

# Office Information & Contacts

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### Elders

Emily M  
(Council Chair)

Harold H  
(Vice-Chair & Worship)

Dan V  
(Council Clerk)

Quentin A  
(Church Life)

Graeme B  
(Administration)

Harry D  
(Pastoral Care/Deacons)

Scott K  
(Education)

Pete M  
(Finance)

John W  
(Discipleship)

### Deacons

Brett L  
(Deacon Chair)

Dale H  
(Vice-Chair)

Monique T  
(Secretary)

Warren T  
(Treasurer)

Jamie B

Roy V

Ed V

January 8, 2023



## Welcome to our Service

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer, both in person and Livestream. To access the Livestream, visit our website: [www.ebenezercrc.com](http://www.ebenezercrc.com) and click on the Livestream button that appears at the top of the page.

Today we welcome **Pastor Cecil Van Nijenhuis** to our pulpit.

If you are new or visiting and would like to talk to someone or would like more information about our church, come visit the Welcome Centre or fill out one of the envelopes found in the back of the chairs and place it in the offering bag.

### WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG — *In Christ Alone*

### GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET EACH OTHER

SONG — *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

### CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

SONG — *Be Thou My Vision*

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING 1 - Ebenezer Ministries  
2 - Therefore Go

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*(Ages 3—Grade 3 are dismissed for Sunday School)*

SCRIPTURE — Exodus 20 : 1—17

SERMON — Learning To Say “Yes”

SONG — *Speak O Lord*

### PARTING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *Behold Our God*

## Church Family

**Phineas S** has been discharged from the hospital this past week and is on the mend. We are so thankful for all the prayers and support we have received from our church family. - Jordan & Alesha S.

Our condolences go out to **Mike & Jenna D** with the passing of Jenna's Opa this past week. Please pray for strength, comfort and peace for Jenna and her extended family as well as safety as they travel to Ontario.

**Ed V** was hospitalized earlier this week with an infection, but is at home recovering.

Please pray for **Erin Visser (daughter of Ed & Grace B)** as she will be starting chemo this week, and will continue with treatments for the next 3 months.

*If you are experiencing physical or emotional difficulties, please talk to your district Elder, a Deacon or call the church office. We want to support you on your journey.*

We continue to pray for **Gary F, Henny G, Jacob H, Shirley L, Per & Bernice S, Jerry V, Jenny V, Ed V, Erin V, and Colleen V.** We pray that God will provide you all with peace, comfort and healing.

**TOUGH TOPICS SERMON SERIES:** Are there any passages of Scripture that you don't fully understand? Any theological topics that don't quite make sense? Ethical issues that you've always wondered about? Me too! Let's learn together. **In the new year we'll be embarking on a Tough Topics sermon series.** This will be an all request sermon series based on suggestions from the congregation. I will gladly preach on any topic or passage that is suggested. The one guideline is that I will not take anonymous requests. The reason is because I'd like to be able to follow up and ask questions and engage in conversation with those who make requests. So if you have a topic or a passage that you would like to hear a sermon about, please send your suggestion to Pastor Jason via email, phone call or in-person visit. Thanks! I'm looking forward to considering tough topics together with you in the new year.

The **January / February Today Devotionals** are available at the Welcome Centre. If you normally receive the large print Devotionals, you will find them in your mailbox.

The **December Banner** is available at the Welcome Centre.

## Ebenezer News



**PUZZLE EXCHANGE:** Do you like to puzzle? Assorted puzzles are available in the Church Library. Leave one, Take One!

**USED POSTAGE STAMPS FUNDRAISER** Please save your used postage stamps and bring them to the church. They can be put into the jar at the Welcome Centre.

**DROP-IN HOCKEY:** The hockey rink in New Sarepta has been rented for Sunday, January 8 from **3:00—4:30 pm**. For more information contact Colin or Graeme B.



**DAYS FOR GIRLS** There will be a work bee for days for girls on Saturday, February 4. More details to follow.

We were able to combine our efforts with other Canadian teams and World Vision to send a total of **10,000 kits to Somalia**, one of the poorest countries in the world. Every kit counts!

## Prayer Calendar

The January Prayer Calendar is available in your mailboxes. Join us each day in praying for the matters raised by denominational agencies and for two households from our Ebenezer congregation.

**Sunday January 8:** ThereforeGo Ministries: SERVE

*Church Families:*

**Monday January 9:** World Renew: Training opportunities

*Church Families:*

**Tuesday January 10:** Resonate: Ontario

*Church Families:*

**Wednesday January 11:** Calvin Theological Seminary: Classes and preparations

*Church Families:*

**Friday January 13:** World Renew: Peace and justice

*Church Families:*

**Saturday January 14:** Resonate: Europe

*Church Families:*

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

**Sunday, Jan 8**

@ 10:30 am

Prayer Meeting

@ 10:00 am

**Worship Service**

No Catechism

Tuesday, Jan 10

@ 7:00 pm

Council Meeting

Wednesday, Jan 11

@ 9:30 am

Coffee Break

@ 6:30 pm

GEMS

@ 7:30 pm

Women's Evening Bible Study

Thursday, Jan 12

@ 7:30 pm

Outdoor Committee Meeting

Friday, Jan 13

@ 7:00 pm

Youth

Saturday, Jan 14

@ 9:00 am

T-2 Bible Study

**Sunday, Jan 15**

@ 9:30 am

Prayer Meeting

@ 10:00 am

**Worship Service**



**PRAYER MEETING** Did you know...There is a prayer meeting in the Library each Sunday morning at 9:30. Everyone one is welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Denominational News

**SOCO BEACH PROJECT: SUMMER YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP EXPERIENCE** Are you or is someone you know a young adult (18 - 29) looking to dig deeper into the life of faith and what impact that has on their unfolding life story? Check out the SoCo Beach Project - an intentional Christian community experience from May - August located in Port Dover, Ontario. Applications are open for SoCo 2023- deadline is Jan. 16 '23. For more information or a deeper conversation about this experience, email Pastor Willemina Zwart: [info@southcoastbeachproject.org](mailto:info@southcoastbeachproject.org). Check out the web-site: [www.southcoastbeachproject.org](http://www.southcoastbeachproject.org) and this video to hear the reflections of last year's participants: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSxgWO4eNZs&t=3s>

**FIRST CRC** will have an "official" CRC installation of its new pastor, Rev. Bernhard VanderVlis, during the morning service on January 15 with Pastor Bill Nieuwenhuis officiating.



**SAFE CHURCH FACT:** Did you know...All adults who volunteer in the Nursery and Sunday School are required to have updated Vulnerable Records Checks. If you would like to volunteer in either of these ministries, please contact the



## Deacon's Corner

**1<sup>st</sup> Offering — EBENEZER MINISTRIES** This offering is used to cover day-to-day expenses of the church, fund the various ministries at Ebenezer, cover the salaries of staff, and contributes to the ministry shares that we are committed to as members of CRC Denomination.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offering — THEREFORE GO** (formerly Youth Unlimited) ThereforeGo Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian organization that focuses on assisting local congregations in their ministry to youth and emerging adults. We strongly believe that the local church is the tool God created to use to reveal himself to the world. We know that taking the call of ministering to today's youth is not for the faint of heart. Therefore, we are blessed by encouraging, supporting, equipping, and partnering with congregations across North America to reach this generation for Jesus Christ! [www.ThereforeGo.com](http://www.ThereforeGo.com).

**NEXT WEEK — EDMONTON PRO-LIFE** Edmonton Prolife aims and objectives are to promote respect for all human life from conception to natural death, to uphold and defend the right to life, the basic right on which all other rights depend. Edmonton Prolife contributes to the understanding of the people of the Greater Edmonton area, by education, that society has a duty to protect this right.

**E-TRANSFER:** To send an e-transfer donation use [finance@ebenezercrc.com](mailto:finance@ebenezercrc.com).



**DIRECTORY PHOTOS IN THE BRIDGE APP** - You are encouraged to upload a new photo to the church Directory on The Bridge App at least once a year. Just open the Directory function, select your listing, and click on the camera icon in the upper right. You can now take a new

photo, upload an existing photo, or delete a photo. The new photo will become active once approved by our Bridge App administrator. And, if you are unable to upload your photo, simply email it to the church office and we can upload it for you.

**NURSERY** is requesting parents to complete the **NURSERY REGISTRATION AND CONSENT FORMS** for each child attending the nursery. Please place the completed form in Mariska Z's mailbox. This form can be found by the Nursery.

**CLASSROOMS** If you use the classrooms during the week for meetings, please make sure to leave the room the way you found it so that the rooms are ready for Sunday School on Sunday mornings.

## Thank You To Our Volunteers

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Reuben

**PROJECTION & AUDIO:** Jamie / Matt

**SERVING ELDER:** Pete M

**GREETERS:** Roy & Teena V

**USHERS:** Luke K / Alyse K,

**WELCOME CENTER:** Wendy T

**COFFEE DUTIES:** Jason & Niki U, Frank D

**NEXT WEEK:** Dan & Christina V, Glen & Christine H

### NURSERY

Infants: Candice P, Stella M

Toddlers: Carol W, Kendyl H

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Age 3: Francine K, Ethan H, Lily H

Age 4: Elly M, Rory L

Kinder: Lauren T, Ethan V

Grade 1: Jenna D, Jachin H

Grade 2: Jason U, Teddy D

Grade 3: Chris/Lindsay H, Levi H

**NEXT WEEK:** Josiah / Lois

**NEXT WEEK:** Seth or Luke / Mike

**NEXT WEEK:** Dan V

**NEXT WEEK:** Luke & Alyse K

**NEXT WEEK:** Mitchell M., Diana M

**NEXT WEEK:** Alyse K



### NEXT WEEK:

Infants: Linda K, Daniel B

Toddlers: Brad T, Rory L

### NEXT WEEK:

Age 3: Kara B, Georgia D, Rachel K

Age 4: Elly M, Chaim H

Kinder: Lois D, Ryman H

Grade 1: Maricha K, Brooke T

Grade 2: Niki U, Stella M

Grade 3: Karen G, Pippa A

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS:** The sign in clipboards will continue to be at the Welcome Desk every Sunday morning if you could please sign all children in once you arrive and then ages 3 & 4 out again once church is over. The clipboards will be moved down to the classrooms once church has started. **Just a reminder to also please fill in a child registration form for each child attending Sunday school, these play a crucial role for Safe Church and are needed as soon as possible.** These can be found by the sign in and once completed put in my church mailbox or leave at the Welcome Desk. Thank You.

**TEACHERS NEEDED:** I am currently looking for a few new teachers starting in February. One would be approximately **every 3 weeks** while the other would be **every other week**. I ask you to prayerfully consider filling in these spots. Sunday School is a blessing that allows relationship building not only between our children and God but also between members of our church and our youth. Please also note that all lessons are prepared ahead for you. Please email, text or call me (Lindsay H) if you would like to fill one of these positions or if you have any questions. [sscoordinator@ebenezercrc.com](mailto:sscoordinator@ebenezercrc.com)