



Inside this issue.....

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| New Year New You | p. 1 |
| Missions Update | p. 2 |
| Family Camp | P. 2 |
| Rainy Gaze | p. 3 |
| Hearing God | p. 3 |
| Library Update | p. 4 |
| Student Ministry | p. 5 |
| Upcoming Sermons | p. 6 |
| Communication Form | p. 6 |
| Monthly Calendar | p. 7 |
| Event Info | p. 8 |

Lead Pastor

Jeremy Shuart
jshuart@countryhillschurch.ca

Family Ministries

Mike Wasyluk
mwasyluk@countryhillschurch.ca

Administration and Finance

Jennifer Schuit
jschuit@countryhillschurch.ca

Congregational Care Pastor

Randall Benbow
rbenbow@countryhillschurch.ca

Worship Director

Krissy Werner
kwerner@countryhillschurch.ca

1280 Ottawa Street South
Kitchener, Ontario N2E 1M1
Phone: 519-578-7275
office@countryhillschurch.ca
www.countryhillschurch.ca

This January there are a number of opportunities at Country Hills Church that can help you grow closer to God. The first is to **take some time to Fast**. Towards the end of the month will be starting three weeks of prayer and fasting (January 27 - February 16). During that time we will be having a three day food fast as a church family. If you can't fast from food maybe you'd like to pick something else to fast from. There will be some resources available at the back of church and on our web page to help you decide what you and your household might do. Beyond these three days I also encourage you and your whole household to fast from some other things that often distract us from focusing on Jesus and replace them with practices that do.

Another way you can deepen your walk with Jesus is to **take the Hearing God Seminar**. This is a six week course beginning January 17 at the church that will help you recognize, understand, and obey the voice of God. Many people at Country Hills have found this to be extremely helpful in their relationship with Jesus, and several have taken the course more than once. I encourage you to sign up as soon as you can.

My hope is that as we start a new year you'll start it off right by asking God to do the things in you that you can't do for yourself. As you do this in the new year, you might just discover a new you!

Bensons - Toronto



We are thankful for Ken and Carolyn Benson who have been missionaries with EMCC since 1998. Ken and Carolyn run

MissionPREP. They facilitate three different programs; IMPACT, a two week program for cross cultural and ministry orientation, PLANTS, a two week language acquisition program and RE-VIEW, a five day debriefing program for missionaries returning from the field or desiring to process their mission experience.

This past October, two members of the Country Hills Missions Committee had the opportunity to sit in on one day of the IMPACT program. It was wonderful to see so many missionaries from different organizations all coming together to learn how best to serve the Kingdom of God. The students spend the two weeks getting to know each

Mishewah Family Camp - July 20 - 27 (Registration opens Feb 4)

We're heading to family camp again. Looking for a place to relax and deepen your relationship with God? Come to camp! Looking for a place to spend time with your family and help your kids develop lasting friendships and strengthen their walk with Jesus? Come to camp! Camp is one of the best places you can spend your time – spending a whole week with your family and your church family having fun and learning

Missions Update - Kara Arbon

other, attending workshops, attending unique cultural experiences and listening to experiences of people from other cultures or who work in different cultures.

The Bensons would like to praise God for an encouraging Board Meeting at the end of November, as well as a balanced budget for 2018 and good numbers of students for their classes throughout 2018.

Please join us in praying for the Bensons for wisdom for the MissionPREP adhoc committee that are considering a new organizational structure to share leadership responsibilities. We also ask for prayer for upcoming programs, a RE-VIEW program from February 3 - 8 and an IMPACT program from February 25 - March 1. Please pray for God's provision for students and leaders at each of the 2019 courses.

about Jesus really does change the focus and shape of your life! Don't miss out. You can find more information and register at campmishewah.ca
Meal costs TBD / Accommodation costs:
Cabins # 1- 16 - \$54.00
New Cabins A & B - \$56.00
Lakeside Suites (Motel) - \$71.50
Standard Campsite 15 amp - \$41.00
Standard Campsite 30 amp - \$43.00
Lakefront Campsite - \$43.00

Rainy Gaze - Jeremy Stuart

Deep and Wide

There's an old kid's song I learned in Sunday School called "Deep and Wide." Maybe you remember it, maybe you've never heard of it. It basically talks about how deep and wide God's love is. Not shallow, but deep. That's how I view God, and that's how I tend to experience and engage with Him best. I don't do well with anything shallow or cheesy. This preference is heightened with anything to do with Jesus.

The 8th sacred pathway in this sacred pathways series is "Contemplation." There are some people, like me, who love more contemplative ways of experiencing and connecting with God. I was introduced to contemplative prayer experiences about 15 years ago and found them to be a refreshingly deep way to listen to and experience God. Contemplative people worship by being attentive to God, thinking deeply about Him, and relating intimately with

Hearing God Seminar

Does God still speak today?

This is one of the most important questions a Christian can explore, and has huge implications for every aspect of a person's life and walk with God. Come learn how to hear from and follow

God at our Hearing God Seminar. It's a 6 week seminar that will change how you follow Jesus. Starting Thursday January 17, 2019, 7-9 pm (weekly for 6 weeks)

Register through the church office or online under the Thrive tab

office@countryhillchurch.ca

www.countryhillchurch.ca/thrive-learning-experiences



Him. This is found in quiet places, prayer experiences, in prayer and through reading and praying through scripture. Contemplative people tend to enjoy uninterrupted space and silence.

So, as we begin a new year I encourage you set aside extra time with Jesus where you can focus deeply on where He is leading you. If you're a contemplative you'll love this time, and if you're not then it's still time well spent as you learn to sit quietly in the presence of God. If you're wondering what your sacred pathways might be you can take the survey for yourself at northpoint.org/care/pathways



CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



New in the Library

Fiction

River to Redemption - Ann H. Gabhart

Cross Your Heart - Judy Kirwin

A Most Noble Heir - Susan Anne Mason

To Be Where You Are - Jan Karon

Christian Living

Encounters With Jesus - Timothy Keller

Wearing God - Lauren F. Winner

When God Isn't There - David Bowder

Desperate Marriages - Gary Chapman

The Christian Atheist - Craig Groeschel

The Will of a Man, The Way of a Woman - Robert and Pamela Crosby

DVDs

Paul, Apostle of Christ - Jim Caviezel

Intersect - Small Group Study by Rob Peabody and Chris Rogers

Did you know.....

You can reserve books, CDs and DVDs ahead of time and pick them up on Sundays in our Church Library. Just visit our website under Media / Library and follow the prompts!

The Library is always looking for donations. If you have books you have read, movies you have watched or CDs you have enjoyed but no longer wish to keep please consider donating them to our church library so that others can enjoy them too!

Student Ministry JR High - Gr. 7 – 8 High School - Gr. 9 – 12

Junior High and High School students meet
Wednesday evenings 7 - 9 pm at the church

Wednesday, January 9

New Year Kick-Off

Bring games and a nut-free snack to share.

Wednesday, January 16

Welcome Mike! Let's spend a night getting to know each other.

Wednesday, January 23 - Big Lessons Learned

Wednesday, January 30 - Big Lessons Learned

Save the Dates

Sr. High Event

Friday, January 25

7 - 9:30 pm

Details coming soon.....

Youth Winter Retreat

(Jr. High & High School)

March 1-3, 2019

Details coming soon.....

Highlights & Updates

We have now come to the end of our 13 week Alpha series where we tackled some big questions; "Why and how do I pray? Who is Jesus? Who is the Holy Spirit and what does He do? Does God heal today?" Alpha provided us a wonderful way to ask questions, dig deep and explore God's answers together.

Follow us on Instagram at chc.youth

Lighthouse Pro Events (Grade 5 & 6)

Friday, January 11 - Skyzone

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Meet at Skyzone

\$15 - bring a friend

Please sign up with Gina Cowan if you're interested in attending

Email confirmations can be sent to ginaacowan@gmail.com



Communication Form

We want to keep in touch and help you get / stay connected here at CHC. **Please complete, tear off, and drop this card in the offering basket or give it to one of our ushers or Pastor Jeremy at the conclusion of the service.**

Name (s) _____
Children _____
Address _____
City _____
Postal _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

- I am updating information
- I would like a family mailbox
- I would like offering envelopes
- I would like to sign up for pre-authorized giving
- I would like to be contacted by a pastor
- I would like to be added to the church directory
- I give consent to receive electronic communication from the church (email)
- I agree to allow my name and/or photo and those of my family to be used in publications distributed within the church or on its website.

Signed _____
Date _____

Due to privacy considerations, we cannot include any family in the church directory who has not given us written authorization to do so.

Upcoming Sermons



New Year New You

Sunday, January 6

35th Anniversary Retro Celebration

"What Comes First"

Matthew 6 : 33

Sunday, January 13

"The Old is Gone"

2 Corinthians 5 : 17

Sunday, January 20

"God's Plan"

James 4 : 13 - 17

Sunday, January 27

"Why Isn't It Working?"

Mark 9 : 29

Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is available to receive prayer requests and/or for you to join.

Contact the church office
519-578-7275
office@countryhillschurch.ca

January Calendar of Events

January 1 & 2

Office Closed

Sunday, January 6

35th Anniversary
Retro Celebration Service

Wednesday, January 9

Youth New Year Kick Off
7 - 9 pm

Thursday, January 10

Forever Young
12 pm

Friday, January 11

Lighthouse Pro
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Saturday, January 12

Men's Breakfast
7:30 am

Monday, January 14

Men's Floor Hockey
7:30 pm

Tuesday, January 15

Photography Group
7 pm

Tuesday, January 15

Protection Plan Training
7 pm

Thursday, January 17

Hearing God Seminar
7 pm

Friday, Jan. 18 - Sunday, Jan. 20

Young Adult Winter Retreat
More info on back page...

Monday, January 21

Men's Floor Hockey
7:30 pm

Tuesday, January 22

Will & Estate Planning Seminar
7 pm

Thursday, January 24

Hearing God Seminar
7 pm

Friday, January 25

Sr. High Event
7 - 9:30 pm

Monday, January 28

Men's Floor Hockey
7:30 pm

January 28 - 30

Church Wide Food Fast

Tuesday, January 29

Prayer & Worship Gathering
7 pm

Thursday, January 31

Hearing God Seminar
7 pm

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 12 at 7:30 am

Do you know that the men in our church family meet for breakfast monthly?

Join men, of all ages, at Omega Restaurant on Saturday, January 12 at 7:30 am.

No need to RSVP - simply show up, eat and enjoy a time of fellowship.

Men's Floor Hockey

Monday nights, 7:30 pm

Resumes Monday, January 14. No wooden sticks to be used, only plastic sticks. Also no black tape to be used on sticks please. Proper rubber soled shoes must be worn at all times.

Contact Dan Gooding

Forever Young

Thursday, January 10, 12 pm

The year of Our Lord A.D. 2019 is upon us and much goes on as it always has. The Lord's compassions never fail. They are new every morning! Let's get together for lunch, fellowship and prayer.

If you're 55 + consider joining us. Pastor Jeremy will be speaking. Lunch cost \$10.

Contact Lucille Waito
waitogogoose@icloud.com

Young Adult Winter Retreat

January 18 - 20, 2019

The Clarksburg Retreat Centre (788277 Grey Rd.13 Clarksburg) Cost \$150 on/before January 13 \$165 after (payable to Country Hills Church) Join us for teaching and experiences, games, free time, outdoor games and amazing food. Bring your friends. Pack bedding, bibles/notepads, winter clothes, and board games/cards. Arrive there at 8:30 pm Friday Night. We'll leave at noon on Sunday. Register on Facebook or email Jeremy

Will & Estate Planning

Tuesday, January 22, 7 pm

Estate planner, Jim Kibble and estate lawyer, Tyler Hortie, will be facilitating an estate planning workshop. This 90 minute session will give an overview of wills and estates in general as well as an overview of Ontario estate changes. Cost: Free

Prayer & Worship Gathering

Tuesday, January 29, 7 pm

Gather with us for prayer during our Church Wide 3 day food fast. This will be a time to pray for our church for the coming year, but also a time to listen to God for what He has in store for you. You'll have opportunity to spend some quiet time to discern what some of your top prayers for the year will be, and spend time with others praying for their needs and the needs of our church. Please join us.