

- Hall Bookings: It is very important that all hall bookings, no matter how big or small, are confirmed with Bill and Jo-Anne Hoftyzer at 613-652-1211 or [jwhoftzyer@hotmail.com](mailto:jwhoftzyer@hotmail.com). Recently, the hall has been double-booked which has led to some surprises (when both events show up at the same time) or disappointment (when the Custodian's need to cancel one of the bookings). To continue to help the custodian's do their excellent work, please remember to contact Bill and Jo-Anne to book the hall.
- Friendly reminder to the congregation that Christian Counselling Ottawa is available to speak to anyone in the congregation who would like to talk to a trained counsellor about issues related to the resignation of John Noordhof. Please contact Elizabeth at 613-729-8454.
- Council received two reports from Shalem Mental Health Network as a result of their two visits; with Council on May 24 and with the congregation on May 25. Council is working with these reports and its recommendations and will provide additional updates as they are available.
- Council is working on getting a temporary pastor to fill our pulpit as soon as possible. The denomination has two types of temporary pastors: Specialized Transitional Ministers (STM), and Interim pastors. STM's are experienced pastors trained to help congregations deal with challenging times of transition. These pastors provide strategic assistance when churches need help with both regular pastoral duties and the processing of key systemic dynamics in preparation for calling a new pastor. Interim pastors are typically retired ministers who may be available for a short period of time. In conversation with the denominational head office, the only possibility of a STM is Rev. Bernie Bakker (who was at our most recent congregational meeting and has been working at Community CRC in Dixon's Corners. He will continue to work there until October 2017). Council will be reaching out to Rev. Bernie Bakker to see if he is available. Regardless of Rev. Bakker's availability, Council is trying to obtain a list of potential interim pastors to review so that the pulpit can be regularly filled soon.
- Council approved the baptism request for Joel DeVries, son of Brent and Lindsey DeVries.