

Fall at a Glance

Featured Events

Lead Pastor

Jeremy Shuart

Youth Pastor

Mike Wasyluk

COUNTRY HILLS CONNECTIONS

Candy Carnival

October 2019

p. 7

p. 8

We've been doing some form of a Candy Carni-Inside this issue...... val at Country Hills since before we owned a Candy Carnival p. 1 building to do it in! Rather than hiding away Rainy Gaze from some of the darkness of Halloween we p. 2 choose to be light. There are a few ways you can **Next Steps p.** 3 do this on October 31st. **Sunday Morning** p. 4 **Donate Candy**—the more the better. We want Ride for Refuge p. 5 to be generous and fun that evening **Student Ministries** p. 6

Volunteer—We need lots of volunteers to setup, welcome, run games, and help in the kitchen.

Attend—Come with your family and bring your friends, and neighbours

Stay Home—hand out candy at your door, be a blessing to your neighbourhood, and pray for your neighbours and the Candy Carnival as you do.

Whatever you do, do something! We have a great opportunity to open our church facility to our community and show the love of Jesus through what we do. It's not just a Candy Carnival, it's the gospel in action. Don't miss out on a chance to let Jesus shine through your costume! Contact the church office or sign up at the back

@Country Hills Church

mwasyluk@countryhillschurch.ca Children's Ministries Gina Cowan gcowan@countryhillschurch.ca **Administration and Finance** Jennifer Schuit jschuit@countryhillschurch.ca **Congregational Care Pastor** Randall Benbow rbenbow@countryhillschurch.ca **Worship Director** Krissy Werner

jshuart@countryhillschurch.ca

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

kwerner@countryhillschurch.ca

Rainy Gaze - Pastor Jeremy Shuart



The other day I decided to watch "The Lord of the Rings:

The Fellowship of the Ring" again. There's a scene at the beginning of the movie that caught my attention. Gandalf, the wizard arrives in Hobbiton and Frodo the Hobbit meets him on the road coming into town. Frodo suggests that Gandalf is late to which Gandalf replies "A wizard is never late, nor is he early, he arrives precisely

when he means to." And they both have a good laugh. Earlier that day while I was biking I hit a stretch of road alongside some trees. At that moment the wind picked up and several leaves came cascading down around me as I rode.

Watching the leaves fall and hearing that line reminded me that God is in control, and God is good. It was a gentle reminder that whatever I am going through, God is with me. And God is with you too.

So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the LORD your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you." **Deuteronomy 31:6 (NLT)**

And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Matt 28:20b

COME VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY New in the Library this month

Openness Unhindered: Further Thoughts Wildflowers From Winter on Sexual Identity and Union with Christ

- Rosaria Champagne Butterfield
- **Not by Sight**
- Kate Breslin (historical fiction)

Bathsheba: Reluctant Beauty

- Angela Hunt (a dangerous beauty novel)
- A Cry From the Dust
- Carrie Stewart Parks (suspense)

Where the Fire Falls

- Karen Barnett (a Vintage National Parks novel)

- Katie Ganshert (novel)
- The Sweet By and By
- Sara Evans/Rachel Hauck (a Songbird novel)

Softly and Tenderly

- Sara Evans (a Songbird novel)

Love Lifted Me

- Sara Evans (a Songbird novel)

Series: Great War - Maureen Lang **Springtime of the Spirit** Whispers in the Wind Look to the East

of the church to help.

nextsteps

At Country Hills we believe standing still isn't an option for a follower of Jesus. One question we should regularly be asking ourselves about our spiritual journey is "**What is my next step?**" It is because of this that we'd love for you to take the Next Steps Webinar!

The Next Steps Webinar is a way to learn about CHC - our history, beliefs, vision, and how to get involved. There are 2 parts to this:

Part 1 is for you to view the webinar and look at the other resources **Part 2** is to come to one of our Next Steps Q&A times following service.

The webinar is 35min long and you can find it here: www.countryhillschurch.ca/next-steps-webinar along with the other materials that you can view at your own pace.

Once you watch it and look at the materials, you're ready to come to a Question and Answer time following service. We want to make sure you have a chance to discover more about Country Hills Church, how to follow Jesus, how to get involved here, and have a chance to ask questions. We think that taking time to view this webinar and resources, and dialogue with us at the Q&A time will help you in your faith journey.

Join us **Sunday October 6th following the service**. Please RSVP to our church office to let us know you are coming. We will meet for 30 - 45minutes in Pastor Jeremy's office (on the main floor right beside the kitchen) and there will be some light refreshments. Hope to see you there!

3

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

Contact Isabel Minaker

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

Sunday Morning



Sunday, October 6

"Lies, Love, and Loathing" Jeremy Shuart John 4:20-21

Sunday, October 13

Thanksgiving Sunday "Your Personalized Cup of Blessing" Joshua 1:6-9

Sunday, October 20

"When is Your Ultrasound?" Jeremy Shuart 2 Timothy 2: 1 - 2

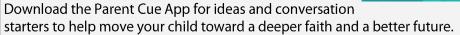
Sunday, October 27

"Plugged In and Powered Up!"
Jeremy Shuart
Matthew 5: 13 - 16

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.

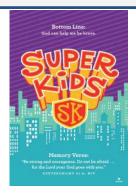
519-578-7275 or office@countryhillschurch.ca





This month in Lighthouse...





Missions Update

Ride for Refuge - Christian Horizons Global, Ethiopia



We are so excited to report about our "Country Hill Cyclists" fundraising success and to tell you about the project our efforts are supporting.

Country Hills Church has partnered with Christian Horizons Global -Ethiopia. Over the years the specific projects that have been supported by Christian Horizons have changed as the members take incredible satisfaction in needs of the people they are serving change. This year, we are supporting their STEP program.

As a way to break the cycle of poverty in Ethiopia, groups of mothers of sponsored children or the children themselves are gathering to form savings groups.

These groups take part in CHG's Saving to End Poverty (STEP) Program. The participants learn the power of saving to change their situations. They save funds collectively and then lend small amounts to group members to begin income generating ventures. The groups usually start the same way, with participants saying "we are too poor to save".

STEP staff encourage them to start by saving a few coffee beans each time they make coffee - in Ethiopia this is usually three times a day. Once the members realize that they can save coffee their mindset changes and they realize that they can harness the resources they have.

The loans that the groups make are usually to buy animals that will reproduce or be fattened to increase their value. The member repays the loan with a small bit of interest and everyone's savings grow. Group saving and starting ventures with their own funds.

This program has seen such positive success that there are plans to expand it to include more families in need.

If you would like to join our team "Country Hills Cyclists" or donate to one of our team members, please go to our website www.countryhillschurch.ca and click on the Ride for Refuge image.

Currently we have 13 team members and we have raised 60% of our \$1200 goal.

Student Ministries This Month

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

Friday, October 4 - Shantz Family Farm

1544 Bleams Rd, RR#2 Petersburg 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Meet at the farm for a fun night of pumpkin picking and a campfire!

Youth Group Lock In Friday, October 18 2019 7:00pm to Saturday, October 19 6:00pm

Cost: \$35

Includes Friday night Pizza, Saturday morning Breakfast and Saturday lunch We are looking forward to a fun weekend together with lots of exciting surprises planned.

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

Friday, October 4 - Shantz Family Farm

1544 Bleams Rd, RR#2 Petersburg 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Meet at the farm for a fun night of pumpkin picking and a campfire!

Friday, November 15 - Laser Quest

1381 Victoria St N, Kitchener Be there by 6:30 pm Pick up at 8:45 pm Meet at Laser Ouest

Cost: \$ 18.00

Fall at a Glance

October

Friday, October 4 Youth and Lighthouse Pro Pumpkin Picking and Campfire

Shantz Family Farm 1154 Bleams Rd, RR#2 Petersburg Pumpkin Picking and Campfire 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Saturday, October 5 Ride for Refuge Koinonia Christian Fellowship

Sunday, October 6 Next Steps Q&A 1:30 am

Tuesday, October 8
Anxiety and Depression Seminar
7:00 pm

Sunday, October 13Thanksgiving
Candy Carnival Candy Drive

Thursday, October 17 (note new date)
Forever Young

12:00 pm Cost: \$10.00

Friday, October 18 7:00pm to Saturday October 19 6:00 pm Youth Lock - in Cost: \$35

Sunday, October 20 Baptism Information Class 11:30 am

Thursday, October 31 Candy Carnival 6:30 - 8:30 pm

November

Sunday, November 3 Jews for Jesus Presentation Hanukkah - Andrew Barron 10:00 am

Tuesday, November 12
Prayer Gathering
7:00 pm
International Day of Prayer for the
Persecuted Church

Wednesday, November 13 Membership Class 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 14
Forever Young Lunch (55+)
12:00pm
Cost: \$10.00

Friday, November 15 Lighthouse Pro Gr. 5&6 Laser Quest 6:30 - 8:45 pm

Saturday, November 16 Young Adults Board Game Café 6:00 pm 321 Weber St. N, Waterloo

Friday, November 15 to Saturday November 16 Promise Keepers 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 24
Potluck Lunch and
Annual Members Meeting
11:30 am

Featured Events

Anxiety & Depression Workshop

Tuesday, October 8 7:00 pm

Stress, anxiety and depression affect millions of Canadians.

Michael Glugosh is the managing director of the Mountainview Clinic for stress and anxiety and has been helping people overcome their struggles with stress, anxiety and depression for 23 years.

At this seminar, Michael will be teaching the life changing skills of cognitive behavioral therapy.

Forever Young for those who are 55+

Thursday, October 17 (please note the change of date) 12:00 pm

We will enjoy listening to "The Hermit and the King" discussion to follow

Cost for lunch: \$10.00

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



Candy Carnival Candy Drive

Thanksgiving Day Sunday, October 13

It takes *a lot* of candy to make our Candy Carnival a success. Please bring your contribution of nut product free candy to the church.

If you are unable to bring your candy on that day, donations of nut product free candy will be accepted at the church until Tuesday, October 29.

Candy Carnival

Thursday, October 31 6:30 - 8:30 pm

We are looking forward to a great night together as we dress up, have fun, and serve the community around us.

We need people to help run games, hand out candy, and visit with those in attendance.

If you can help please contact the church office or sign up on the sign up sheets at the back of the church.

Baptism Information Class

Sunday, October 20 11:30 am following the service

Come and find out more about why Jesus calls us to be baptised and how you can follow Him in this way.

Meet in Pastor Jeremy's office following the service.