

**Our Christmas Blessing Project**

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This year at Country Hills the staff was looking for a project we could get behind and participate in as a church that would directly impact our community. We are excited to share this year's Christmas Blessing project and let you know how you can participate with us. Monica Place empowers young women who are pregnant, parenting or choosing adoption to make informed and healthy choices for themselves and their children.

When we support parents, we are supporting the opportunities for their young children to reach their full potential. Many youth that access community support for teen pregnancy lack parental support of their own, or struggle with various difficulties including mental health concerns and addiction. Monica Place helps to build strong attachment between mom and baby, and teach parenting skills.

**You can help** young moms as they transition out of Monica place by donating items to make **"Transition to Independence Kits."** Our goal is to donate at least 5 kits this Christmas Season. We will be collecting items for each kit between November 10th and December 15th. You can participate by bringing one or more items. Simply sign up on the list at the back of the church or digitally at the link below and bring your item(s) by Sunday, December 15th. Thanks in advance for making a tangible difference in our community this Christmas.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xr4ILe9yRtPtOODAR1-Cky45MHTdjj2qBsijDKSBbFY/edit?usp=sharing>

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**Transition to Independence Kit**

- **Wooden spoons**
- **Measuring spoons**
- **Measuring cups**
- **Potato peeler**
- **Can opener**
- **Scissors**
- **Paring knife**
- **Tongs**
- **Spatula**
- **Flipper**
- **Silverware**
- **Glasses**
- **12-piece dinnerware set**
- **Dish scrub brush**
- **3-piece metal bowl set**
- **3-quart saucepan**
- **Frying pan**
- **Colander**
- **Cutting board**
- **Muffin tin**
- **Cookie sheet**
- **Cake pan**
- **Rubbermaid food storage to go containers x 2**
- **Tin foil**
- **Plastic wrap**
- **Salt & pepper with shakers**
- **Spices (cinnamon, garlic salt chili powder, paprika, oregano leaves)**
- **Toaster**
- **Oven mitts**
- **Dishcloths**
- **Kitchen towel**
- **Dust pan**
- **Broom**
- **Toilet brush with holder**
- **Mop & bucket**
- **Laundry basket**

**COME VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY**



They Say We are Infi-

**New in the Library this month**

- dels - Mandy Belz (true story)**
- (Re) Union - The Good News of Jesus for Seekers, Saints and Sinners - Bruxy Cavey**
- A Lifelong Love: How to Have Lasting Intimacy, Friendship and Purpose in Your Marriage - Gary Thomas**
- The Uncomon Woman: Making an Ordinary Life Extraordinary - Susie Larson**
- The Wedding Chapel - Rachel Hauck (novel)**
- Lip Reading - Harry Kraus (novel)**

- Created for Connection: the "Hold Me Tight" Guide for Christian Couples - Sue Johnson**
- Bread of Angels - Tessa Afshar (novel)**
- Hold Tight the Thread - Jane Kirkpatrick (Tender Ties Series) (historical novel)**
- Counted With the Stars - Connie Cossette (Out from Egypt; 1) (Biblical fiction)**
- CD: The God I Never Knew - Robert Morris**
- DVD: Do you Believe? (inspirational)**
- Redeemed (drama)**

## Sunday Morning

# GOD IN MY...

LEARNING TO SURRENDER

### Sunday, November 3

"Hanukkah" Andrew Barron  
Jews for Jesus

### Sunday, November 10

"God In My Desire" Jeremy Shuart

### Sunday, November 17

"God In My Relationships" Mark  
Willcock

### Sunday, November 24

"God in My Resources" Jeremy Shuart

## Nursery and Children's Ministry (up to Grade 6)

Dismissal midway through service. Register your children downstairs at the Guest Registration Desk.

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



## Student Ministries This Month

**Country Hills Student Ministry (Gr. 7—12)** 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.

### Lighthouse Pro (Gr. 5—6)

We meet once per month for social activities 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 Wasyluk at [mwasyluk@countryhillchurch.ca](mailto:mwasyluk@countryhillchurch.ca) or call/text at 519.722.2387

### Lighthouse Pro Laser Quest— Friday, November 15

Be there by 6:30 pm Pick up at 8:45 pm

Meet at Laser Quest (1381 Victoria St N, Kitchener)

Cost: \$ 18.00

## Rainy Gaze - Pastor Jeremy Shuart

### Church Bells

Country Hills Church isn't a building with a bell tower, in fact most Evangelical churches have gotten away from using church bells. I was thinking about this recently and wondered 2 things. First, why did churches use bells in the first place, and second I wondered if God was trying to tell me (and you) something.

Church Bells were first used in about 400AD and began to be widely used throughout Europe within a few hundred years after that. Originally the bells were used for the community and would signify fire, danger, attack etc. depending on the pattern or melody. Over time they began to be used more musically, and to signify life events and service times.

I'm not for or against church bells, I simply wonder if there are times we miss hearing the "church bells" in our lives. You would think we would always notice them, but there is a church located less than a block away from our church building that rings the bells regularly. I don't often notice them, and if you have ever been near our building when they are ringing you may have missed them too. They are often hidden under the sound of traffic and construction, much like the voice of the Holy Spirit is sometimes masked underneath the layers of whatever is loudest in our lives. Much like a church bell that sounds the same tone or melody repeatedly I think God often speaks to us in this way too. Speaking

the same thing into our lives again and again in various ways in a short span of time.

Have we trained our ears and our community as the people of the centuries past did to hear and recognize what is ringing out? Have you taken time lately to listen? Is God ringing out something just for you through the voice of His Spirit that you are missing? Messages meant to encourage, warn, and bless.

Take time this week and this to turn your ear to the still small voice of the Spirit of God.

***My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27 (ESV)***

