

ADULT MINISTRIES & CARE

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Winter is almost over! It's been a long February and personally I'm really looking forward to spring starting. This month we're featuring Adult Ministries and Care. I remember when I was a kid a church elder would come every couple of months to visit my parents. The church was somewhat small and this was the model developed and created in previous generations. Today we do not expect the elders to visit every family in the church on a regular basis, but how then do we effectively care for everyone?

At CHC we see our church composed of teams and realize our best caregivers are spread throughout the church. I am giving you a glimpse of our dream of congregational care. We have not ironed out all the details and complexities of relationships in our church but, in general, care starts at the grassroots.

Our Small Group Ministry is our greatest method to care for people. Small Groups care for people's ongoing needs and helps you be known. If you're not currently part of a Small Group but would like to be please talk to me or email me at rbenbow@countryhillschurch.ca

The top end of care rests in the pastoral staff, elders and care team. Care needs that are beyond the ability of a small group are given over to the top end. Ongoing hospital visits, funerals and other more strenuous needs fall in this category. Please note that we care about

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everyone, so if we do reach out to you it might also be because we want to know how you are doing. We care about all of you!

At Country Hills we also have various Adult Ministries where you can find a great level of care. Forever Young is one example. They meet once a month and provides a huge amount of care and fellowship for our retirees and seniors at CHC. This ministry is one of my favourites! Not only do we get an amazing home cooked meal by Chris Frank, we also have a time of learning and praying for one another. I love getting to know people at these events. Without naming anyone, I've learned about people's hobbies, where they grew up, where they worked, how they met their spouse and so much more. If you're 55 + and have never attended this event it's time to start! Lucille Waito leads this ministry and would love to add you to her email list. Even if you can't attend every month you are always welcome! Come, connect, learn about your faith and enjoy an amazing meal with others. *(see more info on the back page of the newsletter...)*

Missions Update

Christian Horizons



Country Hills Evangelical Missionary Church is proud to partner with Christian Horizons and support this amazing ministry. The vision of Christian Horizons is for people who experience disabilities to belong to communities in which their God-given gifts are valued and respected.

Christian Horizons provides support and programs for those living with disabilities across the country. Christian Horizons provides community participation through skills development, community involvement, employment, volunteer opportunities, and recreational activities. They support independent

living and respite care and run community residences.

Christian Horizons also works with local partners in an international setting to help provide sustainable and inclusive development in six developing nations: Nicaragua, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Guatemala and Haiti. Country Hills has been involved in raising money for sustainable businesses in Ethiopia.

Christian Horizons provides inclusive education for children with disabilities as well as community development projects that include entrepreneurship training, vocational skill development, nutrition supports and farming education and supplies.

**Please pray for the leadership and all those involved at Christian Horizons; that they continue to listen to the Holy Spirit for guidance for the future direction and impact of the organization.**

## Rainy Gaze - Jeremy Stuart

### Looking out for Lent

Lent is a time in the Christian calendar year during the 40 days (not including Sundays) leading up to Easter where people fast and prepare their hearts to celebrate Easter. It tends not to be practiced in many Evangelical churches anymore, but I actually think it's a good practice of preparation. So I encourage you to take some extra time, beginning on March 6 to focus on Jesus and prepare your heart... but I'd like for us to do it a bit different. Let me explain.

In Matthew 22 : 36-40, Jesus is asked what the greatest commandment in the Old Testament law was. Jesus says it's to love God and that the second greatest commandment is to love your neighbour. In John 13 : 34-45 Jesus gives His followers a New Command that takes the place of, and fulfills, all the others – to love each other as He has loved us and that as we do this it will prove to the world that we are followers of Jesus. First Jesus links love for God with love for others, then He links love for one another (other followers of Jesus) with others too.

Here's how I'd like Lent to be different for us. Lent is typically a time to look in and up... to look inwards at ourselves as we look up and consider our relationship with God. There's nothing wrong with that, in fact we need lots of time alone with God where we listen to Him and learn to follow Him. But too

often we forget to look OUT! Out at our neighbours, family, and friends who God loves and have needs and lives and value too.

So this Lent I would like us to put others before ourselves. As we choose practices like a bible reading plan, fasting, or journaling to prepare ourselves we would consider others too. Let this be a season of blessing; of living out the what we are reading and praying, opening our homes and lives, serving and blessing others, and inviting others to Easter services to journey with us. Let us do what Paul encouraged the Philippian church to do.

***"Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too." Philippians 2:4 NLT***



Look OUTward this Lent. Keep an eye out for resources at Country Hills Church leading up to Lent to help you do this.

*Jeremy Stuart*



# CHURCH LIBRARY

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



## New in the Library

### Fiction

An Extra Mile - Sharon G. Brown

Pelican Point - Irene Hannon

The Edge of Over There - Shawn Smucker

The Ladies of Ivy Cottage - Julie Klassen

When You Were Young - Karen Kingsbury

Written in Love - Kathleen Fuller

### Christian Living

30 Ways in 30 Days to Strengthen Your Family - Rebecca Hagelin

A Fierce Love - Shauna Shanks

A Trip Around the Sun - Mark Batterson / Richard Foth

Present Over Perfect - Shauna Niequist

Searching For Sunday - Rachel Held Evans

Smart Compassion - Wesley Furlong

The Con Man's Daughter - Candice Curry

Thrive - Lina Abu Jamra

When Forgiveness Doesn't Make Sense - Robert Jeffress

When Life is Hard - James MacDonald

### DVDs

Dave & Goliath

For Such a Time

## Check out our new mobile library station...

Whether you want to read fiction to pass time, watch a wholesome movie, enjoy reading with / to your kids or grow in your spiritual walk - our CHC library has what you need! Check out the mobile station at the back of the church on Sundays or for even greater selection visit the library downstairs.

## 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, March 6 - I Have Questions

Will following Jesus make me unhappy? Let's talk about how our lives are better when we follow Jesus.



### Wednesday, March 13 - No Youth Tonight ( March Break)

### Wednesday, March 20 - Famous Last Words

This week we'll be talking about all the great things that God, through Jesus, has done for us. If you're feeling like the world doesn't have much going for it, be sure to come!



### Wednesday, March 27 - Famous Last Words

This week we'll be talking about how we have more in common with each other than we think. If you're feeling like you don't always fit, this is a great week for you!



Did you know that you're being prayed for? Every student in our church has someone praying for them.

## Winter Retreat

March 1-3, 2019 at Hidden Acres Camp, New Hamburg



**Please remember our students, leaders and volunteers in prayer while they're away. Pray they would KNOW God and one another more deeply.**

## Follow us on Instagram at [chc.youth](https://www.instagram.com/chc.youth)

## Lighthouse Pro Events (Grade 5 & 6)

### Friday, March 8 - Bowling Night

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Meet at Towne Bowl. Cost is \$15. Bring a friend.



Please sign up with Gina Cowan if you're interested in attending  
Email confirmations can be sent to [gcowan@countryhillchurch.ca](mailto:gcowan@countryhillchurch.ca)

## 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



### Uncharted

**Sunday, March 3**

"Burnt Out, Exhausted & Finished"  
Galatians 6 : 9 - 10



### Seven Days

**Sunday, March 10**

"Triumphal Entry"  
Matthew 21 : 1 - 11

**Sunday, March 17**

"Cleansing of Temple"  
Matthew 21 : 12 - 17

**Sunday, March 24**

"Last Supper"  
Mark 14 : 12 - 26

**Sunday, March 31**

Guest Speaker, John Cressman  
Volunteer Appreciation

## 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@countryhillchurch.ca](mailto:office@countryhillchurch.ca)

## March Calendar of Events

### Monday, March 4

Men's Floor Hockey  
7:30 pm

### Tuesday, March 5

Prayer & Worship Night  
7 pm

### Friday, March 8

Lighthouse Pro  
6:30 - 8:30 pm

### Saturday, March 9

Men's Breakfast  
7:30 am

### Monday, March 11

Men's Floor Hockey  
7:30 pm

### Thursday, March 14

Forever Young  
12 pm

### Friday, March 15

Young Adult Coffee Chat  
7 pm

### Monday, March 18

Men's Floor Hockey  
7:30 pm

### Tuesday, March 19

Photography Group  
7 pm

### Wednesday, March 20

Growing in Grace  
7 - 9 pm

### Thursday, March 21

Next Steps Seminar  
7 pm

### Sunday, March 24

Baptism Sunday

### Monday, February 25

Men's Floor Hockey  
7:30 pm

### Wednesday, March 27

Growing in Grace  
7 - 9 pm

### Thursday, March 28

Membership Class  
7 pm

### Sunday, March 31

Leadership / Volunteer Training  
12 - 2:30 pm

## Next Steps Seminar

Thursday, March 21, 7 pm

The Next Steps Seminar is for everyone at Country Hills Church. We want everyone to take it!

Next Steps is a guide to help you to connect, serve and to grow spiritually. We'd love for you to attend the upcoming Next Steps Seminar.

Register through the church office  
[office@countryhillschurch.ca](mailto:office@countryhillschurch.ca)

## Men's Floor Hockey

Monday nights, 7:30 pm

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, March 14, 12 pm

Looking forward to spring? Daylight savings time will have arrived by the time we get together for lunch! ☺☀☐ Chris Frank will provide a delicious meal for only \$10 and our guest speakers will be Graham and Louise Gardiner, sharing about Graham's double lung transplant or about Graham's gift of life - two new lungs! Be sure to attend!

Contact Lucille Waito  
[waitogoose@icloud.com](mailto:waitogoose@icloud.com)

## Membership Class

Thursday, March 28, 7 pm

Want to learn more about our denomination and Country Hills Church? Are you interested in becoming a member? Consider attending our Membership Class to find out more.

Register through the church office  
[office@countryhillschurch.ca](mailto:office@countryhillschurch.ca)

## Young Adult Coffee Chat

Friday, March 15, 7 pm

Meet at the Sunrise Starbucks Buy a drink and snack and come to the group room at the back for a discussion about life and faith.

Contact  
Jeremy Stuart

## Growing in Grace

9 weeks, starting March 20

**Come learn more about:**

Your union with Christ  
Your identity in Christ  
Christ's strength in you  
Your freedom in Christ  
This 9 week course will be taught by Ross Gilbert from Crossways to Life Ministries.  
Cost \$60 / person or \$100 / couple  
Register online under the Thrive Events Tab or email the church office



**Crossways to Life**  
Finding Life in Christ

*Growing in Grace*

Register online - Thrive Events Tab  
or email the church office

Cost \$60 / person or \$100 / couple

Starts Wednesday, March 20 (7-9 pm)  
Running for 9 weeks

Growing in Grace is designed to lead the believer to experiencing life in and from the LIFE of Jesus. It is a Biblical, Christ-centered plan for understanding your union and identity in Christ. This 9 week course will help you find freedom from trying to live the Christian life in your own strength and live it in Christ's instead.