

The 1<sup>st</sup> **Community Dinner hosted by the Refugee Team** was a great success. We had over 70 people come out to celebrate Christmas with our Syrian families. A traditional Christmas turkey dinner along with delicious Syrian side dishes were enjoyed by all. We celebrated with a few Christmas carols and the Christmas story. Keep your eyes on the bulletin and website for our next Community Dinner in February!



Sunday, January 6, 2019

KELOWNA GOSPEL **kgf** FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

**Today is the Candidating Sunday for Joel Lise as Worship Ministry Pastor. Congregational meeting and the voting will occur at 11:20 am after the service. Please make sure you sign in as a member and pick up your ballot.**

**Marking Time & Staying Dependent**

Parties. Counting down to midnight. Shouts of Happy New Year. Fireworks. Such are the accessories of New Year's Day in North America. In other places around the globe, comparable events occur on Sept 11, Dec 25, Mar 1, Mar 25, Aug 1, etc. There's nothing more or less sacred about this day than any other—although on the liturgical calendar it is claimed as the *Feast of the Naming and Circumcision of Jesus*. For many in our time, its most revered feature lies in its “stat” holiday status.

In the late 50s and 60s, the rural church in which I grew up assigned sacred meaning to New Year's week. New Year's Eve was a prayer meeting, New Year's Day a church service. Each evening of the first week of the new year was devoted to prayer. I confess that at the time it seemed like way too much prayer and church, yet the importance of marking time with a deliberate posture of dependence on God was unmistakable.

January 1 just ushered in 2019. It's a significant year for KGF. Today is set aside for discerning the potential of a fit between Joel Lise and KGF. We're praying that the Holy Spirit will use these next months to bring about a consensus around the direction Jesus wants us to go in order to be faithful to him. We're praying for clarity regarding a new lead pastor.

Jesus' expectations for KGF: A countdown. Discernment. Clarity. In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Paul writes, “*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*” Please usher in this new year by praying with a person or two during coffee time. Or in your home. At your workplace. In your prayer triad. We mark this time with a deliberate posture of dependence on God.

Ron Toews

**Mission:** Knowing Jesus & Making Him Known

**Vision:** To create places of belonging where people can discover Jesus and be equipped to follow Him together.

**Values:** Grounded in the Bible, Guided by the Spirit, Growing in Prayer

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KGF is associated with the Canadian & BC Conferences of Mennonite Brethren churches ([www.mennonitebrethren.ca](http://www.mennonitebrethren.ca)).

*KGF's 9:00 am and 10:45 am services are recorded and broadcast live online. Be advised, the cameras are focused on the stage – not the congregation. If you are concerned with potentially being recorded, you are welcome to sit in the Balcony or Fireside Room.*

Happy New Year from the Kids Min Team!

Today is only **ONE** service for our Kids Min to accommodate for the candidating process for Joel Lise.

Regular, 2 services for Kids Church will resume **next week Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>**

## Converse and youth

Youth will start back up on **January 15<sup>th</sup>**. We are having a winter banquet from 6-9pm at KGF Church!

**Converse** will be kicking off the new semester on **January 9!** We will be in the **fireside room** from 7-9pm. Our board chair Kevan Gilbert will be leading us in a vision and planning exercise to help us map out the rest of the year. Come share your thoughts and help shape our young adults ministry! Then on January 16 we will be back at the Kelowna Gospel Mission!

## Impact POT LUCK DINNER FEBRUARY 7th, 2019

**6pm to 9pm in the Hub**

The program will include:  
Fellowship over a Potluck Meal  
Special music with  
The Okanagan 3 Tenors  
Inspirational Testimony  
Please bring a potluck dish  
to serve 6 people

If you need a ride or for more info phone  
Val at 250.764.2114

## Do you want *financial peace*? Join a Financial Life Class

**Sunday's Jan 13 - Mar 10, 3-5pm**  
Dave Ramsey material \$150

Contact Heidi at [flc@kgfchurch.com](mailto:flc@kgfchurch.com)



## BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER

Caring for people in need is at the heart of KGF's ministry and we are seeking and selecting those who **will begin training in February** to provide one-to-one Christian Care to others. We would love to have a conversation with those who are interested in Stephen Minister or know of someone who would be.

Information Pamphlets are at **Starting Point Desk** & an Information Table will be **in the Hub on January 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**.

Please also check out Stephen Ministry at Maclean Bible Church – YouTube.

**Wayne Laurie – Stephen Leader**, Email: [mtnpeak@me.com](mailto:mtnpeak@me.com),  
Phone: 250-212-0312.



## Are you Handy? Join our Facility Maintenance Team

We are looking for people of all ages & skills to join our **Facilities Maintenance Team**. We already have a fantastic core of volunteers but would like to see you also be part of this great team. Come **January 19<sup>th</sup> for breakfast at 9 am** in the HUB to meet with **Robert Bruce**, our Facility Board member, & the current team.

Please email Pearl at [pearl@kgfchurch.com](mailto:pearl@kgfchurch.com) or sign up on Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup>. Join us and see if this is an area where you can serve this year.

## PrimeTime Serving at North Okanagan Gleaners

**Processing Plant**, 973 Whitevale Road, Lavington,  
BC phone:250-558-5872

**Our Next trip to The Gleaners will be Saturday January 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 1:00pm**  
Come out for a fun morning of processing vegetables, packaging soup mix and fellowship. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and go out for Lunch afterwards with the group. If possible, please bring some baking to help fill their freezer for coffee time.

Please RSVP by January 9<sup>th</sup>  
[monicaewert@hotmail.com](mailto:monicaewert@hotmail.com)



Join the *Refresh* winter bible study on the *Book of Revelation* starting Jan 14/16

Monday evenings 6:30-8:30pm  
Or Wednesday mornings 9-11am

Register online at [kgfchurch.com](http://kgfchurch.com)  
or email [women@kgfchurch.com](mailto:women@kgfchurch.com)

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