

# HISTORY AWAITS

"GOD WHO STARTED THIS GREAT WORK IN YOU WILL KEEP AT IT AND BRING IT TO A FLOURISHING FINISH"

NASHVILLE ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER NOV 15 - NOV 22, 2019

## JOINING IN PRAISE + PRAYER TOGETHER

> Please pray for Hugh Caldwell - a friend of the Kennedy's who continues to undergo tests and more treatment for cancer.

> Reta Campbell heads to Jamaica to continue serving on Mission on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for clarity for the plans and ideas she would like to implement. Ask God for provision of a teacher for the After School Program and a leader for the monthly Friday Soup program. Pray also for continued unity amongst churches in Richmond

> Pray for our body as we make opportunities to connect with co-workers, friends and neighbours during the Christmas season. Pick up a "Sharing Christmas" brochure in the lobby at the building on Sunday for ideas.

> Continue praying for our young people - those in post secondary as well as for those who in the midst of figuring out what their next steps in life will be post high school. Pray also for strength and wisdom for their parents as they engage in conversations and help gently guide them.

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*When you are aware of items that we as a community can join together with in praise and prayer - please let Melanie in the church office know or email her at: [melanie@nashvilleroad.ca](mailto:melanie@nashvilleroad.ca)*

## FAMILY HAPPENINGS:

> **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Leah Kennedy who celebrates her Birthday on November 16<sup>th</sup>

## QUICK LOOK CALENDAR:

- > **NOVEMBER 17 / 12PM** / Church building decorating
- > **NOVEMBER 18-22 / 11AM-4PM** / OCC Shoebox returns
- > **NOVEMBER 20 / 9AM** / Moving With Music
- > **NOVEMBER 26 / 7PM** / Women's Connect+Grow
- > **NOVEMBER 30 / 8:30AM** / Men's Breakfast
- > **NOVEMBER 30 / 6:30PM** / Community Christmas Kick Off
- > **DECEMBER 1 / 2PM** / Egan's Candlelight Memorial



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

**COLLECTION WEEK / NOV 18-22 / 11AM-4PM / NRCC BUILDING**

Here's another great opportunity to live out God's love! Operation Christmas Child is a hands-on way to bless struggling children in the developing world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and other items. We collect the boxes and distribute them in the name of Jesus Christ to children living in desperate situations. It also reminds those children suffering as a result of war, poverty, famine, disease, and disaster that they are loved and not forgotten. Each year, millions of shoeboxes are packed with gifts by people in Canada and nine other "sending" countries, and given to children in more than 100 "receiving" countries.

We'll have those Shoeboxes ready this Sunday morning in the church building lobby for you to pick up, fill and return next week!

## SUNDAY MORNING GATHERING NOVEMBER 17

We are busy people. I can hear you saying "thanks Captain Obvious!" We don't need to be told that - we live it. One of the key practices of spiritual growth isn't more work - it's actually much simpler but for many of us - more difficult - it's the practice of rest. At our gathering this Sunday we'll look at the practice of "sabbath" and how that practice catalyzes growth, helping us respond to life rather than react to it.

Looking forward to engaging together in worship!



**LIVIN' OUT THE LOVE AT CHRISTMAS!**

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son ..."  
 To say that Jesus is the reason for the season is correct but it actually misses a significant point - Mankind is the reason Jesus came. God loved the world so much that He gave at great cost to those who mattered most! As people of Jesus - we get to live out that same love each day in practical ways. This is a season where perhaps we become more aware of the ongoing needs of many in our community and the many organizations that provide resources to those in need and that is a good thing.

As a people who are living out the love of God - we are servants and are part of this community to make it better than it could be without the body of Christ in its midst. As you consider different options for enacting your serve please consider how you can support the needs that the Caledon Community Services Santa Fund help to meet:

There are 213 individuals and families and 199 children in Caledon that live below the poverty line who need your support. They don't know if they will have heat or food, let alone dinner and gifts on Christmas morning. "We sometimes have to choose between paying the rent and paying the heating bill" says one CCS client.

For 36 years, beginning in 1982 the Santa Fund has assisted families and children in Caledon to have a joyful holiday season and make the months ahead brighter. Over the years, thousands of Caledon families have turned to CCS for support that would not have been possible without YOU.

As always, CCS' Santa Fund will distribute donations of food and new toys this holiday season. Even more importantly, CCS will provide things like home heating, medical prescriptions, emergency expenses and counseling to 213+ Caledon families, including over 199 children. There are 1,300 low income families in Caledon according to Peel Data Centre, this means there are almost 1,100 families in need that can benefit from our help!

You can [donate online](#), visit the Santa Fund Workshop located at The Exchange at 55 Healey Road, Bolton or contact Santa's Helpers at (905) 584-2300 ext 236, they'll be pleased to help you!



**A OUTWARD SPIN ON AN AWESOME TRADITION!**

Advent is almost here and perhaps you grew up looking forward to the Advent Calendar where each day you counted down the days until Christmas by either moving a little star on a calendar or opening up a little pocket or box to reveal a tiny gift. It's a fun way to count down the days until Christmas. *There's a 24 days of Tea Calendar from David's Tea if you're interested!*

Here's the spin on that - it's a *Reverse Advent Calendar* and the idea is the opposite of what we normally do. Instead of taking something out the idea is to put something aside in a box each day for 24 days of Advent and then give the basket to a local food pantry after it is filled on Christmas Eve. The Exchange, right in Bolton is a great place to donate your basket! Here's some ideas for how you might fill your basket:

**R E V E R S E  
 ADVENT CALENDAR**

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans



## CHURCH BUILDING DECORATING

**SUNDAY / NOV 17 / 12PM / THE NRCC BUILDING**

The snow is falling, there is Christmas music playing on the radio our church building needs to be made ready for this season of joy and light! We're talking decorations, people! Many hands make light work and there is a tree to put up boughs to be hung and lights to ... light! We will provide Pizza and pop for our busy elves. Please let [Melanie](#) know if you are able to stay on Sunday and lend a hand.

## MOVING WITH MUSIC

**WEDNESDAY / NOV 20 / 9AM / THE CHAPEL**

MOVING WITH MUSIC is designed as a fun way to make you move! Each session uses music and rhythm exercises that help maintain walking, balance and general movement. All exercises are adaptable so participants can work at their own level. For more information please contact [Julia](#)!

## WOMEN'S CONNECT+GROW

**TUESDAY / NOV 26 / 7PM / THE CHAPEL**

We're excited to continue our study together on the Book of Ruth! There's always room around our table for you to connect and grow! For more information please speak with Gail Lister.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**SATURDAY / NOV 30 / 8:30AM / THE NRCC KITCHEN / \$5**

Each month we get together for breakfast, to experience first hand the culinary delights of the legendary Dave & Jason that's sweeping all of Bolton / Kleinburg. Following the feast, we have an informal time engaging in discussion around God's word that is relevant to the everyday lives of men, fathers and sons in our communities

EGAN FUNERAL HOME

*Candlelight  
Memorial  
Service*

Candlelight Memorial Service again this year. This is an open invitation to all families in our communities who have experienced the death of a loved one this past year or at anytime during their lives. Each year we welcome over 600 neighbours from our community to this Candlelight Memorial. It's an important event and reminds the families of the warmth of shared Christmases past, of the brightest of Christmases to come, and of the reality of community support!

During the gathering, families can light a candle in memory of their loved one for whom the service is dedicated. Each family receives a memorial candle to take home, which they can light during the Christmas season.

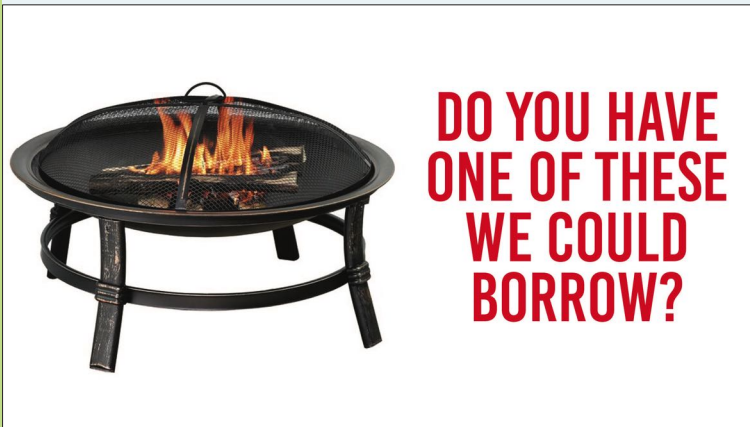
As a church body we would like to practice our hospitality for our neighbours. If you are able to help by contributing nut free cookies or squares please contact [Melanie Jordan](#)



## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS KICK-OFF!

**SATURDAY / NOV 30 / 6:30PM / THE NRCC BUILDING**

"It's beginning to look a lot like ..." Now that Halloween is over it's no longer too early to think of Christmas!! We're excited about Christmas and the chance to invite the whole neighbourhood to get together to kick off Christmas! There'll be outdoor festivities, Christmas goodies, lights and a great concert featuring Jacob Moon and Ali Matthews as we kick off the Christmas season! So be sure to set aside November 30<sup>th</sup> and get your tickets now! Tickets are \$10 and are BOGO - Buy 1 Get 1 Free so it's easy to invite friends, family and neighbours to celebrate together and begin the most wonderful time of the year!



**DO YOU HAVE  
ONE OF THESE  
WE COULD  
BORROW?**

## PORTABLE FIRE PIT - COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS KICK OFF

As part of our Community Christmas Kick Off on November 30<sup>th</sup> we'd like to roast marshmallows outside in the parking lot! If you have a portable fire-pit that we could borrow for that evening please contact [Dean](#).

## EGAN'S COMMUNITY CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL

**SUNDAY / DEC 1 / 2PM / NRCC MAIN AUDITORIUM**

We're privileged to host the Egan Funeral Home Community

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