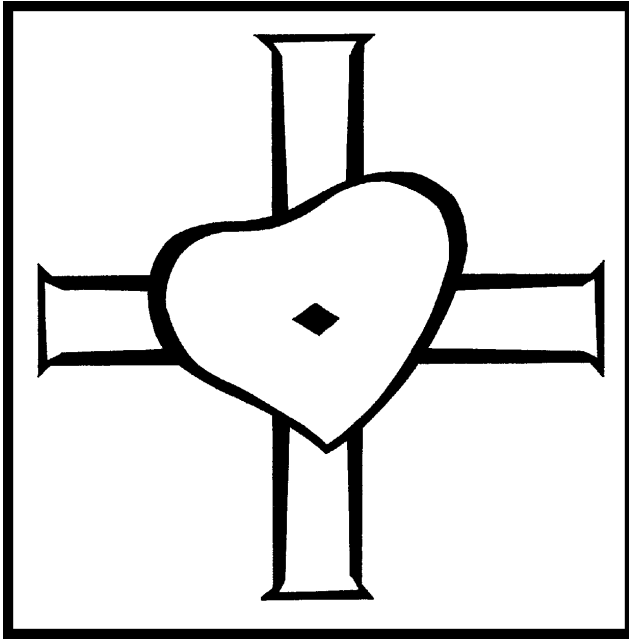


Jubilee Fellowship Christian Reformed Church



In Christ, With Each Other, To the World

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Cor. 5:17)

March 27, 2011

Morning Service @ 10:00 am

Pastor Joan DeVries
Matthew 16: 13-16, 20-21
Psalm 120

“Songs for the Journey ~ Beginning the Journey”

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WELCOME



Welcome to Jubilee Fellowship Christian Reformed Church: A special welcome to our members and guests today! We hope you experience God's presence as you worship with us this morning. If you would like more information about Jubilee, please ask one of our Visitor Welcome Team members. They would be

happy to assist you. Please join us after the service for refreshments and allow us to introduce ourselves to you. Nursery is available downstairs for children under 3. The children, ages 2 1/2 - grade 3, will be dismissed part way through the service for Sunday School. Children of visitors are welcome to participate in Sunday School.

Lenten Psalms of Ascent series: Within the Psalter of 150 songs there is a special section called the "Songs of Ascent" (Psalms 120-134). Why are they called that? Well, as a heading to each psalm you will see a phrase something like "A song for the ascent to Jerusalem." Each year there were religious Festivals in Jerusalem, and God-fearing Jewish males (at least) were required to attend three of them. To do so, they obviously had to travel to the city of Jerusalem where the temple was. Since Jerusalem is at a high point in the country, the journey was an ascent- you went up to Jerusalem. These psalms, then, were the songs specific to that journey. This Lent we join the people of ancient Israel on their way to the Passover. We also journey with Jesus on his way to his suffering and death in Jerusalem at the Passover. Along the way we will use their songs, songs for the journey of God's people on their way. I would encourage you to read from these psalms on a regular basis over the next few weeks as we near Easter. For deeper reading you can use Eugene Peterson's book "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction," which Pastor Joan uses in her study for these messages. Today our message on Psalm 120, the first of the psalms of ascent, is simply called "Beginning the Journey."



Celebrating Communion/Lord's Supper: The following is a brief explanation of how we celebrate communion at Jubilee. The pastor begins by saying words about the Lord's Supper including a prayer and an invitation.

Then the pastor will invite the serving elders forward and they will be served the bread and the cup first. Then the elders will pair up and form four 'stations' at the front.

Although all people, young and old, members and non-members, are invited to come forward, partaking of communion elements belongs to those who are baptized and believe that Jesus is their Lord and Saviour. If this is true of you, you are welcome to participate with us.

People will come forward, forming small circles of 6-10. The elders will in turn serve the bread and the cup, filled with grape juice rather than wine, sharing words about Christ's body and blood. Those partaking are to take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup and then eat it. Those not partaking, are asked to abstain from taking the elements and will be given words of blessing instead.

From the Treasurer

Behind the scenes at Jubilee, there exists a dependable crew of counters, who come in each week, in teams of two, to count the offerings, record the gifts, and make up the deposits. Some weeks, things can get pretty hairy; recall the Sunday School kids and their bulging Peter Fish! But they keep it all straight.

The counting folks are Grace & Ruth, Jannie & Ted, Alice & Tina, Fran & Yvonne, and the dh, Lonnie. Alice and Gerda compile the results weekly and enter them into the system.

We honour each of you and your gifts of administration and thank you for your diligence and reliability; you are an integral part of the financial administration and good order at Jubilee!

General Fund

Feb 2011	Year To Date	Budget	Over/(Under)
\$32,329	\$57,120	\$340,850	\$312

List of Offerings for February 2011

Jubilee Benevolence	\$2,485
CRWRC	\$1,065
Institute for Christian Studies	\$365
Niagara Life Centre	\$613
Worldwide Christian Schools	\$522
Wycliffe Bible Translators	\$490
Other	\$140

OUR OFFERINGS

Today: Jubilee & The Village Church

Next Week: Jubilee & CRWRC - Japan Relief



Today's second offering will be for The Village Church in Thorold. They are a relatively new church in Thorold who have been meeting for 3 years now at Richmond Street Public School and need our support.

Next week's offering: will be for CRWRC to aid the people of Japan following the earthquake and tsunami.

Last month the deacons received thank you letters from the following organizations: Redeemer University College for donation of \$7,806.00 & Start Me Up Niagara (Out of the Cold) for donation of clothing, hats, etc.

Thank you for your generosity

Jubilee Voucher Order Form

Jubilee vouchers can be used as a replacement for cash gifts for any charitable cause at Jubilee. As such, Jubilee vouchers are an effective way to maximize your gifts for tax purposes.

Date: _____

Voucher Denomination	Qty	\$\$
\$1.00	_____	_____
\$2.00	_____	_____
\$5.00	_____	_____
\$10.00	_____	_____
Total	_____	_____

Name: _____

Budget Envelope No. _____

Please submit with cheque/payment for total. Voucher orders should be given to the Treasurer or placed in the Treasurer's mailbox located outside of the church office.

Your voucher purchase(s) will be specified in your giving report and included in the amount of your annual receipt for tax purposes.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROMISE KEEPERS CANADA: An evening of praise and worship is being planned for Sunday April 3rd at Portico Community Church, at 7:00 pm, in Mississauga featuring Robin Mark as worship leader. I have purchased 10 tickets at the reduced price of \$ 10.00 each and they are available on a first come first served basis. It would be great if we could set up a car-pool for the trip. Call Doug Carey at 905-384-2074 for more information.

CMS (Christian Musician Summit) is holding a one-day Songwriter Boot Camp on Thursday, May 12 at the Chapel at Crosspoint in Buffalo, NY. The conference provides workshops and clinics for songwriters. The deadline for reduced fees is March 31. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Gail Poulsen.

The Board of Directors of Shalom Manor & Gardens: is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Konnie Peet as the new CEO of Shalom Manor & Gardens. Her duties will commence on June 9, 2011. Currently, Ms. Peet is the Executive Director of the Guelph Community Health Centre, a position she has held for the past sixteen years. The Board believes that the experience she has acquired in that role coupled with her Master of Science Degree (Health Services Planning and Administration) equip her well for the role as CEO of Shalom Manor & Gardens. Ms. Peet lives in Guelph and is a member of the Emmanuel Canadian Reformed Church. The Board of Directors is grateful for the extensive work completed by the Search Committee and the ongoing support of the Shalom Manor community. Please continue to pray for Shalom Manor & Gardens during the transition process and for Ms. Peet as she makes her move to the greater Niagara area. Thank you.

Shalom Manor Needs Volunteers: Shalom Manor is in need of volunteers to assist at mealtimes. Mealtime partner volunteers create friendships with residents through regular interaction in the dining rooms while assisting the residents with their meals. The mealtime partners course is being offered April 5, 11 and 26 from 6:00-8:00pm (participants must attend all three sessions). For more information about volunteering at Shalom Manor or the mealtime partner program, please contact Karen Plantinga, Coordinator of Volunteers at 905-945-9631 ext. 1115.



Come out for a night of Curling on April 2nd:

The Niagara Cadet Council is hosting the Annual Cadet Counselor Convention in July of 2012. We have organized a Curling Tournament that will take place on April the 2nd at the Welland Curling Club to help raise funds for the Convention in 2012. The evening will start at 4pm and run until about 10pm. We will break for dinner from 7-8 p.m. with more curling afterwards! The tournament is open for people of all skill levels. There will be lessons for those who are there to experience curling for the first time, and for those that need refreshers. You may register individually or as a team of 4. Registration will be \$50 per person and will include dinner. Space is limited so register by March 28th to secure your spot! If you have any questions please email curling@convention2012.com or call Nick Mulder @ 905 658 5641 or Jack Vandermaas @ 905 685 2448. For more information and to register visit <http://curling.convention2012.com> or if you prefer you may call either Jack or Nick to call in your registration.

THIS WEEK AT JUBILEE

Vision Retreat - April 9: Following up from the vision retreat of last September, one of the questions we need to address is the overlap between Pastoral Care and Life Groups. To help us as a whole congregation focus on enhancing parts of our present system, looking at how, where and when pastoral care is taking place, and what structural implications this may present at this point in the life and ministry of Jubilee, will be the focus of the next Congregational Vision Retreat, on Saturday, April 9. Breakfast will be provided, starting at 8:00 am. Child care for those under 10 will also be offered. Please sign up today!



Hiring for Camp SHOUT: Have you considered going on a Mission Trip this summer? Camp SHOUT is a mission opportunity right in your own back yard. This summer day camp reaches out to neighbourhood children in grades 1-6 using camp games, chapels, sports and crafts. Camp SHOUT is hiring high school students who will be 16 years of age or older as of July 4, 2011 to be counsellors for this exciting summer ministry that runs from July 4-22. For more information or to request an application form, please contact Wendy de Jong. Application deadline is March 31.

Communion Elements: We are considering offering some gluten-free bread for communion, if there is a need for this. If you would prefer gluten-free bread, please let Wendy de Jong know, so it can be offered in future.

Participation of Children in Communion: In view of some uncertainty in regards to the changes coming regarding the participation of children in communion, it is helpful to outline Jubilee's current practice in this regard. This practice remains in effect as Synod has asked churches not to proceed with implementing changes until the new guidelines are ratified by Synod later this year. The following is taken from Jubilee's policy from 1993:

"If you are a young, baptized member of Jubilee and you know in your heart that you love the Lord and would like to fully join in communion, you can do so by asking for a brief, informal visit with your family's elder or the pastor. Our Church Council has decided to implement the decision of Synod 1988 and welcome children to the Lord's Supper, provided that they, with the affirmation of their parents, speak of their love for Jesus with one or two of the office bearers."

Garage Sale - Saturday, May 14: Start saving any unused items for another big Jubilee garage sale! This is a fundraising event with the proceeds going toward the purchase of a dishwasher for the kitchen.



WANTED: STUDY MATERIAL: I am assembling a "library" of life group study resources. Too often we use a study and never touch it again. If anyone has some small group study material that you no longer use and are willing to part with it I will put it to good use. If you are not ready to part with it a loan agreement can be arranged. Please talk or e-mail me. Life Group Coordinator: Paul De Vries.

GROWING IN GIVING

The Love of Money

Some years ago, a European visitor spent time studying the U.S. His goal was "to discover the inner workings of the American people." He wrote later: "I know of no other country, indeed, where love of money has taken stronger hold on the affections of men."

The writer, Alexis de Tocqueville, published his findings in 1835. Not long ago, commenting on De Tocqueville's observation, the chairman of the board of a major corporation said, "Believe me, the rest of the world has finally realized that this is a profound compliment."

But is it? The Bible suggests otherwise. In fact, Scripture says "the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil" (! Tim. 6:10). Why is this so? For one thing, because money is an extension of our own selves. Money translates our labour into a convenient medium of exchange. In a real sense, money is formed from our time, ability and efforts. Thus, trusting our money to care for us is really about trusting ourselves. Loving money above all else means loving ourselves above all else.

Making money our god is a form of self-worship. Paul reminds us that those who engage in this form of self-worship actually commit violence against themselves. They have "pierced themselves with many griefs (v.10).

A wealthy man, who committed suicide, left thirty thousand dollars in his pocket. He also left a note that read, in part, "I have discovered during my life that piles of money do not bring happiness. I am taking my life because I can no longer stand the solitude and boredom." When money is worshipped, it becomes a terrible god indeed!

It's encouraging to note that the love of money – not money itself – is a root of evil. So, how do we keep money in its place? One way, says Paul, is by living a godly life. Godliness is good and holy living rooted in God. When we sink our roots in God, we will be content with what we have.

(Adapted from: The Joy of Giving)



Kids' Corner

With the help of your family, make a list of the things you love. Did you list people as well as things? Are some loves more important than others? Are there some things on your list that you could live without?