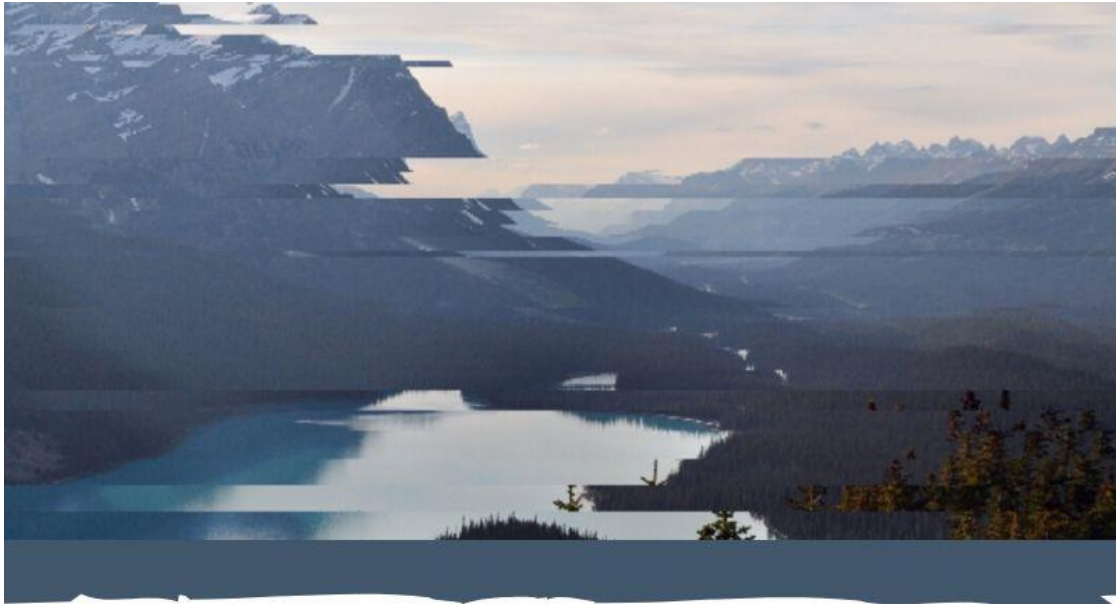


**Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario**



epiphany 2020

LIVING THE KINGDOM LIFE

January 12 | the happy life



**6:00 pm - No Service at Church this evening,
allowing for Communities or small groups to meet.**

Discussion material is available in hard copy at the Information Centre or can be found on the church website at www.ccrcc.on.ca (click on the "Communities/Small Groups" tab). If you do not know what "Community" you belong to, please have a look at the Community Board or speak to one of the pastors.

The remaining designated Community Sundays for this winter/spring are:

Jan 26, Feb 9, Feb 23, Mar 8, Mar 22, Apr 5, Apr 19, May 3

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Jack K (7) remains as a patient at St. Mary's Hospital dealing with heart issues. Pray that all may go well.

Please continue to pray for:

- those who are shut-in and/or unable to worship with us on a regular basis because of various health issues;
- those dealing with depression and other forms of mental illness;
- those dealing with cancer, its treatment and effects:
- those dealing with broken relationships;
- those who are unemployed or underemployed;
- **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island; **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering in Guatemala; **Shannon C** serving as Chaplain at Forest Heights Long Term Care; **Pastor Brian B** serving with Waterloo Campus Ministry
- the staff and leadership at the Journey
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

UPCOMING SERVICES

Jan 19	10 a.m.	Pastor John
	6 p.m.	Pastor John
Jan 26	10 a.m.	Pastor Carel Baptism: Ava T
	6 p.m.	Communities meet

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Offerings received for Jan 1 & Jan 5, 2020

Budget Contributions

Jan 5 Actual Contributions	\$8,030
Jan 5 Target Contributions	\$13,225
2020 Contributions budget	\$885,704

2nd Offering

Benevolence (Refugee Fund)	\$	2,102
Faith's Orphans Fund	\$	1,265
House of Friendship	\$	100
Laurentian Hills Christian School	\$	100
Benevolence	\$	100
Habitat for Humanity	\$	125
World Renew	\$	25

Our offering today is for Youth Unlimited.

Youth Unlimited is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian ministry organization that focuses on assisting local congregations in their youth ministry through short-term mission trips and youth conferences.

Next week our offering is for Redeemer University College.

"Redeemer University College is a Christian undergraduate university offering programs leading to Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Education degrees. From its Hamilton, Ontario campus, Redeemer has prepared graduating classes — the next generation of Christian leaders — for more than 35 years. Redeemer students are being shaped by the Reformed Christian commitment to see faith woven through all aspects of learning and life."

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Sunday Youth Room and Seniors Coffee:

Dear Congregation. As a response to the needs assessment of the go! Building project, we (The Administrative Council) have initiated a 4-week trial of a **youth room** available after the Service on Sundays. The trial will run Sunday January 19 until Feb 9 – 4 consecutive Sundays. Youth (grade 9 to age 25) are invited to use the large multi purpose room off the gym. A few fun amenities are available for them to use – a new foosball table, and some games. They are encouraged to use the room however they choose.

Since we will be using the multi purpose room for the youth, we will be setting up the **Seniors coffee** in the foyer. There will be a tea and coffee station as well as a number of round tables in addition to the soft seating already in place. As this is a trial, we ask for your patience as we observe what works and what doesn't.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation in this pilot.

Administrative Council

Volunteers for morning services! Do you play acoustic or bass guitar, drums, piano, or keyboard? Want to play for a service once a month, every other month, or even just occasionally? Join the worship ministry – email Rachel V if interested. Want to support worship services in another way? Help to take care of babies and toddlers in nursery – email Stephanie S to volunteer.

Congregational Assistance Plan: As you can see from the posters hanging all over the church building, we are officially enrolled in the Congregational Assistance Plan (CAP) offered by the Shalem Mental Health Network. CAP is a means by which Christian counseling services are made available to members and regular attendees. If you need someone to talk to; if your relationships are not what they should be; if you are distressed in any way; if you are suffering from depression or some other mental illness, please feel free to call toll-free: 866-347-0041. **All services are strictly confidential.** Those who have joined CCRC over the past year will find the necessary information in your mailboxes. Questions? Go to ccrc.on.ca and follow the links to CAP or talk to Pastor Carel.

Cadets (a club for boys ages 7-13) meets Monday, January 13 at 7:00 pm.

Knifty Knitters meet Tuesday, January 14 at 9:30 a.m. at the church. We love to knit and crochet. New members are always welcome. Almost all of our projects are donated to Faith's Orphans in Zambia.

Friendship will resume this coming Tuesday January 14 at 7pm at the church. Please remember to call your student to remind them we are resuming our meetings. Sandra S. will be the storyteller as we look at Lesson 3 Peter and Dorcas.

The Consistory and Diaconate will meet this Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm at the church.

GEMS (a club for girls ages 7-13) meets Thursday, January 16 at 7:00pm.

Faith Formation Workshop – This Friday, Jan 17, 7-9 pm @ CCRC. Everyone at CCRC is invited to participate in an evening workshop exploring the question: "How do young adults stick with faith?" Rev. Lesli Van Milligen will facilitate our interactive conversation with insights from the *Renegotiating Faith Report*, a large survey of young adult Christians in Canada. This 2019 report highlights the new cultural challenges and struggles of emerging adults in our modern context...and the way that the church is helping or hindering young adults as they navigate their changing world and their faith. Questions? Please contact Pastor Amanda.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

For all of the announcements, employment and volunteer opportunities available through the Denomination and others, please see the listing and posters on the Deacons bulletin board across from the washrooms for information.

Young Adults! - It's not too late! There is still time to register for the Young Adult Winter Retreat! Join others aged 18-30ish from across the province on January 24-26, 2019 at Maranatha CRC in Woodstock for a weekend sure to be full of spiritual encouragement, faith-based discussions, service, workshops, fellowship, and funtivities! This year's theme is SEEING CLEARLY. We look forward to what Pastor Daryl has to teach us, and how the Holy Spirit will move our hearts, as we discuss seeing God, yourself and the world with clarity, and seeing prayer as a two-way communication. Visit our Facebook page "Young Adult Winter

Retreat" or email ya.retreat.team@gmail.com for more details and to register. We hope to see you there!

The Banner magazine wants to hear from you! - Please take our survey at thebanner.org/Survey. Help us improve to serve you better. Your participation is voluntary, confidential, and will only take about 10 minutes. Thank you!

Youth Missions Opportunity - World Renew is sending a Youth Missions team to Nicaragua over March Break, and there is still space for you to join! This will be a wonderful opportunity to experience a new culture, develop relationships, and see how God is working in Nicaragua. High-school students from Ontario are invited to call 1-888-WRLD-RNW x4369 or email globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net for more information and to apply!

Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat at the University of Guelph: Wednesday, January 22, 7pm: Guelph Campus Ministry (GCM) invites you to campus for a workshop with speaker and author Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat, Adjunct Professor of Biblical Studies at Trinity College, at the University of Toronto. **Dr. Keesmaat will be speaking and leading a workshop about women in the Bible, with a particular focus on Jesus' interactions with women.** In spite of living in a world that was overwhelmingly controlled by men, women in the Bible engaged in some pretty innovative strategies of resistance, hope and leadership. What can they teach us about such resistance and hope today? This event is part of Jesus Week at the University of Guelph, a week during which all the Christian groups on campus work together to share the Good News of Jesus in today's context. Meet us in Raithby House (at the centre of campus, across from the Cannon—ask anyone on campus and they will direct you to the Cannon!) at 6:45pm and we'll walk together to the classroom where the event will

be held (Richards building, room 2520). Questions? Want more info? Contact us at gcm@uoguelph.ca or text/call campus minister Sara DeMoor at 519-732-3517.

MISCELLANEOUS

Kindergarten Information Evening for New JK and SK Students for 2020-2021: Laurentian Hills Christian School, located at 11 Laurentian Drive in Kitchener, will be holding an Information Evening for parents of new Junior and Senior Kindergarten students for the 2020/2021 school year on Wednesday, January 29th, at 7:00 pm. Our Principal, Mr. Ian Timmerman, will articulate what LHCS has to offer your family. Our kindergarten teachers will familiarize you with our extensive kindergarten programs with their balance of structured instruction and inquiry-based learning. Laurentian Hills Christian School offers families the choice of part-time or full-time Kindergarten programs. You will also have a tour of the school and a chance to explore the kindergarten classrooms. If you have any questions regarding this information evening, please contact the school office at [519-576-6700](tel:519-576-6700). Check out our website at www.lhcs.net