

## JOINING IN PRAISE + PRAYER TOGETHER

- > Please pray for Hugh Maguire who is having respiratory difficulties which are significantly limiting and impacting his daily life emotionally and physically.
- > Reta Campbell is now in Jamaica. Please pray for clarity for the plans and ideas she would like to implement. Continue praying for continued unity amongst the 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.
- > Praise the Lord as Imani's Place Transition House is opening! Please pray as they are preparing to have the young ladies move in in the next few weeks and need support moving forward.

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

#### **FAMILY HAPPENINGS:**

- > HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Lynne Elliott who celebrates her Birthday on November 27<sup>th</sup>
- **> CONGRATULATIONS** to Grace Kennedy who received triple honours at Humberview's recent academic awards!

#### **QUICK LOOK CALENDAR:**

- > NOVEMBER 24 / 10:30AM / OCC Shoebox returns
- > NOVEMBER 26 / 7PM / Women's Connect+Grow
- > NOVEMBER 27 / 9AM / Moving With Music
- > NOVEMBER 30 / 8:30AM / Men's Breakfast
- > NOVEMBER 30 / 6:30PM / Community Christmas Kick Off
- > DECEMBER 1 / 2PM / Egan's Candlelight Memorial



# **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS KICK-OFF!**SATURDAY / NOV 30 / 6:30PM / THE NRCC BUILDING

With the first snowfalls we can officially say "It's beginning to look a lot like 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! Be sure to set aside November 30th and get your tickets this Sunday morning!

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!

## **SUNDAY MORNING GATHERING NOVEMBER 24**

When Microsoft was founded their desire was to put a computer on every desk in every home. That was their actual vision statement which helped guide them in the steps they took and decisions they would make each day. They knew without intentionality - they'd have difficulty achieving their goal.

This Sunday morning as we wrap up our series talking about Spiritual Growth - we'll look at the wisdom of crafting a personal "Rule of Life" that can help us be intentional about our habits, goals and growth.

Looking forward to engaging together in worship!



## **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.

#### **MOVING WITH MUSIC**

## WEDNESDAY / NOV 27 / 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!

## **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



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 <u>Dean</u>.



## EGAN'S COMMUNITY CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL SUNDAY / DEC 1 / 2PM / NRCC MAIN AUDITORIUM

We're privileged to host the Egan Funeral Home Community 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!

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



## **THERMAL SOCKS NEEDED!**

Julian Boynton is leading an initiative to help make a difference in the lives of Brampton's homeless at Regeneration Outreach Community and you can be a difference maker! We're looking for Thermal Socks to help meet a very practical need to bring warmth this winter.

Julian will have a "sock box" in the church building lobby for you to contribute your thermal sock gifts.

On behalf of Julian and the guests at Regeneration thank you! Your generosity makes a tremendous difference!



## **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 <u>donate online</u>, 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!



## AN 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:

# REVERSE 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 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





## THANK YOU DECORATION CREW!

It's not just beginning to look at lot like Christmas - it actually is looking like Christmas! Thank you to each person who contributed in some way with their time, talent and energy to help decorate our building for the Christmas season last Sunday afternoon! Whether you ironed banners, went up and down a ladder to decorate the big tree, scaled the heights in the scissor lift hanging garland and banners, clipped plastic light holders or were outside with the ladder hanging lights - it was a great example of family together and the many hands who worked have blessed many more with the resulting beauty!





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