MOUNTAINVIEW NEWS

February 25th, 2024



Join us Sunday morning at 10 am or anytime throughout the week. This week Pastor Brady presents Part 2 in the Lent Series "Who Is This?" with a message titled, "Our Stability in the Storm" He will be focusing on the book of Mark chapter 4 verses 35-41.

Here Jesus and his disciples are in a boat in the middle of a stormy sea. When the disciples cry out to Jesus for

help, they realize their Teacher might be more than they originally thought.

Let's Build Community Connections!

You can still experience Guatemala with the Team on Mountainview's DIG webpage till Feb 25th. There are many great posts and photos along with prayers and praises. Check it out at www.mountainviewcrc.org/dig. Gracias, Mountainview's DIG team :)



The Annual Cadet Breakfast is taking place THIS SATURDAY, February 24th

from 8-9:30 am. A full breakfast will be cooked and served by our Mountainview Cadets. Come enjoy a great breakfast!! Cost: Free-will donation.





Next Potluck & Prayer happening THIS SUNDAY, February 25th at from 5-7pm. Come join us!

World Day of Prayer 2024 – Please join us for this year's service, Friday, March 1 @ St Joseph Church. This year's theme is written by the women of Palestine: "I Beg



You... Bear With One Another In Love" based on Ephesians 4:1-3



Easter Choir - young and older singers - come and learn a simple 3-part song for Easter. Only two rehearsals - Sundays, March 17 and 24 after worship. Let me know if you're interested, Thanks, Ruth Ann







Good Chats. Good Food. Good People.

START THE PARTY!

Kids@Mountainview Camp 2024 Registration opens on MARCH 8TH!! There will be six weeks of camp, each with their own theme. Visit mountainviewcrc.org/kids-camp for info or to register. For guestions or more info.. email call camp Director Christine Winter: or camp@mountainviewcrc.org / 905-932-4786

Youth Fundraising Dinner: Taking place on the evening of Saturday,

March 2, 2024. Come out and support our youth to attend events like

AOYC or participate in Serve this summer. Dine-in or Take-out. Take out

available from 5-5:45 pm; Doors open/Cocktails & Photo Booth at 5:30; Dinner @ 6:00 pm. Link to RSVP HERE. Donate on the Bridge App

"Youth Fundraising Dinner", etranster: treasurer@mountainviewcrc.org, or

Young Adults Meet Next Friday March 8th at the Judge & Jesters (downtown Grimsby) @ 7:30 pm. Good Chats. Good Food. Good People. Contact bradydb@mountainviewcrc.org 289-455-7513 for more info.





Mountainview's Library is OPEN before and after church and on weekdays for selfcheckout. Adult Youth, Children, Fiction and Non-Fiction books are available as well as movies and audiobooks

OTHER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS OPPORTUNITIES...





Feeling overwhelmed with anxiety, stress or loneliness? Want to talk to one of our psychotherapists or counsellors? We are here to help ! Please call 905.309.0944. We will be answering the phones Monday - Friday daily between 9am - 4pm. Sessions typically run about an hour. All of our services are free and confidential. Sometimes we all need help!



Young Adult Worship Event: Brock Campus Ministry is hosting a worship night on February 27th at 7pm in the beautiful Faith and Life Center. The topic of the teaching for this evening is 'Pace & Presence': As we navigate an instantaneous impatient world, how does our faith call us to be present? All Classis Young Adults are invited to join us for this wonderful night of worship, reflection, and community! If you have

any questions please reach out to Pastor Zack at zdebruyne@brocku.ca or at 905-321-8295.



Great Awaits: Christian School Spring and Fall Getaway – Thurs May 2 – Sat May 4 AND Thursday Oct. 24 - Sat. Oct 26, 2024. For more information, or reservations BOOK HERE or call 1 800 605 9653. Use Group Code: 2405CHRISTIAN. Must book by April 2nd



The Niagara Christian Gleaners will once again be hosting a NIAGARA CHRISTIAN Fundraising Dinner Weekend. The dates this year are Friday, **GLEANERS** April 5 & Saturday, April 6 at the West Niagara Agricultural Centre, 7402 Mud St W, Grassie. Doors open for the Silent Auction

at 5pm. Dinner is at 6pm. Our guest speaker this year is Mr. Jeremy Frith, CEO Barnabas Aid USA. Seating is limited. A free will offering will be taken. towards NCG's Operating Expenses. Reserve seats through our website at www.niagaragleaners.org/Donations for our Silent Auction are appreciated and can be dropped off at the Gleaners any weekday morning. Questions/comments please contact us at ncgdinners@gmail.com. We hope to see you!



Attention Grade 6-8 families: Experience Great Lakes: Thursday, February 29th 8:00am-3:15pm. Students, this day is for YOU! Come experience high school as a Great Lakes Laker! (Lunch provided). To register: Click Here.



YOUTH TALKS - Re Launched! Youth and Young Adults are invited to join together on the evening of **Sunday March 3rd** at Smithville CRC. Time: **7:30 – 9pm (ish).** Terry Posthumus will lead us in music and is sure to inspire. Gord Park will be the speaker for the evening. (Those of us who were youth in the 80's and 90's are excited for all y'all! You'll have a great time!). Scan the QR code to register - Registration is appreciated so that we know how much food to prepare. Invite your friends!



Joining IF: Grimsby is being part of a sisterhood of women who are willing to step out in faith. Forestview will be streaming the conference right from our sanctuary; gathering at tables, learning and growing in a small group atmosphere together with other local women. Great food Great learning

Great worship! We hope to see you there! IF takes place March 22-23 along with other IF:Locals around the world! The theme for this year is "Because of Jesus" John 8:12.

Join IF:Grimsby: *Friday March 22 from 6pm - 10pm* (session 1 starts at 6:30); *Saturday March 23 from 9am - 5pm.* Your ticket includes an IF:Local ticket, snacks & lunch, and our in-person experience. Only Friday - \$25; Only Saturday - \$50 (including lunch); Whole event \$65 (including lunch). For those attending who have dietary restrictions please email <u>info@forestviewcommunitychurch.ca</u>



Tickets are now available for the annual combined concert of the Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir concert at FirstOntario Concert Hall, Hamilton on *Saturday, March 30 at 7:30pm*. Choirs accompanied by Ryan Vandenberg (Organ), Andre Knevel (Organ), and Naomi Noorduyn (Piano) and the 13-piece Scott Harrison

Brass/Percussion Ensemble. Tickets \$25 & \$35. Visit: <u>www.hosanna-choir.org</u>. Contact Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or at <u>hdenhollander@yahoo.com</u>, or ask a choir member.

The **Awake to Praise Choir** is pleased to announce the following dates for their Easter/Spring performances. *Friday, April 5 at 7:30 pm*, and *Saturday, April 6 at 5:30 pm* and *8 pm*. at the Vineland Free Reformed Church. Also, *Friday, April 12, at 8 pm* at the First Ontario Performing Arts Center in St. Catharines. Visit our website at <u>www.awaketopraisechoir.com</u> for more information.

"Inhabiting the Scriptures: Finding Home in a World of Displacement" by Dr. Brian Walsh. We will explore how "home" is an integrating theme in the Bible, one that meets the deepest longings of life in this world. This course will be on zoom on Sunday evenings throughout Lent. Pay what you can. Go to <u>www.bibleremixed.ca</u> for more details."





Wolters Centre Lecture: Are We Free? On March 20, the Albert M. Wolters Centre for Christian Scholarship hosts Dr. Lydia Jaeger (Institut Biblique de Nogent, France), for her lecture "Are We Free? Navigating Scientific Determinism

and Liberty of Creation." Dr. Jaeger will explore how an understanding of God as creator provides a helpful and important framework for thinking about science, including implications for understanding human freedom before the face of God.

Worship for Justice Concert - Redeemer is sponsoring The Worship for Justice tour featuring Don Moen, Paul Baloche, and Brooke Nichols when it comes to campus for one of four concerts in Southern Ontario in April 2024. <u>Learn More</u>.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Staff work a combination of in the office and at home throughout the week. At least one staff person is typically in the church each weekday. Contact info: <u>https://www.mountainviewcrc.org/staff-1</u>

Sat. Feb. 24	8-9:30 a.m. 9am-2pm 5:00 p.m.		Cadet Breakfast WOGP Companion Training CNOY walk from Mountainview
Sun Feb 25	10:00	a.m.	Sunday Service; Intern Pastor Brady; "Who is This"; Mark 4:35-41– "Our Stability in the Storm; Schwanz Baptism; 2nd Sunday of Lent
	5-7	p.m.	Potluck and Prayer
	7-9	p.m.	Youth Alpha
Mon Feb 26	7:00	p.m.	Cadets
	7:30-9:30	p.m.	Photography Group
	7:30	p.m.	Church Board
Tues Feb 27	9:30	a.m.	Coffee Break
	7:00	p.m.	Volleyball
Wed Feb 28	10:30	a.m.	Jolene's Classis Examination at Trinity CRC
	9:30	a.m.	Mission Circle
	7:00	p.m.	GEMS
	7:00	p.m.	Evening Coffee Break
Thurs Feb 29	7:00	p.m.	Worship Team practice
	7:30	p.m.	Friendship
Sun March 3	10:00	a.m.	Sunday Service; Pastor Everett Vander Horst "Preachers and Ministers";

JOYFUL GIVING

Mountainview Ministries (Budget/Ministry Promise) January 2024: \$71,899.03 (88% of Total Monthly budget); December Ministry Causes: Shalom Manor & Gardens, Benevolence, GAiN - Tyler Couperus, Cadets (Mountainview)

Benevolence	3,567.50
Cadets (Mtnvw)	2,687.50
Capital Campaign	18,850.00
DIG - Guatemala	13,412.35
GAIN - Tyler C.	3,132.50
GBF	250.00
Niagara Christian Gleaners	50.00
Shalom Chaplaincy Fund	1,395.00

Shalom Manor & Gardens 2,912.50 The Bridge (Niagara Falls) 140.00 The Village Church (Thorold) 452.50 World Renew - General 50.00 World Renew -Gifts (Tree) 85.00 World Renew - Sovann Neth 210.00 Grand Total 119,093.88

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING: February 25th A.M. – Please join World Renew for Canadian Foodgrains

Bank Sunday - Conflict and changing climate are driving forces behind world hunger. But for a mother watching her child struggle with malnutrition and the pains of hunger, why is not as important as how she will feed her child. You can share Christ's hope with that mother. Today is Canadian Foodgrains Bank Sunday and your offering will help support World Renew's food security programs focused on addressing the emergency food needs of vulnerable families and providing communities with the training they need to sustainably overcome hunger. Your gifts will be matched up to 4X by Canadian Foodgrains Bank. To donate, call 1-888-WRLD-RNW or go online to: worldrenew.ca/food

UPCOMING OFFERING: March 3rd A.M. - Benevolence: Your contribution to Mountainview's Benevolent Fund provides assistance for those in need in our church family and in our local community. These include basic needs such as food, clothing, housing and schooling. A church and community of our size has many varied needs within it. Please continue to support our ministry of Benevolence.



How long has the preparation of a legal Will been sitting on your "to do" list? Are you one of approximately 50% of Canadians who do not have an "up to date" Will? On Tuesday evening, March 26th, at 7:30 pm, the deacons are hosting a Will

and Estate Planning Presentation lead by Marinus Koole of Christian Stewardship Services. Learn how to plan or update your Will and Estate Documents, reduce your tax impact, distribution options for your family, and maximise and simplify your current charitable giving and more. Please reserve at deacons@mountainviewcrc.org or contact CSS at: marinusk@csservices.ca or call 1 800 267 8890, ext. 225. More information will be available on the table across from the Welcome Centre.

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NEWSLETTERS FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS – Available under "Community Partners" on our Website. Posted as they come in. Paper copies can be requested from the church office.. Browse through the work of local and CRCNA ministries...



We want to let you know about our special series of Lent devotions Focus on the Cross, from our Today devotional. These devotions are a perfect way to focus on the depth, beauty, and mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ this Lenten season. You can receive this series straight to your inbox, or download them as one file for printing.

Kids Corner: Names of God: The Righteous God - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net/. Psalm 145:17 says, "The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does." So, what is it like to be righteous? Is it like being right? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.



Groundwork: The Curse Of The Cross - We were rightly cursed by God for our failure to keep his covenant. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Deuteronomy 28:1-19, Deuteronomy 21:22-23, Galatians 3:10-14, 2 Corinthians 5:21, and Isaiah 53:4-11 to better understand the cursed nature of the cross and discuss

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the implications of this curse and Jesus' death under it for our lives of faith today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Cornel West said, "Justice is what love looks like in Thrive public." How might you share the love of Jesus by practicing justice in public this week in your workplace, your neighborhood, or your city? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject



Family Fire - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and

connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.



Calvin invites you to attend the Festival of Faith & Writing, April 11-13, on the campus of Calvin University. The Festival features over 70 speakers, including plenary speakers Anthony Doerr, Yaa Gyasi, and Tracy K. Smith. Visit our website to see our full roster of fabulous speakers, purchase

tickets, or to learn more. Questions? Reach out to ccfw@calvin.edu.

JOBS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



The CRCNA is seeking a candidate to fill the full-time, permanent position of Executive Director Canada. A search team has been tasked with recruiting for this position with the goal of having the successful candidate begin on or before May 1, 2024. Learn More at crcna.org/executive-director-canada-search



We Are hiring at Shalom! Working at Shalom is a great opportunity to share your gifts and talents in a wonderful workplace and to become involved in the community! Grace, love and fellowship. We take pride in offering the best possible care and making Shalom home for our residents. Become part of the team! Visit our website and send your resume or any questions to hr@shalommanor.ca to see if a career with Shalom is a good fit for you!

Shalom Manor & Gardens is currently hiring for an OFFICE MANAGER (37.5 hours per week). Qualifications: 1-3 years in office management. Must be technically savvy. Proficiency in Microsoft Office and strong organizational, leadership and problem-solving skills is required. Previous experience with governance is preferred. Familiarity with long-term care regulations and industry best practices preferred. Key Accountabilities: lead quality improvement initiatives, including education, administration of the Joint Health and Safety Committee, facility communications, liaison between IT provider and employees, support implementation and maintenance of communication systems, collaborate with vendors to address technical issues, government reporting, support Board of Directors governance. Please email hr@shalommanor.ca to apply with resume.



Camp Shalom - This summer at Camp Shalom our theme is going to be "Something New" based on Isaiah 43. Campers and staff will learn about how God wants to give them something that they'll never have without Him. If you're interested in learning more about this new thing, and you're excited about sharing

that great news with kids and adults who have special needs, then we have a position for you! We're hiring 50 young adults for a variety of positions including counselors, maintenance staff, kitchen staff, lifeguards, and more. For more information or to apply please visit www.countrysidecamp.com/apply.