a great resource as you desire to grow deeper in your prayer life. It's arranged with daily prayer in mind and with an ear to the particulars of how various traditions pray. Put together with an advisory team of liturgy experts, the authors have created a tapestry of prayer that celebrates the best of each tradition. The book also includes a unique songbook composed of music and classic lyrics to over fifty songs from various traditions, including African spirituals, traditional hymns, Mennonite gathering songs, and Taize chants.

Tools for prayer are scattered throughout to aid those who are unfamiliar with liturgy and to deepen the prayer life of those who are more familiar with liturgical prayer. Ultimately, Common Prayer makes liturgy dance, taking the best of the old and bringing new life to it with a fresh fingerprint!

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KCA CONNECTION!

Name: *Angela Stegeman* Home Church: *Crosspoint CRC in Brampton*

How long have you been at KCA? *This is my 3rd year teaching at KCA! I started teaching in 1993*

What grade do you teach? *I'm currently teaching Grade 3*

Tell us about your class:

I have 11 boys and 3 girls. They are active learners, inquisitive, kind hearted and fun! They love doing art!

How can we pray for you:

Health and strength for the year - for both me and my kids/students!

QUICK LOOK CALENDAR:

SUNDAY JANUARY 1st 2017:

We're looking forward to being together as a church family to begin the New Year on Sunday January 1st at 11am!

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