



# CONNECT

Staying Connected at Drayton Reformed Church

**December 1 – 8, 2019**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Date	Time	Event	Location
SUN Dec 1	10:00am After worship	Morning Worship Coffee	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
MON Dec 2	9:30-10:30am 8:00pm	Seniors Exercise Praise Team Practice	Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
TUES Dec 3	12:30pm 7:30-9:00pm	Community Widow & Widowers Luncheon Jr. Youth Meeting	Fellowship Hall Jr. Youth Room
WED Dec 4	9:30-10:30am 9:45-11:00am 6:30-8:30pm 8:00pm	Seniors Exercise Coffee Break/Story Hour Girl Guides Choir Practice	Fellowship Hall SR & classrooms Sunset Room Sanctuary
THURS Dec 5	9:00am-Noon 7:00pm	Quilting Sr. Youth Shopping Operation F-A-B Night	Sunset Room
FRI Dec 6	9:30-10:30am	Seniors Exercise	Fellowship Hall
SAT Dec 7	All Day 9-11am	Private Rental Sunday School Dress Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
SUN Dec 8	10:00am After worship After worship 6:45pm 8:00-10:00pm	Morning Worship Coffee Private Rental Hymn Sing Sr. Youth Meeting	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Sunset Room Royal Terrace Sr. Youth Room

# Ministering To Our Congregation

	<b>Sunday, December 1, 2019</b>	<b>Sunday, December 8, 2019</b>
Preaching/Leading	Marian L/Pastor Duane	Pastor Duane/Pastor Daniel
Elder	J.R. R	Lori N
Worship Team	Team Glorify	Team Exalt
Greeters	John & Dinetta DeVries And family	Bert & Mary H Garry K
Nursery Attendant	Mark/Jen T	Marielle K
Nursery Helpers	Bridget D Dave K Dinetta D Ann K	Willem B Andrea V Steve M Keira B
Little Lambs	Emily D Addison S	Jeanette B Beth A
Hall Monitors	Jeff K John K	Jackie M John P
Coffee Servers	Albert & Lysje N Albert & Bonnie D	Coffee Clusters
Elevator Attendant	Rien N	Albert N
Coffee-Hour Hall Monitors	Dave & Lauren D Nate & Cindy H	Eppie & Terri v Greg & Katrina S

## Lord, Hear Our Prayers...

- Praise God for the season of Advent. As we enter this season of longing for the Christ-child, pray for our gathered times of worship to center richly upon the joy of Christ.
- Pray for Adriana K, who underwent a heart ablation operation last month. Adriana learned that the procedure was not effective in addressing the issue and will need a follow up procedure done. Pray for her patience and her health and strength as she waits.
- Pray for Sarah C, who is scheduled to have surgery on her foot on December 4. Pray for all to go well and for her quick recovery.
- Praise God for Pastor Duane's time of sabbatical over the past weeks. Pray for Pastor Duane to come back to his regular pastoral tasks with joy and refreshment.
- Pray for those who are elderly and those whose mobility is limited. Pray for their safety as we enter colder months more difficult weather.
- Continue to pray for the work of the RCA's Vision 2020 team as they research and discern possibilities for the future structure of the RCA. Pray for them to be led by God's Spirit, for the good of God's church.

**Please continue to remember our elderly & shut-ins:**

**John B  
Joyce K  
Janna O  
Cor P**

**Betty D  
Gea L  
Fenna P**

IF YOU HAVE A NEED we encourage you to inform your elder, deacon, a pastor or the church office.

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# Announcements

**A MESSAGE FROM THE DEACONS:** Thank you for your financial support of our church. Please prayerfully consider the church's General Fund as you plan your end of year giving.

**USED EYE GLASSES & LETTER STAMPS:** There are collection boxes for both in the Sunset Room. The Palmerston Lions Club collects the used glasses and sends them to developing countries to provide vision wear to those most in need. Used stamps create revenue that the Canadian Bible Society uses to purchase Bibles for Canadian prison ministry. Please contact Diane K if you have any questions. Thank you!

**CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR:** Please join us in this fun and short term music ministry! We are very excited to participate for the first time in the Candlelight service, and have chosen beautiful songs that are easy and fun to learn! Practices begin on Wednesday December 4th. 8 - 9:30pm in the sanctuary! New voices are always welcome, and we are counting on all of our regulars too! Mari-Anne and Gwen.

**FOOD BANK:** Support the Drayton Community Food Bank by participating in "7 Sundays of Giving"! Each Sunday, there will be a different item or group of items to donate. Bring the item and place it in the bins in the foyer. If everyone brings one item, we will make a big difference for many families in our community this holiday season. Please see the detailed list in your mail slots and each week's item will be listed in the bulletin. **Our fifth Sunday of giving is this December 1st and the items to give are Proteins—chickpeas, brown beans, canned meats (tuna, salmon, ham, chicken) etc.** Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**COFFEE CLUSTER CATERING:** Looking ahead to the December Coffee Cluster. You may order your tray today, Cost is \$25 for 3 dozen cookies & squares attractively displayed on a serving tray. Orders for December 8th Coffee Cluster are due December 1st. Please contact Nicole L to place your order.

**JOURNEY THROUGH TURKEY:** You are invited to join Anja Noordam as she shares a captivating presentation on the cultural and biblical background of the first century. The next presentation will be Sunday, January 12 from 7:30-9:00pm in the Sunset Room.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/CELEBRATIONS

If you have an announcement (i.e. birth, celebration, condolences) that you would like to be shared in the CONNECT and/or sent out as a congregational email, please be sure to contact the church secretary or one of the pastors. [secretary@draytonreformed.org](mailto:secretary@draytonreformed.org)

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**LIBERTAS MALE CHOIR** presents A JOURNEY TO CHRISTMAS. Martin Mans (Music Director), Marjolein de Wit (Flute), & Martin Zonnenberg (Organ/Piano). Nov 27 @ 7:30pm Hamilton, Nov 28 @ 7:30 Stratford, Nov 29 @7:30pm Woodstock, and Nov 30 @2pm in Toronto. For tickets, please visit [www.libertasvoices.com](http://www.libertasvoices.com), email [office@libertasvoices.com](mailto:office@libertasvoices.com) or call you may call 905-522-0001. Adults \$20, Youth (10-14) \$10, and under 10 are free. Tickets available at the door.

**MCC THRIFT & GIFT STORE** in Elmira is looking for volunteers to work in our Receiving department. For more information contact [johnreimer@mcco.ca](mailto:johnreimer@mcco.ca) or [www.elmirathrift.ca](http://www.elmirathrift.ca).

**DRAYTON COMMUNITY MOBILE BLOOD DONOR CENTRE:** Monday, December 9, Community Christian School. 35 High Street, 3:30-7:30pm. Book your appointment at [blood.ca](http://blood.ca).

**SPECIAL CHOIR PRESENTATION: HANDEL'S MESSIAH:** Please join Woodland Christian High School for a *special choir presentation* in partnership with community soloists, choristers, and orchestra of **HANDEL'S MESSIAH**. A one-time presentation only - truly an event you do not want to miss! *Sunday, December 15, at 7:00 PM at Benton Street Baptist Church (90 Benton St. in Kitchener).*

**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE** in the Dutch Language with the singing of familiar Dutch Christmas carols. Refreshments following in the Main Hall. Knox Presbyterian Church, Listowel. Saturday, December 7 at 2:00pm. For more information call Anja Noordam 519-343-3647.

**WESTDALE REFORMED CHURCH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**, 201 Paradise Rd. N., Hamilton. It will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 10:00am - 3:00pm. There will be a tea room/lunch room, bake sale, silent auction, craft sale, penny sale, games, vendors and a garage sale. Hope to see you there!

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT & CELEBRATION OF JOY:** You are invited to join the Woodland Christian High School community on Thursday, December 12, at 7:00 PM for our annual Christmas concert. This evening showcases various students, the choir, and our school bands as we celebrate the Christmas season and the Joy that advent brings. Please come and enjoy this evening with us in the Woodland Auditorium.





## THIS SUNDAY: December 1

- Sunday School continues for children ages 3-grade 6, after the Children's Moment.
- Sermon Discussion for grades 7/8, after the message.
- \*NOTE: Children may not be dismissed promptly from their Sunday School class this morning. We ask that you kindly allow the teachers to complete their Christmas Program rehearsals with their students. Thank you for your support and patience!

## NEXT SUNDAY: December 8

- Sunday School Program in the sanctuary during worship.

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN:** A reminder that we have a Dress Rehearsal for our Sunday School Christmas Program on Saturday Dec. 7 at 9:00am in the sanctuary and it will run for approx. 1.5-2 hours. Please also note that on December 8 we will need the kids at the church between 9:15-9:30am to get costumes on and be prepared in a timely manner for our Christmas Program during the service.



## Jr. Youth

Grade 6-8

**Tuesday, December 3 7:30-9:00pm**

Jr. Youth Meeting

Snacks: Owen D/Lincoln T

Drinks: Cameron D/Brayden R

## Sr. Youth

Grade 9-12

**Sunday, December 8 8:00-10:00pm**

Sr. Youth Meeting

Snacks: Amy K

Drinks: Carmen D

