

COUNTRY HILLS CONNECTIONS

New Year, New View

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Happy New Year! With each new year comes a promise of endless possibilities and new opportunities. It's my prayer and my hope that you will encounter God in a fresh way this year. This is one of the reasons we are starting the Encountering God series in January. We want you to draw near to God, to follow Jesus in victory, and see God work through you in powerful ways. In order for this to happen some of us need a change in perspective – New Year, New View!

Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. Proverbs 1:7 (NLT)

This is one of the first lessons in the Book of Proverbs, but the word fear has often been misunderstood. A better understanding has more to do with respect than being afraid. Here's the thing... I think there are times we *are* afraid of God.

In his book "Empowering Missional Disciples," Bob Rognlien shares some reasons why he used to resist living more intentionally in the power and authority God gives us. It was mainly because of fear and control.

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Afraid of doing the wrong thing, afraid that walking in authority might somehow seem like an abuse of spiritual power, and afraid to give up control to God. I resonated with this because I have some of the same fears and at times these fears have kept me from drawing near to God and obeying when He speaks. How about you? Are you afraid of God or what drawing near to Him might change?

I want you to draw near to God instead of staying distant or afraid. During the Encountering God series we will learn about (and practice) hearing God, abiding in Christ, taking steps to freedom and victory, and inner healing. As you encounter God you will find that He loves you deeply and that His perfect love pushes away fear.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him! 9 (Reverently) Fear the LORD, you his godly people, for those who fear (worship & adore) him will have all they need. 10 Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but those who trust in the LORD will lack no good thing. Psalm 34:8-10 NLT (words in brackets added)

Plan to attend the 4 week Encountering God teaching series on Sundays, and the accompanying Prayer Gathering, Small Group and/or Seminar. I think it will change your relationship with God to one that is intimate and deep, and help you live an abundant life.

Encountering God Series January 19th – February 9th 2020

Do you long to have a deeper relationship with Jesus?
Are you tired of dealing with bondages in your life that you just can't seem to get free from?
Are there wounds and pains in your life that need deeper healing?
The Encountering God Series will help you learn biblical tools to grow in intimacy with God, walk in victory over sin and bondage, and receive healing from deep wounded-ness.

There are 4 parts to the Encountering God Series:

Teaching: Sunday Mornings 10 am

Prayer Gathering: January 19th 6pm

Small Groups : find a small group on our website that is meeting at a time that is convenient for you.

Seminar: 3 Thursday evenings January 30, February 6 & 13

Register for the seminar online at countryhillschurch.ca or contact the church office



Sunday Morning



Sunday, January 12

Anniversary Sunday
"Forward" - Jeremy Shuart

Sunday, January 19

"Hearing God" - Jeremy Shuart

Sunday, January 26

"Abiding In Christ" - Jeremy Shuart

Sunday, February 2

"Encountering God" - Mark Willcock

Sunday, February 9

"Inner Healing" - Jeremy Shuart

Sunday, February 16

Family Sunday - Mike & Lauren Wasyluk

Nursery and Lighthouse Children's Ministry

For all ages up to Grade 6

Register your children downstairs at the Guest Registration Desk or contact the church office.

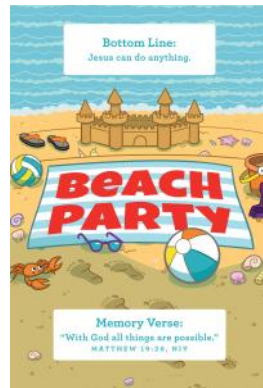
519-578-7275 or office@countryhillschurch.ca

Download the Parent Cue App for ideas and conversation starters to help move your child toward a deeper faith and a better future.



This month in Lighthouse...

Parents Meeting
Sunday, February 9th
Following the service



COME VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY



New in the Library

The Road to Paradise - Karen Barnett
(a Vintage National Parks Novel)

Vain Empires

Brandilynn Collins (suspense)

Medical Judgement

Richard Mabry (suspense)

The Governess of Penwythe Hall

Sarah E. Ladd (A Cornwall Novel; 1) (fiction)

Portrait of Vengeance

Carrie Stuart Parks (suspense)

Martha

Donna W. Taylor (Biblical fiction)

Whose Waves Those Are

Amanda Dykkes (novel)

When I Close My

Elizabeth Musser (novel)

Driftwood Bay

Irene Hannon (Hope Harbor novel)

The Gospel Comes With a House Key

Rosaria C. Butterfield

Shades of Light

Sharon Garlough Brown (novel)

Strands of Truth

Colleen Coble (suspense)

Missing Isaac

Valerie Fraser Luesse (novel)

The Reckoning at Gossamer Pond

Jaime Jo Wright (suspense)

Series:

Out of Egypt

Connilyn Cossette (Biblical fiction)

1. **Counted with the Stars**

2. **Shadow of the Storm**

3. **Wings of the Wing**

Dive Team Investigations

Lynn H. Blackburn (Suspense)

1. **Beneath the Surface**

2. **In Too Deep**

3. **One Final Breath**

DVDs:

Long Distance Princess

Alicen Evans

The Miracle Maker - The Story of Jesus (family)

Extraordinary: the Story of a Marriage Journey

Magdalena - Released From Shame (Bible Story)

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

Contact Isabel Minaker at 519-503-676 or isyminaker@gmail.com

If unavailable contact the church office at 519-578-7275 or office@countryhillschurch.ca

Missions Update

Dan and Anne - Marie Chapple World Partners Mexico

DAN & ANNE-MARIE CHAPPLE – MEXICO

Praise God that we are seeing that the SEAN classes are having an impact on our pastors lives and ministries. Several pastors have begun to use the material to equip new leaders to help them start new Bible studies and missions (that is what they call an outreach/or church plant). Pray that we will continue to encourage, equip and support these pastors and lay leaders to continue in their studies and in their ministries.

Pray for Mexico as the violence and unrest in the country is reaching very high levels. Many of our pastors are concerned for their own safety, as there has been an increase in threats from groups requiring that they pay “protection” money. We have been evaluating the situation together with our mission leaders and feel that for the time being we can remain in Mexico but if things continue to degrade we may have to leave the country in the future.

Family Camp July 20 - 27

Summer is coming!

**Join us at beautiful Camp Mishewah
on Round Lake, Killaloe Ontario
for Family Camp July 20 - 27**

**Register your kids for a week of Camp
Scamps and Champs (ages 8 - 11) August 9 - 15
Junior Teen (ages 12 - 14) August 16 - 22
Senior Teen (ages 15 - 19) August 23 - 29**

**Registration opens Monday, February 3 at 6 pm
Please be aware that spots fill up quickly!**

Register online at campmishewah.ca

Student Ministries

Country Hills Youth Ministry Gr. 7 - Gr. 12

Country Hills Youth Ministry aims to provide a fun and safe environment for students to engage with their faith, build lasting relationships and serve our community.

We meet most Wednesday night's from September to June, and have occasional special events for more information, contact Pastor Mike at mwasyluk@countryhillschurch.ca or via call or text at 519.722.2387
Visit the Students Tab at www.coutryhillschurch.ca for details about the events listed below.

Winter Retreat

Friday, February 28 to Sunday, March 1

Hidden Acres Camp, New Hamburg ON

Cost: \$125 Early Bird / \$135 after February 16

More details on the Student Tab at www.countryhillschurch.ca

Youth Parents Meeting

Wednesday, February 19

If you have students in grades 7 - 12, Drop them off at youth and then come meet with other parents to hear what is happening at Wednesday Night Youth this year!

Lighthouse Pro Gr. 5 & 6

Lighthouse Pro is a Country Hills Ministry for students in Grades 5-6.

We meet once per month for social actives to hang out and get to know each other better. We'd love to have your student join us!

For more information, contact Pastor Mike at

mwasyluk@countryhillschurch.ca or via call or text at 519.722.2387

Saturday, February 8 - Lighthouse Pro Sledding

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Meet at the church and we will go sledding at McLennan Park.

We will come back to the church after for Hot Chocolate

Friday, March 13 - Lighthouse Pro Board Games Night

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Bring your favorite Board Game to play together.

Mark Your Calendar

January

Tuesday, January 7
Pickle Ball Begins! 7 pm
Every Tuesday from January to April

Wednesday, January 8
Youth New Year Kick Off 7 - 9 pm

Thursday, January 9
Forever Young Lunch (55+)
12:00 pm Cost \$10.00

Saturday, January 11
Lighthouse Pro 6:30 pm

Sunday, January 12
Anniversary Sunday

Monday, January 13
Men's Floor Hockey Begins 7:30 pm
Every Monday from January to April
7:30 pm

Tuesday, January 14
Plan to Protect Training
7 pm

Sunday, January 19
Prayer Gathering
6:00 pm

Monday, January 20
Photography Group
7 pm

January 26 - 29
Days of Prayer and Fasting

Thursday, January 30
Encountering God Journey begins
(3 week seminar)
7:00 pm

February

Monday, February 3
Registration opens for Family Camp
Camp Mishewah July 20-27

Saturday, February 8
Lighthouse Pro (gr. 5 -6)
Sledding at McLennan Park
6:30 pm

Sunday, February 16
Family Day Weekend
Picnic Lunch and Games
11:30 am following the service

Monday, February 17
Photography Group
7 pm

Wednesday, February 19
Youth Parents Meeting
7:15 pm

Thursday, February 20
Forever Young Lunch (55+)
12 pm
Cost: \$10

Friday, February 21
Women's Event - Dinner for 8

Featured Events

Forever Young Lunch
for those who are 55+
Thursday, February 20 at 12:00 pm
Cost for lunch: \$10.00

Please contact Lucille Waito, or the church office to let us know that you are coming.

Women's Ministry
Dinner for 8
Friday, February 21

Dinner for 8 is an opportunity to get to know other women at Country Hills better. Sign up to be a Host or a Guest. Someone will be in touch with you to let you know Who is coming for dinner or Where you are going for dinner. Everyone contributes to the meal. In the past this has been a fun and casual evening spent with great company and a delicious meal.

Sign up at the back of the church or email:
Shauna Wark shaunahwark@gmail.com or the church office office@countryhillschurch.ca

Please specify any dietary restrictions or if you would like to be with a friend.

Family Day
Picnic and Games
Sunday, February 15
Following the service

Pack a picnic lunch for you and your family and join us for some family games and fun!

Photography Group
Monday, February 17 at 7:00 pm

If you are interested in photography and photo editing, this group is for you.

Everyone is Welcome!

Pickleball
Every Tuesday Evening
from January to April
7 - 9 pm

If you are 18 or older, join us for Pickleball. This is a fun sport that is easy to learn. No experience necessary

Paddles are provided. Proper gymnasium shoes with a non marking sole are required.

Bring a friend!

Men's Floor Hockey
Monday, February 17
7:30 - 9:15 pm

- Anyone 18 or older is welcome
- Bring your own stick, (wooden or composite sticks are allowed as long as they don't mark up the floor
 - No black tape to be used on blade of the sticks
 - No slapshots
 - Proper rubber soled non-marking shoes must be worn at all times in the auditorium.