

# Big and Small

January 7, 2018

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BETHEL

**TODAY** we begin our preparation for launching the *40 Days of Love* sermon series and small group campaign at the end of January, by looking at the dynamic life of the early church.

**UNITY SERVICE 2018 – Sunday, January 21, 10:30am** – This year right here at Bethel Church (overflow parking at Evangel Family Church). We come together as the churches of Acton to celebrate our unity in Christ, this year with a service prepared by Christians in the Caribbean. The new minister of St. Alban Anglican Church, Rev. Naomi Kabugi, will bring the message. Children's Program for ages 4-10 and nursery care for infants 0-3. Come one, come all!

**GEMS, Cadets, and Coffee-Break** will start again this week.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** - Regular classes are on holidays today. There will be Sunday School for children ages 3, 4, and 5 downstairs today. Children can be picked up downstairs beside the Youth Room in the Children & Youth Wing. Regular Sunday School resumes next week.

**THE NURSERY** is in need of more adult and youth volunteers to help on Sundays looking after the little ones so that the parents have an opportunity to enjoy the worship service as well and be able to get recharged from hearing the word of God. I am hoping to get enough volunteers that you would only have to be in the nursery every 3-4 months. Please consider this opportunity to help with the little children. Contact: Joanna Adema by email: joannaadema\_82@hotmail.com or phone: 905-703-5816.

Are you looking for some challenges and changes in your life?

**WOMEN'S COFFEE BREAK** is beginning a new 4 week study called "*Simplify.*" Bestselling Christian author Bill Hybels will challenge and inspire us to reassess our current priorities and become less consumed by busyness. Each week we will watch a video on how to sweep clutter from our soul, stop doing what doesn't matter and start doing what does; then discuss it as a small group. Come join us Wednesday mornings from 9:15 to 11:15 for a time of fellowship over coffee and goodies followed by our study.



Do you love little children, especially the ones between the ages of 2-5? Are you a retired teacher or a person with ECE training or someone with a heart for kids and wants to play? **COFFEE BREAK/LITTLE LAMBS** is in need of your help teaching and caring for our little ones while mom/caregiver is studying in the larger group. Would you be willing to be part of our team? Please call Coby Adema – 905-877-4080. A vulnerable sector police check will be required.

**FAITHWALKING 101 WEEKEND - Fri. evening and Sat., Jan. 12 & 13 -- done by 5 on Saturday.**



A great way to launch into a new year on a journey of personal transformation in faithfully following Jesus, to experience more of the full and abundant life he has for us to live and to share in 2018. To sign up or for more information, contact Pastor Ray (pastor@actoncrc.com or 519-853-2121, x-3) or Shirley Feddema (communitylife@actoncrc.com or 519-853-2121, x-5).

*Deadline is this Monday, January 8.*

We are excited to invite you to a **WORSHIP WORKSHOP** at Bethel Church on **SAT., JAN. 20.** DAN MACAULAY is a Canadian-born worship leader and singer/song writer. He has been a pastor for 8 years, and led worship across Canada, the US, and internationally for 20 years, and takes his considerable experience on the road with him to bless and encourage churches of all sizes. You can find out more at <http://www.danmac.org/>. The workshop is from 9am-12pm, followed by lunch and discussion. This event is open to anyone involved in leading worship, not just Sunday morning teams, and not just at Bethel, either. Registration is \$10 per person, and includes coffee and lunch. Please **RSVP by Fri., January 12**, to Willena at [worship@actoncrc.com](mailto:worship@actoncrc.com). Come, be uplifted and encouraged!

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

We give thanks for you, the members of Bethel CRC for supporting the work of Diaconal Ministries Canada, through the **OPERATION MANNA PROGRAM**. Your church has graciously provided \$2,075 in Operation Manna support for the 2017 calendar year. This money helps Operation Manna staff walk with creative and exciting small ministries in local communities across Canada, to give them support, guidance, and counsel; as well as grant money. This support helps ministries to share the love of Christ and transform their communities with His love. By giving to Operation Manna, you have been a big part of this: a real change in the lives of real people across Canada who have so much to give but who find themselves in circumstances of need. They are so blessed by your gift; THANK-YOU for your part in this ministry!

**YOUNG ADULTS!** - Join other wonderful folks aged 18-30ish from across Ontario for the 2018 instalment of the Young Adult Winter Retreat on January 26-28th, at Maranatha CRC in Woodstock! This year, we will focus on the theme "Culture" and how we're to represent Christ to our neighbours around us, with Pastor Mike Collins from Providence CRC as our speaker. It will be a weekend full of spiritual encouragement, faith-based discussions, service, workshops, worship, fellowship, and funtivities! Be sure to register by January 11th to receive the Early Bird rate of just \$60 for the entire weekend (after that it's \$70). For more info and to register, visit our Facebook page "Young Adult Winter Retreat" or email [ya.retreat.team@gmail.com](mailto:ya.retreat.team@gmail.com).

**SAT, JAN 13, 7PM** at Knox Church, 44 Main St N, Acton. **LOCAL ARTIST BENEFIT CONCERT** featuring Wes Mason. Also included are instrumentalists, singers, school choirs, drama act, visual artists, and a dancer. Light Refreshments. Free will offering. See bulletin board.