

# BETHEL

*Christian Reformed Church*

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## **New Covid-19 Meeting Protocols (as of January 14, 2021) NOTE REGARDING WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Due to the province's latest restrictions meant to curb the spread of Covid-19, we will **NOT** be gathering as a congregation. With the added restrictions put in place this past week, changes are also temporarily being made in delivery of the Sunday worship experience. Please look for further instruction and links that will be provided through an email from the church office as well as the website and the London Bethel Facebook page. Transcripts will continue to be made available in the same manner previously being offered.

If you have any needs or questions please contact the church office, Pastor Eric, the council chair or any elder or deacon of the church. Contact information is located near the end of this bulletin.

**NOTE IF YOU ARE HAVING ANY DIFFICULTY ACCESSING THE Members Only BULLETIN OR WORKING THROUGH THE WORSHIP GUIDE,** please contact the Pastor Eric, the office, one of the council members or another Bethel member who may be able to help.

livestream from the church. You will have received the email link or be able to find it on the Bethel Facebook page. We also hope to celebrate communion (the Lord's Supper) so please have ready elements to use as the bread and the drink of a communion celebration. The series Upside Down Prayer for a Sideways World will focus on the petition of the prayer "Give us today our daily bread."

## **PRAYER MINISTRY AT BETHEL**

*Each week we are encouraged to formulate our personal prayers using such categories as our city, our community, our world; the deepening of God's people; the extending of God's Kingdom; the flourishing of love, justice, peace and the spread of the gospel.*

## **THIS WEEK'S PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:**

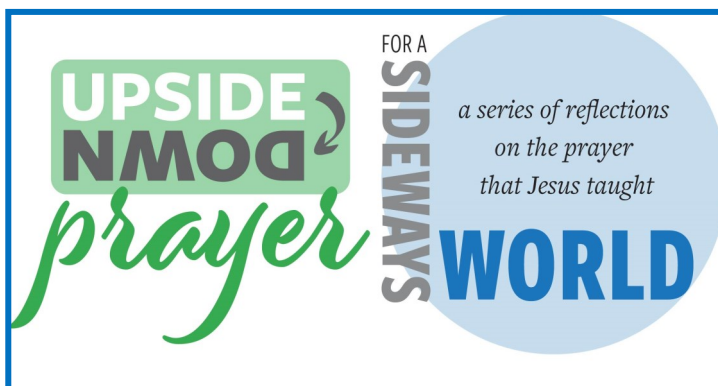
**DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRIES:** In addition to these weekly denominational prayer items, you may access other updated requests through this link of CCNL (Christian Churches Network of London) <http://www.ccnl.org/resources/pray/>

**CHAPLAINCY AND CARE: VETERANS:** Chaplains who serve veterans are increasingly busy as large numbers of young men and women return from recent war fronts with obvious physical injuries or less obvious cognitive and emotional injuries. Pray for strength and resilience for our chaplains serving in hospitals and in long-term care facilities where COVID-19 has taken an immense toll on patients, families, and staff.

**RAISE UP: GLOBAL COFFEE BREAK: ENCOURAGEMENT:** Please pray that our Global Coffee Break groups and leaders will be encouraged as some groups face difficulty and find it hard to meet. May we be able to resource, lead, and encourage these churches and groups so that they can continue to thrive amid difficult situations.

**REFRAME MINISTRIES: BRAZIL:** Roseangela recently took part in an online course about church history from our Portuguese ministry team. "I was able to gain more historical and biblical knowledge, helping with spiritual growth," she shared. Pray that she and others will find new ways to stay connected with God during increased time at home in Brazil.

**RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION: TRAINING:** The church is



**TODAY: January 31, 2021. 10:00 AM:** Pastor Eric continues the series entitled Upside Down Prayer for a Sideways World. The series deals with various phrases and petitions of the Lord's Prayer. We deal with the petition of the prayer "Your will be done on earth as in heaven."

**NEXT WEEK: February 7, 2021. 10:00 AM: Live-Stream & Communion.** Next week we hope to offer a

growing rapidly in many places around the world and needs leaders, but not everyone has access to affordable training. Give thanks for the many believers who have participated in Timothy Leadership Training facilitated by Resonate missionaries. Pray for them as they lead ministries, disciple people, and serve communities.

**PASTOR CHURCH RESOURCES: WISDOM AND LOVE:** In some ways, congregations are like families. There are good times, laughter, tears, and, on occasion, significant strife. Pray for our consultants who work with churches experiencing challenging situations. May God give them wisdom as they offer assistance and counsel. Pray for all of our congregations as they navigate life together.

**RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION: WORLDWIDE:** Teachers have a lot of influence in students' lives. Pray for educators who participate in Educational Care training facilitated by Resonate missionaries throughout the world. Ask the Holy Spirit to work through these educators as they teach students and share the Christian faith in the classroom.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CARE & SHARE:** Need a meal? Know of someone who could use a meal? Maybe a neighbour, friend or co-worker? The meals are free and available to anyone who could use one. Contact Carolyn GN or Carolyn tB.

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GROUNDWORK: PRAYER** - You know Christians are supposed to pray, but do you ever wonder how to pray or why we pray? Study Jeremiah 9:12-13, Philippians 4:4-7, Psalm 66, and Matthew 6:9-13 with Groundwork to better understand the spiritual discipline of prayer and learn how we can cultivate this practice in our daily lives. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP:** The Practice of Engaging Scripture: Retelling Bible stories together helps those stories "stick," especially for kids. Check out

the one-page resource [5 Ways to Retell a Bible Story with Kids](http://5WaysRetell.com) ([tinyurl.com/5WaysRetell](http://tinyurl.com/5WaysRetell)) for ideas. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices))

**CALVIN UNIVERSITY JANUARY SERIES:** Each year Calvin University provides a publicly accessible series of speakers on various topics related to the Christian life and worldview. This year the January Series runs from January 6 through 26, 2021 and because of COVID-19 is offered to us in the safety and comfort of our homes. They are offering an impressive lineup of speakers and topics. The series is free of charge, but you need to register to watch it. More information on the content, speakers list, and REGISTRATION details can be found at [www.calvin.edu/january](http://www.calvin.edu/january)

**READING WHILE BLACK AND REFORMED:** Please join us as Redeemer University celebrates its 2020 Emerging Public Intellectual, New York Times contributing opinion writer and Wheaton College professor Rev. Dr. Esau McCaulley, in conversation with Dr. Vince Bacote (Wheaton College), hosted by Redeemer's own Dr. Jessica Joustra, on Wednesday, January 27, 2021. This live event begins at 7pm, and can be watched at [www.redeemer.ca/events/reading-while-black-and-reformed/](http://www.redeemer.ca/events/reading-while-black-and-reformed/)

**RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 7:** Join with churches throughout the CRCNA in celebrating Race Relations Sunday on February 7. Search the website: [crcna.org/Race](http://crcna.org/Race) for great resources on how you can encourage your congregation to increase their commitment and competence in addressing racism and working to dismantle racism in all its forms.

### Interested in *membership at Bethel Church*?

*In making profession of faith?* To talk further, contact Pastor Eric at [pastor.ericgn@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.ericgn@gmail.com).

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