

His Love Endures FOREVER

NASHVILLE ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER OCT 16 - OCT 23, 2020

CELEBRATE FAMILY HAPPENINGS!

- > **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Doug Lister who celebrates his Birthday on Sunday October 18th
- > **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Sawyer Hennig who celebrates his Birthday on Wednesday October 21st
- > **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Diana Payne who celebrates her Birthday on Friday October 23rd



A COMMUNITY OF LOVE:

In Acts 4 we read that the people of Jesus - Christians, were *“one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had”* and that *“God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them.”*

When God’s grace flows from our lives - His love is lived out and needs are met. It’s humanity the way God intended it - and it’s also awesome!

On October 18th you can still participate in our special offering and help share what we have to meet some significant practical needs in our community during this challenging season. Please pray and prepare to give as God’s Spirit prompts you.

If you are using Online Giving - in the “To” dropdown menu you’ll see the opportunity to select BenEVOlent Fund from October 11th until October 18th in addition to the regular General Fund. The Offering box will also be available on Sunday morning for those who wish to give via envelope. Please indicate on your envelope that it is a gift for the Benevolent fund.

REGISTERING FOR SUNDAY GATHERINGS

We gather as a larger Nashville Road family each Sunday morning at 10:30. Here’s some information on how to gather in-person or online:

GATHERING IN PERSON:

In order to comply with regional health guidelines for worship gatherings and create seating that allows us to safely utilize the capacity of the auditorium and provide for contact tracing if it becomes necessary - we are asking people to please pre-register each week for Sunday in-person gatherings. [CLICK HERE](#) to let us know how many in your household or “bubble” will be attending with you and sitting together. *While it’s very helpful - if you forget to pre-register, you can register at the door when you arrive.*

GATHERING ONLINE:

You can still be part of the gathering at 10:30 thru your phone, tablet or computer!

In order to see the Sunday Morning Livestream feed you’ll need to request the ZOOM link. [CLICK HERE](#) and we’ll send it to you via email and that link will allow you to connect online for each subsequent Sunday morning.

PRAISE + PRAYER:

Here are a few items we can focus on today to help express our faith by joining in praise and prayer:

- > Praise the Lord as the drywall work needed at Imani's Place was completed. Please continue praying for financial support, rest and discernment for Lisa Ogbole and peace for the young ladies at Imani's Place. [Check their website for details on their fundraising initiatives!](#)
- > Remember Olu & Jennifer Jegede who serve the Jane & Finch community thru Inner City Outreach Foundation.
- > Please pray for Martha Lawson's brother Jon. He still suffers with concussion symptoms, anger and oppression. He wants to move away from the noise of Toronto but cannot make decisions enough to do this. Please pray for a settlement with his employer who has not given him any long term disability compensation as well as praying for Martha and her family as they try to help Jon.
- > Please pray for health and protection for KELC, KCA students, teachers and families. Karin Schmidt is one of our KCA teachers - please pray for her as she recovers from a femur break this summer and begins her return to teaching. Pray for LeeAnn who is stepping in to fill Karin's responsibilities in the meantime.
- > Rebekah Redlich had appendix surgery this past Wednesday. Please remember her in prayer as she recovers.
- > Continue praying for Ava Cook's young friend Chloe who has had a recurrence of cancer. Pray for Ava and the Cook's as they show love and care for Chloe and her family and walk alongside them.
- > Please continue praying for our Black brothers and sisters and for God to lead His people to unity in wisdom and humility as a community to bring God's kingdom with God's justice near and eradicate racial injustice.
- > Remember our Healthcare Workers - Nurses and Doctors and our First Responders - Fire, Police and Ambulance. Charissa Redlich, Janet Body and Judi Guaragna in healthcare. Mark Redlich serves with the Region of Peel. Dave Jordan is involved in essential services driving a transport truck to help keep essential goods flowing.
- > Continue praying for all areas of our government as they evaluate and seek wisdom to make ongoing decisions for our country, provinces and communities. Please remember your local MP + MPP's and their families.
- > Remember the Antignani family - Joe & Loredana serving in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy. You can read their update letter in this week's eNews.

When you have an item for praise or prayer to share with our Nashville Road family - please contact [Melanie](#) in the church office and let her know or [you can click here to share a praise or prayer request from our church website](#)



POST-SECONDARY STUDENT PRAYER CARDS

We're supporting our students who have entered or returned to post secondary studies this fall! If you're a student or a parent of a student in post-secondary studies - we're making prayer cards available so the NRCC family can join you in praying. If you would like us to make a prayer card - all you need to do is [email Dean](#) the following:

- > A picture for the card
- > The Post-Secondary institution they are attending
- > Prayer needs you'd like to include



GREAT "STACKING HANDS" OPPORTUNITY!

We're joining together with Jennifer and Olu Jegede who lead [Inner City Outreach](#) to help make a difference by bringing God's kingdom near in a totally active way! It's a 5K run/walk/jog/crawl to help raise funds for Inner City Outreach and their ministry in the Jane & Finch community.

You can choose to participate with the Cook's who are running in the Jane & Finch Community on **October 24th at 12noon** ([SIGN UP HERE FOR THAT](#)) OR you can participate right in your own neighbourhood and community with others. [Check out the link here for more info!](#)



BLESSING RICHMOND JAMAICA

Reta Campbell is preparing to return to Jamaica in the fall to serve alongside the church there as part of ROCMin to love her community in practical ways.

You can be involved by helping to provide school supplies and gently used children's toys and clothing that can be worn in a warmer climate for Reta to take with her.

There will be a container available on Sunday mornings at the Nashville Road building for you to contribute any donations.

If you are able to help and would like more info - please contact [Reta](#) for the details.



PARENT / GUARDIAN SURVEY

As we return to our in-person gatherings we are wisely considering our Sunday morning Kids Konnection ministry. Our normal practice is to have two Children's programs, Junior Kids Konnection for Kindergarten + grade 1 and Senior Kids Konnection for grades 2-6.

We would like to understand the feelings and intentions of our families in terms of those programs respect the varied comfort levels within our larger church family and meet your needs with safety in mind. If you have children - please take a moment to fill in this [SHORT SURVEY](#).



WE'RE MOVING AGAIN!

WEDNESDAY / OCTOBER 21 / 9AM / NRCC GYM

We're ready to get our MOVE ON again beginning Wednesday morning!

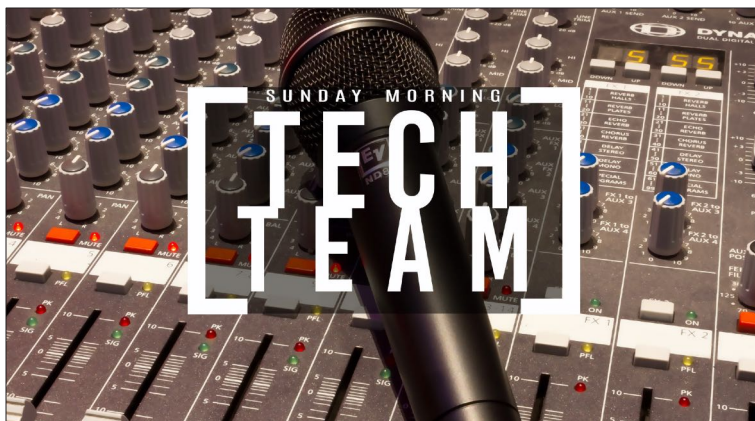
MOVING WITH MUSIC is designed as a fun way to make you move! Each session uses music and rhythm exercises that help maintain walking, balance and general movement. All exercises are adaptable so participants can work at their own level. For more information please contact [Bethany](#)



**CONNECTING AROUND A PHYSICAL TABLE:
TUES / OCT 27 / 7PM / THE CHAPEL @ THE NRCC BUILDING**

Our fall "connecting" has begun! Women's Connect is beginning a new study by Jennie Allen called "Get Out of Your Head", and it will help us as we consider our thought life. Our plan is to meet every other Tuesday from 7:00-9:00pm at the NRCC building.

So that we can get the room set up to provide physical distancing please let Gail know in advance if you will be attending by [CLICKING HERE](#).



LOOKING FOR SOME TECH TEAMMATES!

Our Tech Team are awesome and integral to our gatherings - they help us connect audibly and visually both in-person and online!

A great way to get engaged as part of our community is to serve and the Tech Team needs your gifts! If you're into the techy side of things - or you're willing to learn then we've got the team for you!

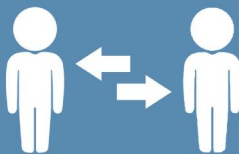
Just speak to one of the Tech Team members on a Sunday morning or let [Dean](#) know that you're interested and we'll help you get involved!

we're so happy to see you!

when we're together inside the Nashville Road Building please do your part to honour others:



masks or
face coverings
are required



keep a
6 foot
physical distance

HONOURING OTHERS

Wearing a mask is a requirement for attending indoor worship gatherings as stated by York Region's guidelines, so thank you for wearing yours on Sunday mornings. If you forget yours, don't worry we'll have extra's in case you need one.

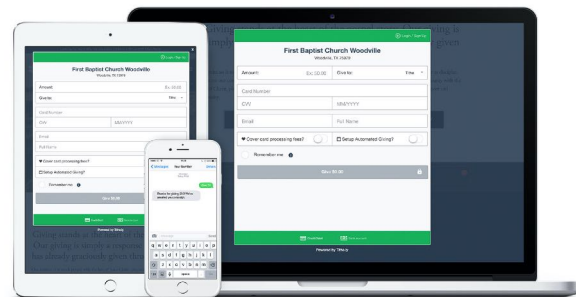
For children - we're following the Peel District School Board guidelines and asking that all children in grade 1 and above please wear a mask. For children younger than Grade 1 - masks are recommended but not required.

COVID-19 SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL:

We encourage you to make use of the self assessment tool that the Ministry of Health has made available online to help you decide whether you should attend public gatherings. It's simple to use and you can find it here:

[SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL](#)

NRCC ONLINE GIVING



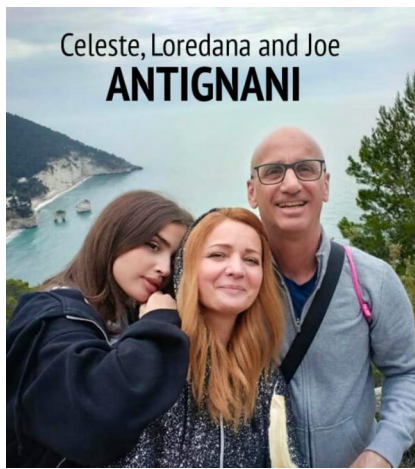
SHARING OUR OFFERING

The heart of Nashville Road Community Church has always been to show the hope found in Jesus by living out His love to everyone. Generosity is an act of worship that expresses our gratitude to God, faith in Him and love for others. We are grateful for how God has provided for Nashville Road through your generosity during this season of COVID and our inability to gather in person.

We want to make it easy for you to be generous, should you choose to support the mission of NRCC financially.

Check out [the GIVE tab on the NRCC website](#) for info on the options for giving online as well as thru regular envelope donations.

On Sunday mornings we will have a box on hand for those who prefer to give their financial offering via envelope.



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Greetings from San Giovanni Rotondo!

The last three months have been a busy time in ministry with preparing the church in San Giovanni Rotondo to meet once again physically. We have encouraged many churches that were discouraged as they were concerned about the decrease of members participating online during the lock-down. The same thing was happening with the church in San Giovanni Rotondo. We had further news that on the day the lockdown ended, the church in San Giovanni Rotondo had been broken into and the computer, audio system, sound board, video projector and microphones were all stolen, but we all stayed calm pushed forward by faith.

We shared this with other churches to help them also push forward with hope and faith. Then we finally had our first Sunday meeting and church attendance was almost complete. Who preached had to really raise their voice. Now it has been over three months since we began meeting physically and attendance has increased and the church body is engaging. There were also two conversions, a psychologist from the large hospital here and has been attending regularly together with one of her patients, who is also a long-time friend of the church. They are both really tuned in and are engaging. We are grateful as the church building has the capacity to accommodate everybody comfortably and safely, and there is still some space for visitors.

We were the only open church in the province amongst the brethren assemblies. You may take this last sentence two ways. One we have been open, meeting physically, for over 3 months now, and two we are open having shed a lot of the legalism. This has gone far and above, and quicker, than what we ever thought would happen. The Lord is good! Joe has been bringing regular messages that reveal legalism and its' consequences, and to replace it with the only alternative, walking in freedom in Christ. The long time elder Pasquale is excited about the changes taking place. There is some real stretching required in the church to receive the generation Z youth and not see them or treat them like aliens because of their aesthetics and looks. They are indeed human and have needy souls, and Christ went to the cross for them too (Acts 15:7-11; different situation same concept). Nothing has changed, every generation thinks they've got it all right.

Loredana is doing a wonderful job with the women as they are the real strength of the church, and now this reality is being channeled more effectively. Together they do regular programmed visits to homes of members. When they gather for tea and coffee they also involve those who don't know Christ personally. They are reaching out with joy!

The church in Salerno has just finished up renovations to their rooms in church having added also a bathroom downstairs so they can now hold two separate activities at the same time. There are two new people that have just joined the church recently. We pray that the members continue to reach out and make new friends in the area, and implement a discipleship program. The problem they are having is that some want to meet physically immediately and others would rather wait as any new infections discovered in the church would cause an immediate closure and a 14 day quarantine period for everybody that was present at the meeting. Many families cannot afford this to happen due to the financial strain the lockdown has already had on many. A very difficult situation. Due to the recent increase in infections the many churches that have been close since March will not even contemplate opening at all for now. Salerno nevertheless opened the doors last Sunday with only a small group due to the fear of being infected. We continue to visit our numerous friends and contacts in Salerno that we have made over the years. Two families are particularly open to hearing the word of God.

Praise list:

- For the promising new "post" covid-19 church reality in San Giovanni Rotondo
- For encouragement and prayer we have received from many friends
- For the amazing truths revealed by grace through His word, and the freedom we learn we have in Christ
- The change we see in many members in church
- The opportunity the lock down has provided for us and many in church to work on our marriages
- The new people that have arrived in church, in San Giovanni Rotondo and Salerno
- For the active women's ministry in San Giovanni Rotondo

Prayer list:

- For strength, courage and vision as we serve in the two churches, San Giovanni Rotondo and Salerno.
- That the new people attending could find their place in the Lord's plan for them in church
- For change, that the church could become more welcoming and accepting of the generation Z ("post-millennials")
- That the church could discern and choose methods to meet the needs of the believers during covid-19
- For the discipleship program in Salerno
- That the church in San Giovanni Rotondo remain determined in this process of change. It won't be easy.
- That we may be instruments in the Lord's hands to help those who are really hurting, which has been accentuated due to covid-19.
- Pray for those who are struggling with their faith in Salerno and San Giovanni Rotondo due to childhood traumas, and that we address this problem adequately with compassion and grace.

In His wonderful name,

Joe and Loredana Antignani

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