

'Alberni Valley CRC: making disciples who make disciples who make ...'



Sunday January 26, 2020

Welcome! If you have ever felt a call or nudge to serve God but felt inadequate for the task, then the Bible readings today might have encouragement for you. We'll see that Jesus works in surprising ways.

Prayer

God's Greeting

Songs of Praise: "This is Amazing Grace" "Jesus Messiah" "Come as You Are"

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Mercy

Song: "They will know we are Christians by our Love"

Offering: (Special Collection) Song: "He Knows my Name"

Prayer

Bible Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4; (p 671) 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (p 1105);
Matthew 4:12-23 (p 935-36)

Message: "Humble Beginnings"

Song: "Ancient Words"

Blessing

At-home Faith Formation Tip: "Pausing with children to read and to wonder about meanings in words and in illustrations of Bible stories is a spiritual practice," writes Elizabeth Caldwell in *I Wonder: Engaging a Child's Curiosity about the Bible*. For a list of some wonderful Christian picture books the Faith Formation Ministries team loves and recommends, visit tinyurl.com/FFMpicturebooks

[Picture Books](#)

Picture Books: In Community and At Home The following list includes some of the best picture books with Christian themes for children: [Scripture-based tinyurl.com](http://tinyurl.com)

Always remember to pray:

- Ship traffic in our port is down and that means fewer visitors at the Seafarers Center. The volunteers, along with the Port of Vancouver chaplaincy board, are seeking God's direction: is it right to keep the center open? Volunteers will still visit ships, but we ask that you join us in prayers for wisdom.
- The spread of the coronavirus is international news. Pray the researchers can find treatment for this illness. Pray that our help may be found in the name of the Lord.
- Pray for fair resolution to the Western Forest Products strike.

Small Groups: Our church has many “small groups”, each with a different focus: from Wednesday morning Coffee Break, to evening study groups and a prayer focus group.

If you are interested in a small group setting for personal growth and development, contact Rosemary and together we can find a group that may work for you.

Thank You!

If you are a volunteer - and there are not big or small jobs, all matter - then you are invited to the Volunteer Dessert Thank You Extravaganza on Thursday, Feb 13, 6:30-7:30pm.

Invitation to join a prayer group for our children and grandchildren

What may begin as a group of families who get together regularly to pray for our children and grandchildren will become a way of life for all who attend. In the book *The Praying Parent*, S. Omartian writes “we felt the power of our prayers and saw wonderful effects and amazing results. It’s never too soon to begin and never too late to start. The answer to the prayers we prayed over the years fueled our faith and inspired us to be persistent and diligent to continue to pray even when they left home. If you embark on this adventure of praying for your children, you will find it to be an unending habit. Being able to positively affect your children or grandchildren in prayer will help keep you in close contact with them. And it will continually contribute to your joy as a parent or grandparent.”

Starting on Tuesday, January 28th at 7:00 – 8:00 pm we will begin to pray for our kids and grandkids. Hope to see you there.

Weekly Calendar

Tonight: 6:00pm - Youth Bible study

Tuesday: 7:00pm - Prayer meeting (see note above)

Wednesday: 10:00am - Ladies Coffee Break Bible study - Everyone welcome!

Wednesday: 3:15pm - Worship Committee meeting at the church

Mark your calendar:

Thursday, February 13: Volunteer Appreciation Dessert Night

Sunday, March 8: (after the morning worship) - Annual General Meeting

**Save the Date - Event Day is February 22, 2020! Coldest Night of the Year
(In the Afternoon)**

On February 22, together with thousands of Canadians across the country, several members from our church are teaming together to walk and fundraise for a great cause. We are walking to support ACAWS Alberni Community & Woman's Services Society. We would like to invite you to join our team "CRC and Friends". Participants have the option of walking 2km, 5km or 10 km.

If you want to walk with us, you can join our team by registering online or just show up on the date and register at the event. To preregister and for more detailed information go online and visit "Coldest Night of the Year - Port Alberni. If you go to the search bar and type in our name "CRC and Friends" you can just follow the prompts.

If you can't walk and would still like to donate you can donate online or touch base with any of our team members.

This year the events starts and ends at the Royal Canadian Legion, 4680 Victoria Quay, Port Alberni. All walkers must preregister or check-in at the registration desk at 2pm. Opening ceremonies begin at 3; the walk begins at 3:15. Thanks for Your Support!

Team Captain Janay Goode

Happy 2020, PARSC Supporters.

Once again, we are asking for your generous support.

The Port Alberni Refugee Sponsorship Committee has scheduled a fundraiser, *A Leap Across the World*, for February 29, 2020 at Echo Centre. We need to raise funds to help support the young Eritrean family who arrived May 2019. Mom, Dad and baby Evan are doing well but they have to repay a travel loan to Canada Immigration and PARSC funds are depleted after the successful resettlement of the Syrian and the Eritrean families. Port Alberni has been so generous in the past that this is our first major fundraiser since 2016.

The event includes Middle Eastern and African appetizers and a Punjabi meal prepared by the Guru Nanak Sikh Society. The refugee families will be in attendance so you can meet them.

Tickets are \$25 and available from Leslie Wright 250 724 7219, lesliewright703@gmail.com; and from Camie Sogge at 723 6950. All proceeds from the event will go to support refugee families. We will be grateful for any donations and will issue tax receipts for donations \$25 or more. We are not permitted to issue tax receipts for event tickets.

Looking forward to seeing many of you on Leap Day!

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OFFERING SCHEDULE

January 26 – Special Collection

February 2 – Budget

February 9 – Budget

February 16 – Budget

February 23 – Special Collection

COUNTER

Janay G

Pete B

Elaine V

Patty T

Janay G

HELPERS

Bert & Pat B

Renger D & Margrit D

John K & Dave R

Kim M & Lois L

GREETERS

Bert & Pat B

Bev & Brian H

Bev & Brian H

Alice & Theo V

Alice & Theo V

NURSERY

Anita B; Helle C

Pam S; Mitzie C

Carol D; Eileen D; Curtis

Yvonne C; Pat B

January 26

February 2

February 9

February 16

February 23

COFFEE MAKERS

January 26 Colin & Aliza B

February 2 Izak & Ezit N

February 9 Pete & Anita B

February 16 Willem & Helle C

February 23 John & Margrit D

LIBRARIAN

Anita B

Alice V

Margrit D

Bev H

Joan W

SECURITY

Al V

Yvonne A

Yvonne A

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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.

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.

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