



AVCRC exists to reach people, bringing them to a loving relationship with Jesus and membership in the Christian Community; helping them to grow in their faith, guiding them to serve in their gifted ministry, and honouring God with their lives.

WELCOMES YOU!

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Sunday January 6, 2019

Welcome to this first worship service of the year at AVCRC ... Happy New Year! January 6 begins the season of Epiphany. The traditional 12 days of Christmas are over and we mark the appearance of Jesus, light of the world ... His work begins. The reading for today is Matthew 2, the visit of the Wise Men.

Order of Worship

Prayer and greeting

Songs: "Here I am to Worship"

"Shout to the North"

Prayers for the coming year

Song: "Come as you Are"

Children dismissed for Sunday School

Offering: Budget

Song: "Hope of the Nations"

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12

Message: The Wise Men

Song: "Shine , Jesus, Shine"

Blessing

Song: "We are Marching in the Light of God"

Please Keep These Matters in your Prayers:

-Mo W worshipped with us for a number of years until his age prevented it. With sadness and with hope for eternal life, we announce that Mo passed away on January 2. A memorial service will be held at Abbeyfield on Monday January 14 at 2:00pm.

- Give thanks with Sharron who reports that she is healing more quickly than she hoped.

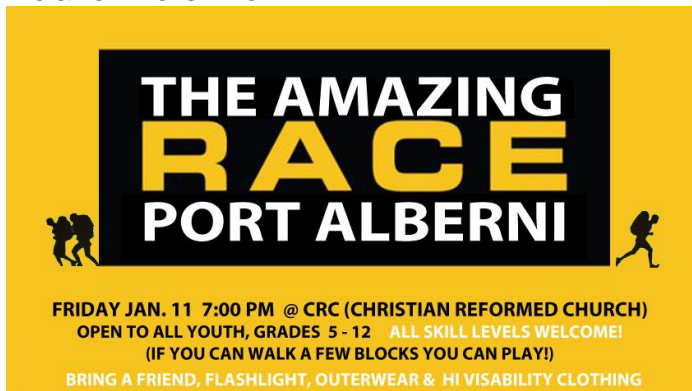
- The media ministry of the CRC is Back to God Ministries International. Social media can empower people to share their struggles with complete strangers. That's why BTGMI's *Family Fire* ministry recently launched a private Facebook group for women who want to pray for improvement in their marriages. Pray that women on this page will be able to minister to one another, as they pray for one another and offer words of encouragement. Visit <https://backtogod.net/ministries/english#familyFire>

Weekly calendar: (Check the website for updates)

Youth News

Wednesday January 9th 6:45 - 8:00pm ... Bible Study resumes.

Friday January 11th 7:00- 9:00pm ... is the Amazing Race @ AVCRC. We still need some tent shelters, tricycles and adult volunteers. Talk to Curtis, Jessica or Tricia for more info.

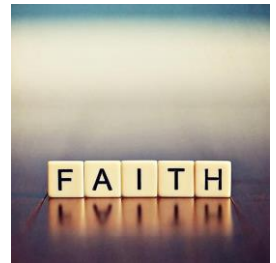


Helping Without Harming" WORKSHOP: Join World Renew and Diaconal Ministries Canada for a "Helping Without Harming" Workshop to learn how to help alleviate poverty and injustice through effective engagement in your global and local communities. Collaborate with others and discover how food banks, deacon funds, short-term service trips and other benevolent activities can be more impactful and meaningful. The workshop will take place at Christ Community Christian Reformed Church, (2221 Bowen Rd, Nanaimo, BC, V9S 5J3) on Saturday, February 2nd from 9am to 3pm (lunch will be available). While registration is free, there is a \$10 recommended donation to help cover costs for food. Seating is limited; please register today at www.worldrenew.net/hwhworkshop.

This is perfect for deacons and 'We ♥ PA' Volunteers!

Please Pass the Faith:

The CRC's Faith Formation Ministries website (crcna.org/FaithFormation) has many fine resources to help us engage in the Holy Spirit's work of passing the faith, including 10 great conversation starting questions found here: <https://network.crcna.org/evangelism/ten-ways-talk-someone-about-their-faith>



News from the Library ...

There are some new books in the library ... please check us out ☺

To all those who help with Sunday school, youth group activities, council work, offering benevolence assistance, building maintenance, music, worship planning and preparation, accounting, visiting, making coffee, preparing meals, cutting grass, We ♥ PA activities, offering words of encouragement, leading small group studies, work at the Seafarers Center - or Bread of Life or Literacy Alberni or Ty Watson or the Breakfast Club or any number of agencies outside of the church - and any others we may have missed ...

Thank-you for your faithful service all through the year!



Uzima Gifts

Here are some wonderful gift ideas year round:

<https://worldrenew.net/gifts>

Do you have Children? ...

Nursery ... is provided during the Service for your babies and toddlers. Feel free to drop your children off before the Service starts.



Sunday School ... Pastor Curtis will let you know during the Service when the children can leave.

All our Volunteers are genuinely caring; have passed RCMP Background Checks; and, are well known by our Leadership.

Is this your first time Worshipping with us?

Welcome! Please join us for Coffee (downstairs) following the Service. We would love to get to know you 😊

There is an Info Card found in your pew seat. Feel free to fill it out and drop it in the Collection Bag. This will help us to keep in touch with you.

Thank-you ... A belated but heartfelt thank you to all the cooks & those who contributed to the church's Christmas dinner, particularly those who cooked the yummy turkeys. The dinner was delicious! Thank you also to Pete B, MC of evening, Megan V for reading the Christmas story, Jill & Emma V. for helping us set up & all the dishwashers, particularly the T family teens. Thank you Anne Marie S. for the beautiful piano playing. And we can't forget the Reindeer game brought by Willem C. We might try & forget but simply can't. -- Lois L. & Marjie A.

<u>OFFERING SCHEDULE</u>	<u>COUNTER</u>	<u>HELPERS</u>
January 6 – Budget	Patty	Renger & Margrit
January 13 – Free-a-Family	Pete	John K & Elaine
January 20 – Budget	Erin	Kim & Lois
January 27 – Benevolent Fund	John R	Rinnie & Roy
February 3 – Budget	Patty	Art & Alsie
February 10 – Young Life	Pete	Bert and Pat
February 17 – Budget	Erin	Renger and Margrit
February 24 – Office of Social Justice	John R	John K & Elaine

	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
January 6	Bert & Pat	Eileen, Pat, Curtis
January 13	Bev & Brian	Jill, Jessica, Megan
January 20	Bev & Brian	Pam, Helle, Levi
January 27	Alice & Theo	Carol, Yvonne, Sarah
February 3	Alice & Theo	Roy, Aliza, Curtis
February 10	Alice C & Jane	Pat, Anita, Ezra
February 17	Alice C & Jane	Kim, Alsie, Megan
February 24	Bert & Pat	Erin, Yvonne, Sarah

	<u>COFFEE MAKERS</u>	<u>LIBRARIAN</u>	<u>SECURITY</u>
January 6	Colin & Aliza	Anita	Yvonne
January 13	Izak & Ezit	Alice	Yvonne
January 20	Pete & Anita	Margrit	Yvonne
January 27	Willem & Helle	Bev	Yvonne
February 3	John & Margrit	Joan	Jake
February 10	John & Erin	Anita	Jake
February 17	Bob & Joan	Alice	Jake
February 24	Roy & Joanne	Margrit	Jake