

my notes

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018

Lined area for taking notes.

Gentle Shepherd Community Church Small Groups

Facilitators:	Place:	Day of Week:	Time:
Ken and Lynne Whitton	Meaford	Thursday	2:00 PM
Joel and Corynne Dawson	Flesherton	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Ruth Johnston	Markdale	Tuesday	7:00 PM
John and Shirley Ferris	GSCC	Wednesday	7:00 PM
Doreen Green—Ladies Prayer Group	Cedarside/Flesherton	Thursday	9:30 AM
Robyn Croft @ Laurretta Alward—Ladies Group	Flesherton	Monday	7:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study	GSCC	Wednesday	1:30 PM
David McIntyre— Men’s Group	tba	Thursday	tba

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Call to Worship
Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle - LOVE
Murray and Phyllis Betts

Worship in Song and Offering
Pastor Adam Nickell and Team

Prayers of the Church

Scripture Reading
Richard Barnes ~ Romans 8:35-39

Morning Message
"Because of Bethlehem ... we have Love!"
Rev. Paul Lucas

Closing Carol
"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"



7 day strategy

M o n d a y D e c e m b e r 2 4
Monday Morning Prayer Time (10am-12pm) // **Remember** our Christmas Eve Service **begins at 7pm.**

T u e s d a y D e c e m b e r 2 5
CHRISTmas Day ~ Merry Christmas to All

W e d n e s d a y D e c e m b e r 2 6
Boxing Day

T h u r s d a y D e c e m b e r 2 7
Ladies Prayer Gathering @ Doreen Green's (9:30am) // Office Closed ~ Pastor Adam on call

F r i d a y D e c e m b e r 2 8
Office Closed ~ Pastor Adam on call // Pastor Paul on holidays until January 9th 2019

S u n d a y D e c e m b e r 3 0
Pre-Service Prayer (9:45am); Worship (10:30am) - last Sunday in 2018 // Testimonies and Communion

M o n d a y D e c e m b e r 3 1
New Year's Eve ~ FREE skate in the Markdale arena (7-9pm); hot chocolate and coffee provided; please bring favourite



mission moment

Below is an update received from Bobby and Sandy Jank:

The Jank's arrived at their village without any major problems or delays. The only bump in the road was having to leave behind 50kg of supplies to accommodate the size of the guard assigned to ensure the Jank's traveled where they had specified. They are in need of the following prayers:

- > Finding an optimal signal for their internet service;
- > Energy to complete any repairs and cleaning to their home;
- > For ongoing guidance, strength and safety.

Bobby and Sandy are grateful for all the prayers they are receiving.

watch n'pray

- > Praise the Lord, Piper Sicard has enjoyed several months free from arthritic pain and stiffness. Please pray for continued healing and reduced inflammation.
- > Thelma Colgan has requested prayer for Brian and David Colgan, concerning health issues and healing. Brian Colgan is dealing with a broken hip.
- > Lillian Weatherall has suffered the return of breast cancer. She covets our prayers as she recovers at home from a full mastectomy. Please pray for healing and full recovery.
- > Please pray for Rev. Derwyn Docken and his wife Jean as they transition from Gentle Shepherd to their new church fellowship in Chesley, beginning in the New Year. A difficult decision, however, they feel led to support their daughter who is the Associate Pastor at the new church.
- > Wendy Bullock has had the procedure for a drainage tube. The infection is diminishing, although Wendy has another week of antibiotics.
- > Ongoing prayers for Shirley Clark are requested. She is progressing well in Markdale Hospital. The goal is home.
- > Joy Nickell would like to express her thanks for all the prayers and cards she has received the past few months. Ongoing prayers are greatly needed and appreciated.
- > For those battling cancer: Darlene Grummett; Steven Ireland; Cindy Hargrave, Cathy McPhee, Diana Stephens, Ruth Kentner (Dianne Carlson's friend), Carol Lundsted and Vi Wilson.
- > Ongoing prayer for Les and Veronica Burnham, Shirley Clark, Ruth Colgan, Jonathan Gillies, May Gordon, Allison Kelly, Payge Lucas, Art Proctor, Iona Shier, Piper Sicard, Gord Smith, Peter Symons, Joan White, Leone Wight.
- > Grey Gables Residents: Don Bullock and Tom Walton.
- > Please pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122).
- > To activate the prayer chain, contact either Joan McGee 519.924.2936 or Esther Pringle 519.538.9046.

please pray for our mission partners

- > Bobby & Sandy Jank (New Tribes Mission Venezuela)
- > "G" (SIM Ethiopia) - See update on Mission wall in Narthex
- > Ken & Nancy (North Africa)
- > David Sangnay, Suwit Duangkaew, G. Nawdin (Frontier Labourers for Christ – Thailand/ Myanmar)
- > Margaret T, Indonesia - OMF (Prayer Partner)
- > Prayers for Cheryl and Donna Pridham, missionaries at the Widow's School in Samaru-Kataf, Nigeria (Prayer Partner)
- > Rev. Bitrus and Monica Audu, Christ Missionary Outreach, Nigeria (Prayer Partner)
- > Adam (North Africa)

for the fridge door

- > Mission Night Ethiopia!! Please mark your calendar for January 18th, 2019, 7pm - Pastor Adam and Mat Wood will recount their Mission trip to Ethiopia.
- > Please see one of the Gentle Shepherd bulletin boards to see **Dr. Ann Gillies' newsletter** for upcoming needs in 2019.
- > The Flesherton Foodbank will open on Tuesday, January 8th, 2019 at 10am.
- > Please **submit prayers** placed on your heart for the Indigenous People of Canada for our upcoming **Prayer Night** in the **New Year**. These will be consolidated and provided to the congregation for additional prayer. All prayers will then be brought before God on our designated Prayer Night.
- > **Are you in need of a devotional for 2019?** There are a number of gently used devotionals in the library. Please speak to Joan Penfold or Heather Wight to secure a copy.
- > There are **30 Bibles** available in the Narthex as part of the **30 and 30 Initiative**. Please feel free to **take one** and **pass it along** to someone **in need** in the community. One more way to Reach Out to Our Community with God's Word.
- > Join us for the Community Christmas Day Dinner on December 25th @ 1230pm. The seating is limited; please put your name on the **sign up sheet** posted in Fellowship Hall, by December 20th.
- > **Reminder:** the cast for the production of "**The Biggest Christmas Present Ever**" will have a full **dress rehearsal** following today's service.
- > **Bring in the New Year**, with us, at the Markdale Arena, Monday, December 31st from 7 - 9pm for a **FREE** skate. Hot chocolate and coffee provided. Bring your favourite Christmas goodies to share.



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General Fund Budget: \$4,831.00 **Received Last Week: \$5,482.00**
>> **Year to Date - More than budget: \$5,208.00**
Weekly Mission Fund Goal: \$673.00 **Received Last Week: \$925.00**
>> **Year to Date - Less than Budget: (\$1,007.00)**