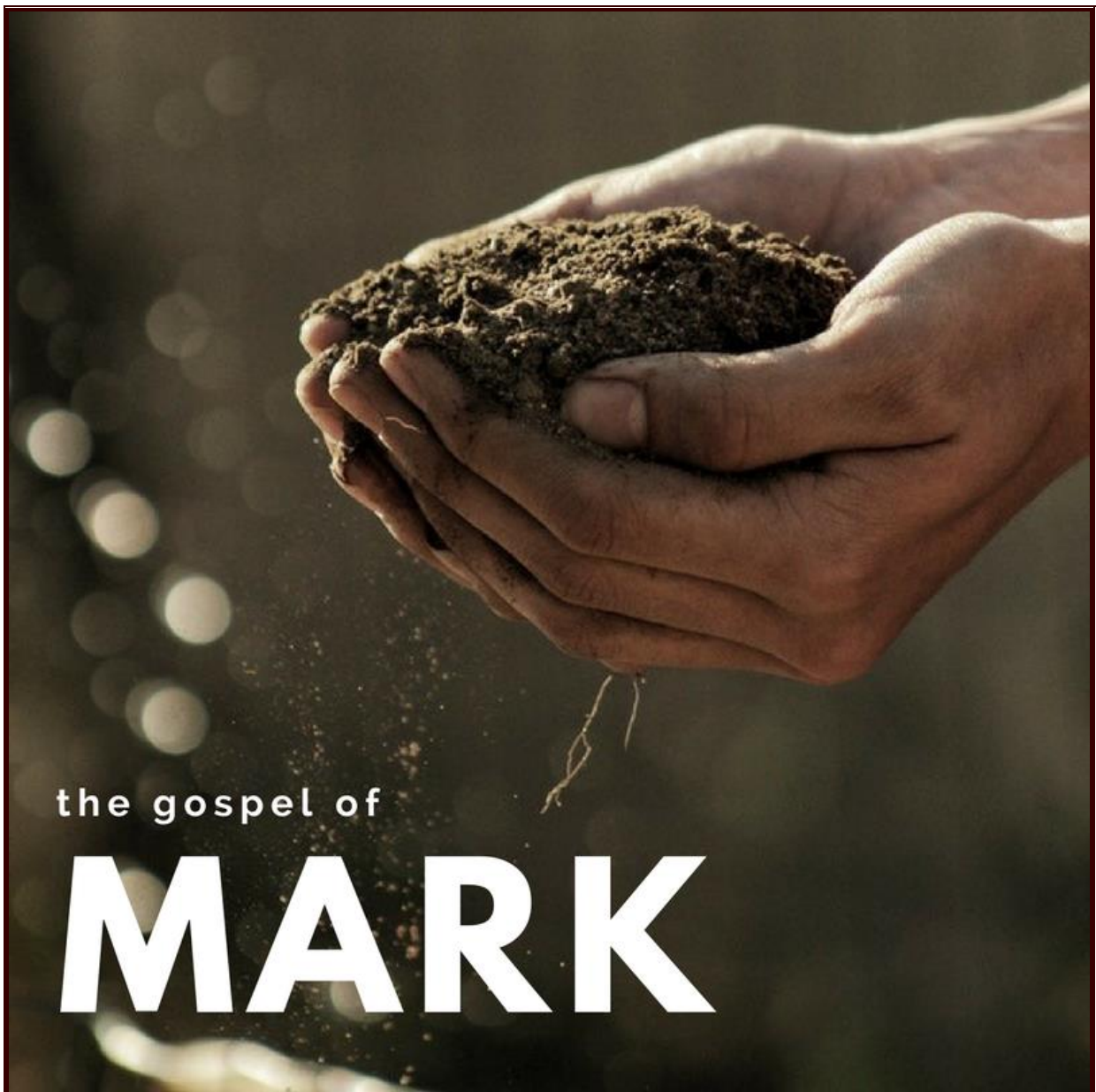


Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
January 21, 2018



Parables of the Kingdom

January 21, 2018
10:00 a.m.
Pastor John Medendorp
Elder-in-Charge: Andy d

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"I Am Not My Own"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"How Great is Our God/How Great Thou Art"*

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Response: PsH #490 *"Blessed Assurance: Jesus is Mine"*

*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Children's Blessing

Children ages 3 – Grade 3 are now invited to participate in Sunday School. Children (ages 3-5 only) need to be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Proclamation of the Word

*Song of Preparation: PsH #452 *"He Leadeth Me"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Mark 4:26-34

Sermon: **"Parables of the Kingdom"**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

Children in Grades 4-6 are invited to participate in their weekly sermon discussion.

*Song of Response: *"Be Thou My Vision"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) Resonate Global Mission

Offertory: *"Behold Our God"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *"Go Now In Peace"*

**The congregation is asked to remain in their seats after the service to allow the Pastor and people with special duties or disabilities to exit first.
Please exit when the music begins.**



Following the service, everyone is invited to come together for fellowship and coffee/tea/juice in the gymnasium. Coffee for seniors is served in the Multi-Purpose room.

6:00 pm

Pastor Carel Geleynse

Pianist: Karen N

[* *Please rise, in body or spirit*]

Praise and Prayer

Welcome

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: PsH #253: 1, 3, 4 *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

Confession of Faith: Belgic Confession Article 30

Song of Response: PsH #223 *"For the Glories of God's Grace"*

Prayer and Share

Offering: Resonate Global Mission

Hearing the Word

*Song of Preparation: PsH #593: 1,2,3,5 *"My Song Forever Shall Record"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 3: 1-21

Sermon: **'A Just and Merciful God'**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: PsH #479 *"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: PsH #628 *"Praise God, You Angel Hosts Above"*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Our condolences are extended to **Annie B (11)** with the passing away of her grandson, **Jacob Amos B.** Jacob passed away on Friday, January 12, 2018 from a brain tumour at the age of 12. He was the son of Rudy and Henrietta B. The funeral will be held this past Thursday in Brampton.

Our condolences are also extended to **Sylvia and Gary L, and their children, Richelle, Deanna, Janine and Alisha (9)** with the passing away of Sylvia's brother, **Richard A.** Richard passed away on January 17 after fighting a battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Wendy, 5 children and one grandson.

Jane V (2) is currently in Tarboro, North Carolina where she is serving for 2 more weeks on a World Renew Disaster Response team as part of the cooking team for those working on fixing houses after Hurricane Matthew.

John & Anne D (13) are also volunteering with World Renew Disaster Response Services in San Marcos, TX until this coming Saturday, January 27.

The annual *Calvin Symposium on Worship* is a three-day *conference* sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian *Worship* and the Center for Excellence in Preaching. All three of our pastors, who have been part of a preaching peer group will be attending this event this coming Thursday through Saturday (Jan. 25-27).

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;
- **Hans O**, son-in-law, of **Dan and Hetty F** (7), husband to **Rachel** and father to **Jacob and Hannah**
- those dealing with depression and other forms of mental illness;
- those dealing with cancer, its treatment and effects: **Shannon B** (7); **Kerri O** (4)
- continuing as a patient as St. Mary's, **Olga S** (11); **Jane D** (14) at Victoria General in London
- those dealing with broken relationships;
- those who are unemployed or underemployed;
- **John and Jane H** with Samaritan Foundation in the Dominican Republic; **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island; **Kim H** with Resonate Global Mission in Guatemala; **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering with Resonate Global Mission in Guatemala

Congratulations to the following members in our congregation celebrating a birthday in the coming week:



Jan 21 – Frederika V (13)

Jan 24 – Emily B (14)

Jan 26 – Frank R (13)

Jan 27 – Tiemie D (14)

May they experience God's richest blessings in the coming year and as they celebrate their birthdays!

UPCOMING SERVICES

Jan 28	10 a.m.	Pastor Carel Baptisms: Emma H (4) Nolan V (6) Professions of Faith: Emma G (13) Adam H (11)
	6 p.m.	Communities meet
Feb 4	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda Cadets Participate
	6 p.m.	Pastor John

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Budget Contributions For January 14, 2018

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Jan 14	\$9,454	\$12,758	(\$3,304)
YTD	\$27,298	\$25,517	\$1,791
Faith's Orphans Fund			\$ 1,795
Redeemer University College			\$ 115
Christian Horizons			\$ 100
World Renew			\$ 100

This week our offering is for Resonate Global Mission.

Next week our offering is for the Ontario Christian Gleaners. *"Ontario Christian Gleaners is an interdenominational Christian organization that seeks to visibly demonstrate God's love and grace by working with volunteers to collect, process, and distribute surplus agricultural produce for the relief of the hungry in overseas nations. They produce a dehydrated soup mix using surplus produce that is non*

saleable in the North American retail market due to colour, size or shape and use it to produce a nutritious soup mix that is used to feed the hungry overseas."

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

The Parents' Information Session regarding Children at the Lord's Supper has been moved to Sunday, February 4 following the morning service. Join Pastor Amanda for a brief conversation that will cover CCRC's position on children at the Table, the CCRC process for welcoming children to the Table, and how you as a parent can walk alongside your baptized child as you discern their readiness to participate in this sacrament.



CCRC go! Pledges Jan 18/18

Thank you to everyone who has completed pledge forms thus far. To date, we have received 120 forms totalling \$988,420. If you haven't yet completed your form, it is still needed and blank forms can be found at the information desk. Unfortunately, at this point we are not in a place to move forward with the CCRC go!

Project. At presentation of the proposal, the timeline for beginning the project was spring of 2018 provided we met our threshold. At the current pledge amount the plan to begin this spring is at risk as plans, approvals and permits need to be in place in advance to begin breaking ground. We're hopeful that more completed pledge forms come into the church over the coming week and following that, members of the finance committee will follow up with households individually regarding their completed form. Considerable effort and volunteer time has been put into this project thus far, thank you to those who have continued to volunteer their time.

Congregational emails: This past week the church office sent out a number of emails to the entire church body. If you did not receive any emails but would like to be included in our listing, please let the office know at office@ccrc.on.ca. Thank you.

Craft the Winter Blah's away! Community 2, 6, and 7 invite you to an Inter-Community Craft Fellowship Day held in the church gym on Saturday **January 27th from 8 - 5 pm**. There is NO COST and it includes a light breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack! What craft do you do? Knitting, painting, crocheting, embroidery, quilting, card making, scrapbooking???? All are invited. Come for the full day or half of the day. We hope to have some people who are willing to help if you "just don't know how to do that stitch" or "what is a Cricut machine?" For more information feel free to talk with Laura D, Agnes B or Darlene B.

Church Library News: We are excited to announce that a number of new books have been added to the shelves in the library over the last month. For adult fiction we have added to some of your favorite series plus we have purchased some new authors. This month we are featuring Lynn Austin as our "Author of the Month" and you will find a number of her books displayed on the centre table. In addition, there is a display of non-fiction books relating to the sermon series on the Gospel of Mark which you might find helpful for deeper, personal study. We have also added some new series for our younger readers and some great books to read to your kids. So come and check out the library today!

Finally, just a reminder that the CCRC Library Catalogue is online and to access the catalogue just go to the church website at www.ccrcc.on.ca and click on the "Ministries tab". Select "library" and follow the instructions on the Library page. The program currently lists the full catalogue with all the books, novels, study materials, CD and DVD's that the library has along with a functioning search menu. It is a convenient way to view the resources available in our church library from the comfort of your home or office. So check out our website if you are looking for a specific book or resource.

Hey VINE Members: We have an interesting week this week. Today, we have a discussion on the topic of Worldly Amusements. Then, on Saturday, January 27, we have our first social for this year: Bowling @ Bingemans! More information will be emailed out later on this event.

Please note that if you have any questions, contact Matthias M or Trevor B.

Cadets (boys 7-13) will meet tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



L.A.F.F. (Life After Fifty Five) will meet this Tuesday morning, January 23, at the church. Please see the back cover of the bulletin for more details.

Friendship meets again on Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. at the church. This week we will have a fun night. It is also an "Invite a Friend" night so we hope to see lots of people enjoying fun and fellowship.

Council meets this Tuesday, January 23 at the church. Due to the length of the agenda the meeting will start at **7:00 p.m.**

Volleyball: All are welcome to join on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of every month at **8:30 p.m.** for fun and non-competitive volleyball. If you have questions or would like to know more, please contact Adom P or check out our Facebook Page "Volleyball at CCRC".

Coffee Break meets this Wednesday, at 9:30 am at the church. Women of all ages and stages of life are encouraged to join us for a morning of prayer, fellowship and renewal. Childcare is provided.



The three studies we are involved with are the following: 1) Psalms - My Sentiments Exactly by Infuse Bible Studies, 2) Uninvited by Lysa TerKeurst, and 3) David: A Heart Like His (continued from last term).

Any questions, please contact coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca"

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour – Girls 7-13) will meet this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



Student Impact High School Youth (Gr. 9 – 12)

Student Impact **will not** be meeting this week, Jan 24th, due to exams. Looking ahead to January 31, we will be headed to Chicopee Tube Park for an evening of snow tubing. Drop off and pick up at Chicopee Tube Park. The cost will be \$10. This is a great event to invite a friend, schoolmate or neighbour! Time to get outside together and have some winter fun!

See the youth board for a full calendar of upcoming events.

Attention Grade 12 Students: Change of Date! You are invited to meet with the youth elders **Sunday, Feb. 4**. We would like to discuss youth at CCRC and your plans for next year. We will leave the service at the same time the Gr. 4-6 students go out and meet in room 3. Snacks will be provided.

The following ministries are looking for volunteers:

- The Worship Committee
 - Musicians
- The Worship Committee
 - Congregational Representative
- The Kitchen Auxiliary
- The Safe Church Team
- The Missions Strategy Team

Please check out the “Connect, Participate, Serve” bulletin board for more details. Prayerfully consider if you are able to give of your time and talents to become involved in one of these ministries.

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.

MISCELLANEOUS

Kindergarten Information Evening for New JK and SK Students for 2018-2019: 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 2018/2019 school year on Monday, January 29th, at 7:00 pm. We offer both full-time and part-time kindergarten programs. You are invited to come and learn about the difference Christian education could make in the life of your child. 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 web site at www.lhcs.net

Woodland Christian High School's annual Dessert and Benefit Auction is only 5 weeks away! Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, March 3rd starting at 5:00 pm.** Plan to escape the wintry chills for a few hours and take a trip with us *Around the World* themed evening. Invite a friend for a

night of Fun, Food, and Fellowship! Call the school for more information.

Camp Shalom Summer Staff - If you love Jesus and like working with kids or individuals with special needs, then apply to be on staff at Camp Shalom this summer. Located just outside of Cambridge, Ont., Camp Shalom offers programming for kids in grades 1-12 and for adults with special needs. We are now accepting applications for our summer staff positions. All positions are paid and you must be 17 before Dec. 31st, 2018 to apply. Visit www.countrysidecamp.com to apply and for a list of available positions. Interviews will start February 17th.