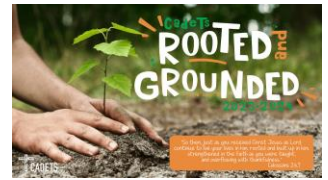


Join us Sunday morning at 10 am or anytime throughout the week. This Sunday Pastor Erick presents a message entitled, **“Rooted and Grounded.”** He will be focusing on the book of [Colossians chapter 2 verses 6&7](#)



The title of the message is the Cadet theme. It comes from Ephesians 3; however, we will get at the theme using the image described in Colossians 2:6,7 which is a rather mixed metaphor. In preparation, read verse 7 and picture what is being described.

**DIG Guatemala: Our team is preparing to leave on the eve of Feb.16th** to spend a week learning and working alongside DIG, a Christian organization that serves the needs of the poor living in rural Guatemala. Our team consists of 27 individuals, most of whom are from Mountainview CRC, and ranging in age from 12 to 70+. We would love if you could partner with us through prayer, donations and financial support.



**If you would like to become a ‘prayer partner’ (WE NEED 10 MORE!) for someone on our team, please email George Prins at [gsprins@gmail.com](mailto:gsprins@gmail.com)** for more details,

otherwise we covet your prayers while we are away. **If you would like to donate financially to DIG, you are welcome to do so with cash, cheque, or e-transfer ([treasurer@mountainviewcrc.org](mailto:treasurer@mountainviewcrc.org)).** Please write ‘DIG - Team’ in the comment/memo line. **We will also list some physical items you can donate on our website [www.mountainviewcrc.org/dig](http://www.mountainviewcrc.org/dig).** Gracias!

### Let’s Build Community Connections!

**OUR ICE RINK** was enjoyed last week but is currently closed due to milder weather. We hope to get another chance to skate soon. If the weather cooperates you can [BOOK TIME HERE.](#)



**Ice Rink Volunteers for the weekends:** As a church, we are once again partnering with our neighbours to provide a community ice rink. We need YOU TO BE INVOLVED. Adam Bylsma is coordinating a list of Mountainview folks to care for the rink on Saturday & Sunday each week the rink is open. Text or call him to volunteer... 289-686-9477



Pastor Erick is offering a course on the basics of biblical interpretation **“Reading the Bible on its own terms.”** Begins Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**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.**

The Resource Team is purging the **Library**

There are a number of books available on the shelves under the window that you are welcome to take home to add to your personal collection. Drop by and pick some up.

**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.



Our next monthly Prayer Walk is on Saturday February 3rd. We are meeting at the church at 8:30am, weather permitting. Please let Jane DeVisser know if you are interested in joining. All are welcome! [pjdevisser@sympatico.ca](mailto:pjdevisser@sympatico.ca)



## OTHER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS OPPORTUNITIES...



The Village Church launched 2 New Dinner Churches in Classis Niagara in 2023. We would love to see 2 more start in 2024!! Would you like to help us? Come to our Fundraiser: **February 14, @6pm**. Celebrate your Valentines with us. Get your tickets at [www.myvillagechurch.ca/events/valday](http://www.myvillagechurch.ca/events/valday)

**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!



**EFC launches “10 days to stop MAiD for mental illness”** - Join the EFC's 10 Days of Action on MAiD for mental illness. The justice minister has said the government is considering options, and one option is a delay of MAiD for mental illness. Starting today, the EFC is giving tips and resources for prayer and contacting your MP during the next 10 days. On Calling Saturday this weekend, plan to leave a voicemail message at your MP's office. Watch the EFC's new short video and Facebook Live on MAiD for mental illness.



**Save the Date for AOYC!**  
It's coming back this June 2024. Stay tuned!



**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. For more information: [www.southcoastbeachproject.org](http://www.southcoastbeachproject.org). Read about retreats, on-going renos and how you can help SOCO win a bunkie - all in this week's newsletter. Have a lead on a gently used/new fridge or dryer to donate?

See the newsletter for details: <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-jan-25-6216377>



**Free to Apply Until January 31!** Students directly out of high school can apply to Redeemer for free **until January 31**, saving them \$50! A completed application includes transcripts sent directly from high schools to [admissions@redeemer.ca](mailto:admissions@redeemer.ca).

**Wolters Centre Lecture - The World and Our Calling** - Join us on **January 24** as Dr. Fellipe do Vale receives the [2023 Emerging Public Intellectual \(EPI\) award](#) and speaks on "Finding Our Identities at the End of the World."

**Work at Redeemer** - Redeemer is hiring a Campus Services Coordinator (OneCard), Athletics Coordinator (Multimedia & Sports Information), and a Head Coach (Women's Volleyball). Learn more about these positions and many others below.





**Attention Grade 6-8 families: Great Lakes Christian High School** would like to invite you a few events:

**Virtual Open Houses: Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm or Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.** Join us from wherever you are. Meet the Principal, Guidance counselor and other staff who will work directly with your teen in their future. To register: [Click Here](#).

**NEW:** Transportation available on demand from Stoney Creek and Grimsby as well as St Catharines.

**Experience Great Lakes: Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00am-3:15pm.** Students, this day is for YOU! Come for a day to experience what high school is like as a Great Lakes Laker! (Lunch provided). To register: [Click Here](#).



**Calvin Symposium on Worship (Feb. 7-9, 2024)** - Join us as leaders from churches and worshipping communities of all sizes and settings gather February 7–9, 2024, on the campus of Calvin University & Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to learn and worship together. The book of Ezekiel will be the preaching focus at the five primary Symposium worship services. In a fractured time for the worldwide church, Ezekiel’s messages of judgment and profound hope provide just the word the people of God need. Learn more at [worship.calvin.edu/event-programs/2024-calvin-symposium-on-worship](http://worship.calvin.edu/event-programs/2024-calvin-symposium-on-worship)



**Join the 2024 Food, Faith & Justice 6-week series (webinar) of discussions with leaders working in community.** Topics will include Food and Our Faith; Food, Faith and Farming; Food, Faith and Creating Just Food Systems; Food, Faith and Church Growing Projects; Food, Faith and Sharing with Community; and Food, Faith and Advocacy. Discussions will include congregations in the US who are responding in creative and caring ways because of their faith. Dates: **February 8-March 14, Thursday PM (7:30 Eastern).** Register at [worldrenew.net/events](http://worldrenew.net/events). There will be a giveaway at each session, but you must be present online to win!

Contact Jodi Koeman at [jkoeman@worldrenew.net](mailto:jkoeman@worldrenew.net).



**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](mailto: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 Noorduynd (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](http://www.hosanna-choir.org)) a choir member, Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or at [hdenhollander@yahoo.com](mailto:hdenhollander@yahoo.com).

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun Jan 28th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Service; “Rooted and Grounded”; Pastor Erick; Cadet Sun.
	12:30 p.m.	<b>Neighbourhood #4 Potluck</b>
	5:00 p.m.	<b>Prayer and Potluck</b>
	7-9 p.m.	Youth Alpha
Mon Jan 29	7:00 p.m.	Cadets
Tues Jan 30	9:30 a.m.	Coffee Break
	7:00 p.m.	Volleyball

	7:30	p.m.	<b>Reading the Bible on its own terms;</b> Council Rm.
Wed Jan 31	9:30	a.m.	Mission Circle
	7:00	p.m.	GEMS
	7:00	p.m.	Evening Coffee Break
Thurs Feb 1	7:00	p.m.	Worship Team practice
	7:30	p.m.	Friendship
Sun Feb 2	10:00	a.m.	Sunday Service; "The Power of Prayer"; Pastor Erick;
	7-9	p.m.	Youth Alpha

## JOYFUL GIVING

**THIS WEEK'S OFFERING: January 28th A.M. – Cadets** is a program for boys 9-14 years of age. The ministry of cadets is to teach the boys to learn more about God and respond to the world around them in a Christ-centered way. This is done through activities such as Bible study, badge work, crafts, games, campouts and league activities. Your donations help us to mentor and nurture boys in our church and surrounding community, in their walk with God.

**UPCOMING OFFERING: February 4th A.M. – Cairn Christian School:** Our Cairn Christian School sites in Smithville and Stoney Creek work to inspire students to love, learn, and lead together in God's world. This offering provides vital support in achieving this mission, enabling students and families the opportunity to access an amazing Christian Education, and communicates our love for their students.



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: How Can I Use the Internet Wisely?** - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at [www.kidscorner.net/](http://www.kidscorner.net/). When we learn internet wisdom, we can protect ourselves online. But what we do online has to be more than that because God has called us here, too. We can do God’s work, be a positive Christian presence online, and share his message by safely using the internet. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) , like KC’s Valentine Cards.



**Groundwork: Generosity** - Giving generously of our time, money, and ourselves does not always come naturally. Join Groundwork as we study Mark 6:35-44, Titus 3:3-7, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, and 1 Timothy 6:17-19 to discover why generosity is an important virtue for Christ’s followers to cultivate, what it looks like to be generous



people, and how we can nurture generosity in our everyday lives. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](https://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Retelling Bible stories together helps those stories “stick,” especially for kids. Check out the one-page resource [5 Ways to Retell a Bible Story with Kids](https://tinyurl.com/5WaysRetell) ([tinyurl.com/5WaysRetell](https://tinyurl.com/5WaysRetell)) for ideas. Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](https://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](https://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire 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](mailto:hr@shalommanor.ca) to see if a career with Shalom is a good fit for you!



**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](https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/opportunity/accounting)



**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](https://crcna.org/executive-director-canada-search)