

Join us Sunday morning at 10 am or anytime throughout the week. This Sunday Pastor Erick will present the second of a 4-part series on Power, looking at **“The Power of Weakness.”** He will be looking at [2 Corinthians chapter 12 verses 1-10](#).



Foundational to understanding power is recognizing the confusing biblical idea that power comes through weakness. Jesus exemplified this on the cross and Paul experienced it in ministry. How do we take this difficult teaching and apply it to our lives today?

On Sunday January 21 we will be holding a **CONGREGATIONAL VOTE** on whether we will extend an official call to Pastor Jolene as Minister of the Word and Pastoral Care Pastor. You may remember that we voted to bring her on staff with the assumption of this later vote. That was like a "promise ring"; January 21 is the engagement vote. Her classis exam is scheduled for February 28 and the ordination is being planned for Sunday March 3 (that is like the marriage ceremony).

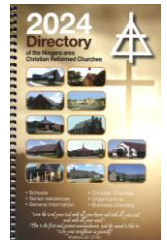


PSALTER HYMNALS: The church has a number of copies of the grey Psalter Hymnal available. If you are interested in having a copy for your personal use. Pick up one today from the table in the foyer.

For those of you who use **offering envelopes**, they are also available on a table in the foyer. Please come and pick them up.



2024 Directories have arrived! They are available on the table in the foyer. Pick up your copy today. A directory will be delivered to all persons in Shalom or in Nursing homes and to Evergreen members; *so no need for family members to pick one up*). A page of updates for the directory will be shared in January and quarterly after that. You are always welcome to update your contact information on the Bridge App or by contacting the office.



Let’s Build Community Connections!



Curious about how you can help support DIG (Doppenbergs in Guatemala)? Talk to a team member about fundraising events, OR [visit our Mountainview DIG Events Page](#) (also on home page of the www.mountainviewcrc.org/).

- **You can donate to help the group or an individual.**
 - Bridge App – donate to DIG – Guatemala Mission
 - E-transfer to treasurer@mountainviewcrc.org (subject Guatemala Mission)
 - Cheque to Mountainview; Guatemala Mission in memo line



Pastor Erick is offering a course on the basics of biblical interpretation **“Reading the Bible on its own terms.”** Begins Tuesday January 16th, 2024 at 7:30 in the Council room for 4-6 weeks.



Youth Alpha begins this Sunday at 7 pm, led by Pastor Erick. All high school aged youth are encouraged to join in. Feel free to bring a friend.

Young Adults are invited to join Pastor Brady at the Judge & Jester on **Friday January 12th @ 7:30 pm**

for their regular monthly gathering.





SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendar for the **2024 Week of Guided Prayer**. This year's theme **"Called to Community"** 2 ways to participate: Join in for One Week (7 days) April 7-13 or for One Month (7 times over 4 weeks) April 7-May 4. Mark your calendar, more information to come.



Mountainview's Library is OPEN before and after church and on weekdays for self-checkout. Adult Youth, Children, Fiction and Non-Fiction books are available as well as movies and audiobooks. **We will be highlighting some newer books again soon.**

Also, we are purging some of our book collection. There are a number of books available on the shelves under the window in the library. **You are welcome to take some home to add some to your personal collection...** Drop by and take a look.



OTHER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS OPPORTUNITIES...



MAiD legislation in Canada - Visit the EFC's [Take Action on MAiD](#) page to learn about talking points you can share, a petition you can circulate, and many more ways to keep taking action on medical assistance in dying. Your engagement on this issue has had an effect on decision-makers. The government can change the law to stop or delay MAiD for mental illness before the scheduled March deadline.



Online Courses with Institute for Christian Studies - Enjoy lifelong learning! The following courses are available during the winter semester at ICS: What Were the Women Up To? Elizabeth Anscombe, Philippa Foot, Mary Midgley, and Iris Murdoch; God in Flesh and Blood: Revolutions in Christology; Issues in Phenomenology: Spirituality; Philosophical Inquiry and the Practices of Everyday Life: An Interdisciplinary Seminar on Philosophizing in a Time of Crisis; and Aristotle, Aquinas, and the Scholastic Approach to the History of Philosophy. Tuition is \$1,500 to take a course for credit, \$600 to audit, or \$400 for first-time auditors. The registration **deadline for winter term courses is January 12, 2024** - email academic-registrar@icscanada.edu to register, or visit icscanada.edu/winter-courses to learn more



SOCO Beach Project Update: Recruiting for SOCO 2024. If you are a young adult (18 - 29), **be part of SOCO summer 2024** ~ living in an intentional Christian community while having a summer job, learning how God's story shapes your story to impact the world's story. Applications for first consideration **due January 15**. For more information: www.southcoastbeachproject.org. Read more updates in this week's newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-jan-11-6215121>



Come to **Smithville Christian High School's Open House and Celebration of Learning, Thursday, January 18, from 7-8:30 pm**. This invitation is especially for prospective students and their families, but everyone is welcome to come and tour the school, meet students, teachers, and parents, see beautiful student work on display, and experience a mini-chapel. Register here: <https://learn.smithvillechristian.ca/smithville-jan-2024-open-house-w/>



Last chance! Join young adults from across southern Ontario for the annual Young Adults Winter Retreat!! The event is planned by young adults for young adults, to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus as well as with other young adults in the Southern Ontario region. Interested? When: **Fri. Jan 19 – Sun Jan 21; Cost (\$75); Reg. Deadline (\$75) Jan 14th; Where: Maranatha**



MALE-VOICE AUDIENCE PSALM/HYMN SING: All men are invited to a male audience psalm/hymn sing, the Lord willing, on **Saturday, February 3 at 7pm** at Maranatha Free Reformed Church. Whether you sing tenor, bass or just enjoy singing the melody of songs, you will enjoy this event. A beautiful collection of psalms & hymns will be sung. The evening will be directed by Herman den Hollander and accompanied by Tjeerd Klaver on the organ. A free-will offering will be taken for the Niagara Christian Gleaners (Smithville) and Ontario Christian Gleaners (Cambridge). Looking forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, contact hdenhollander@yahoo.com.

Tickets are now available for the annual combined concert of the Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir concert at FirstOntario Concert Hall, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton on **Saturday, March 30 at 7:30pm**. The choirs will be accompanied by Ryan Vandenberg (Organ), Andre Knevel (Organ), and Naomi Noorduy (Piano) and the 13-piece Scott Harrison Brass/Percussion Ensemble. Tickets are available at \$25 & \$35, and can be obtained through the choir's website (www.hosanna-choir.org) a choir member, Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or at hdenhollander@yahoo.com.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun Jan 14th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Service; Pastor Erick preaching; "The Power of Weakness"
	7-9 p.m.	Youth Alpha
Mon Jan 15	7:00 p.m.	Cadets
Tues Jan 16	9:30 a.m.	Coffee Break
	7:00 p.m.	Volleyball
Wed Jan 17	9:30 a.m.	Mission Circle
	7:00 p.m.	GEMS
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Coffee Break
Thurs Jan 18	7:00 p.m.	Worship Team practice
	7:30 p.m.	Friendship
Fri Jan 19	7:30 p.m.	Young Adults @ Judge & Jester
Sun Jan 21st	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Service; Pastor Erick preaching; "The Power of Rest"
	7-9 p.m.	Youth Alpha

JOYFUL GIVING

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING: January 14th AM – 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.

UPCOMING OFFERING: January 21st A.M. – Global Aid Network (GAIN) – Tyler Couperus: Together we are revealing hope by sharing God's unconditional love and restoring life by demonstrating the gospel through compassionate action to those who are living in poverty, injustice and crisis around the world. "That is where I come in. I work with GAIN full-time. In order to successfully fulfill our mission as GAIN, we need staff who can lay the groundwork, and do project management to empower staff in the field as well as our local partners. My role is managing our disaster relief programs and our preparedness. I collaborate with our partners worldwide, particularly those in our Disaster Relief offices. My position includes training new volunteers at our DART team training, as well as potential field visits, and ongoing conversation with our project partners about how we can work better together. Thank you for partnering with me in your time, prayers and encouragement, as well as finances so that I can fulfill my kingdom calling. I have been blessed by the church throughout my life; in each church we have celebrated together, mourned together and supported each other. I look forward to growing that community." *Tyler C.*



Is there a charity close to your heart that you would love to see thrive for years to come? Questions about wills and legacy? **Christian Stewardship Services is hosting open Q&A sessions** about these topics and more throughout the winter to answer all of your questions on charitable giving and estate planning. Find out more about the **Winter Conversation series** [here](#). While you are planning ahead, why not contact a consultant to maximize your year end giving, or set up an appointment to review your will in the new year? [Schedule an appointment](#) today!

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

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...](#)



ReFrame Ministries Provides Devotions, Podcasts, and Blogs - Start a new Biblical habit with resources from ReFrame Ministries. DEVOTIONS including the Today devotional offer short daily meditations and scripture. Kids Corner includes devotions, especially for children and guardians. PODCASTS help you dig into scripture with Groundwork, explore pop culture and Christianity with Think Christian, or energize your church communications with Church Juice. BLOGS offering spiritual advice for parenting, dating, and more are available in new posts from Family Fire. Learn more about the spiritual habit of praying with ReFrame’s prayer ministry.

Kids Corner: God's Love Brings People Together - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net/. This week, we remember the work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a preacher who followed the example of Christ and brought all kinds of people together. This week’s devotion and parent blog gives instructions for a science experiment with an emulsifier, some oil, and water. How can this experiment be compared to the power of God’s love? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net , like KC’s The Bible in One Year Plan.



Groundwork: Humility - If we look closely, the Christlike virtue of humility is a root virtue from which many of the other virtues flow. Join Groundwork as we explore Romans 12:3, Philippians 2:3-4, John 13:3-17, and Colossians 3:1-17 to discuss what it means to be humble, to witness Christ’s own humility, and to learn how humility influences our thoughts and our actions. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.



Thrive Faith Formation Tip - N.T. Wright wrote, “Reading and studying Scripture [is] central to how we grow in the love of God.” This coming week, start each day by reading 1 Corinthians 13 and praying that God’s love will flow through you to others. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject



Stories & Strategies: Strengthening the CRC in Canada - Are you interested in learning more about church planting and renewal in the CRC? Join the Canadian Ministry Board for stories (and best practice learnings from those experiences) and how they might be applicable to your local church context. We look forward to discussing these ideas with you alongside other church members & leaders. More at crcna.org/Canada



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 community on Facebook.

JOBS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



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!

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!

ACCOMPANISTS NEEDED! We are looking for volunteers to help provide a meaningful church service to our residents. Our residents love to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. We are in need of accompanists to assist them. If you would be available to accompany on either the piano or organ, it would be well appreciated. Please contact Brooke at volunteercoord@shalommanor.ca or at 905-945-9631, ext. 1115.



Resonate Global Mission is looking for an accountant to serve for 2-3 weeks in Nigeria. Timeframe for serving is flexible. Learn more at www.resonateglobalmission.org/opportunity/accounting



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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



Wellingstone Christian Home is presently seeking applicants for a live-in co-superintendent position. This position is responsible for 28% of the superintendent duties at Wellingstone Christian Home, with an anticipated start date of February 1, 2024. If you or anyone you know would be interested in this position, or for more information on the full job description, please contact the Wellingstone Office by email at office@wellingstone.ca or by phone at 905-383-0754.