

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
KITCHENER, ONTARIO
FEBRUARY 10, 2019

*"Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God"*

-ROMANS 12:1

GOD'S SUFFERING, OUR SUFFERING

February 10, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Amanda Bakale

Elder-in-Charge: Janet H

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.

**Congregation: For great is his love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.
Praise the Lord!**

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"*

"In Christ Alone"

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church

2) Woodland Christian High School

Offertory Song: *"You Are Mine"*

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 #500 *"How Firm a Foundation"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Romans 12

Sermon: **"A Living Sacrifice"**

Prayer of Application

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

*Song of Response: *"Behold the Lamb"*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Institution

The Teaching

Prayer of Thanksgiving: PsH #309 *"Lift Up Your Hearts Unto the Lord"*

The Invitation

The Distribution of the Elements- the bread is Udi's gluten, dairy and nut free
- the juice is non-alcoholic

"Jesus, Draw Me Nearer"

"Nearer, Still Nearer"

"God Be Merciful to Me"

"Depth of Mercy"

Response of Praise: Romans 11: 33-36

God' Parting Blessing

Doxology: PsH #627 *"Bless His Holy Name"*

**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.**

There is no evening service today

Members have the opportunity to meet in their Communities or Small Groups today. Study material is available in hard copy at the Information Centre or on the church website at www.ccrc.on.ca (click on the "Communities/Small Groups" tab). If you do not know what "Community" you belong to, please contact the church office or Pastor Carel.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Congratulations to **Kevin and Natasha S (4)** with the birth of a daughter. **Lylah Ann** was born on January 26 and all is well. Praise God for this gift of new life!

Jim & Barb R (6) and **Jane V (2)** continue their volunteer assignment with World Renew Disaster Response Needs in Albany, Georgia where they are assisting in a needs assessment. This community was greatly affected by Hurricane Michael in October, 2018.

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;
- the staff and leadership at the Journey;
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

Thank You,

Rosario and I would like to thank CCRC and all our friends who have upheld us in prayer. This has certainly has been a great comfort and encouragement to us these last few weeks. My healing after surgery is on track and hopefully in a few weeks I can

start cardio therapy. God is Good and we give Him all thanks for His mercy.

We wish you all Shalom,

Hank & Rosario S

UPCOMING SERVICES

Feb 17	10 a.m.	Pastor John
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel
Feb 24	10 a.m.	Pastor Carel Cadets participate Baptism – Everly Jantje D (9)
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Budget Contributions For February 3, 2019

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
Feb 3	\$12,688	\$14,153	(\$1,465)	
YTD	\$62,954	\$86,766	(\$23,812)	
World Renew – Canadian Foodgrains Bank			\$	5,585
Missionary Support			\$	220
Office of Social Justice			\$	100

Our offering today is for Woodland Christian High School. Woodland Christian High School is a vibrant Christian community of learning where the love of God is evident and where students will be equipped to serve in our society as followers of Christ.

Next week our offering is for the Benevolence Fund. This fund is used by the deacons to financially assist those within our church and the community when a need arises or help is requested.

The 2018 Charitable Tax Receipts were put in the church mailboxes a few weeks ago. If you have any questions about your receipt please contact **Karen V**, our Contributions Secretary.

Peter Fish: Please return your Peter Fish (empty or full) to the church. This will allow the deacons to finalize the donation to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the empty Peter Fish to be used again.

MISSIONARY CORNER

We received a short update from **Anthony and Barbara P** who work with Daystar Native Outreach on Manitoulin Island. Please help yourself to a copy of the latest news at the Information Centre.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Blessing others: Our GEMS club has been working diligently on blessing projects throughout this year. Our next project, on February 28th, involves creating blessing bags for the homeless. We are asking you to please consider donating the following items to help us complete this blessing project; tissues, **deodorant, shampoo, raisins, soap, bandages, cotton swabs, dried fruit, crackers, toothbrush, toothpaste, mittens, scarves, and hats.** These items can be dropped off on Sunday or contact Shawna V or Kristin G for alternate arrangements.

Abuse Prevention Training: Attention all volunteers who have not yet had the Abuse Prevention Training in the fall. Did you know that this training is mandatory in order to serve? You can do the training using the training binder with your ministry leader. The Safe Church Team has recognized that many still have yet to do the training and we're already halfway through the ministry year. Therefore we are offering **one more training night: February 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary.** If you are unable to attend but need the training, please reach out to your ministry leader to go over the training binder with you. Otherwise contact Paula L to make other arrangements.

Teacher's Brunch: If you are a trained educator from K to university, regardless of whether you are currently working in this field, you are invited to a special **"Teacher's Brunch" at the church on Saturday, February 23rd starting at 10 am.** At this event you will have the opportunity to meet others at CCRC who share your vocation and receive inspiration to keep serving the Lord in your work. Please RSVP your attendance with Harriette M by Friday, February 15th. Even if you are not a member of CCRC, you are encouraged to join us.

Cadets (a club for boys ages 7 – 13) will meet tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



Knifty Knitters: If you love to knit and/or crochet, please join us at the church on Tuesday, February 12 at 9:30 a.m. for another morning of caring through crafting.



Friendship News: Friendship will meet this Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



Consistory will meet this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Coffee Break meets this Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Women of all ages and stages of life are encouraged to join us for a morning of prayer, inter-generational fellowship and spiritual accountability and renewal. Childcare is provided. Any questions, please contact coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca



Impact: This coming Wednesday, Feb. 13, the Big Group Topic will be about Biblical Justice. We are told to live justly - what does the Bible say about Justice and what does that mean in our everyday lives?



AOYC 2019 – The All Ontario Youth Convention is an opportunity for highschool-age youth to connect, worship and serve with other youth from across Ontario. This annual event is a highlight for many, and will be held at Wilfrid Laurier University May 17-20. More info is available at allontario.com.

In order to get the Early-Bird rate, you must register on-line on the AOYC site **before**

March 1. CCRC is also contributing \$50 for our youth who register before April 15. To receive the \$50 bursary, **do not pay online at the AOYC site.** Instead, select the option to pay by cheque when registering, print out the confirmation form, and submit it with your cheque payable to CCRC for the total amount minus \$50 to Steve or Michelle F. When registering online, consider the options to buy a T-shirt and donate \$5. If you have any questions, please talk to an Impact leader or contact Steve F.

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour a club for girls ages 7-13) will meet this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



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.

Renegotiating Faith: Walking with young adults through a critical season in faith formation. The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada's recent research study -- "Renegotiating Faith: The Delay in Young Adult Identity Formation and What It Means for the Church in Canada" -- will be the focus of an evening conversation at Redeemer University College (co-sponsored with CRC Faith Formation Ministries). The report's lead researcher and author, Rick Hiemstra, will present an overview of the report's findings and recommendations,

followed by a panel of experts moderated by FFM's Dr. Syd Hielema. The evening will provide a clearer understanding of young adult faith lives and suggest specific steps to take for congregations and families as they walk with young adults. The evening is intended to support church leaders, parents, teachers, young adults and teenagers. Wednesday, March 6 at Redeemer, 7:30 – 9 pm. This event is free. (The entire report can be found online by googling its title.)

The Annual Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 9:00 - 3:30 at the Waterloo CRC. All are welcome! This year's special guest will be Bev Sterk from Lynden, Washington who spoke passionately at last year's synod about abuse and what the denomination needs to do to prevent it. Other speakers include Kathy Smith, adjunct professor of church polity at Calvin Seminary, Grand Rapids, and former crown attorney Henry Van Drunen. In addition there is a presentation on the "Circle of Grace" Abuse Prevention curriculum; a presentation on cyber-bullying by the Waterloo Regional Police Department and a session on detection and prevention of suicide.

All ministry leaders (pastors, elders, deacons, youth ministry leaders) and those involved with abuse awareness are urged to attend. For further information and registration visit www.wmott.ca/scc.

Coffee Break and Small Group Workshop - Join us at Bethel CRC in Listowel, Ont. on Monday, March 25, 2019 (9:30am - 3pm). Marian Lensink of Global Coffee Break

(CRCNA) will lead a workshop focused on engaging scripture together, leading a small group well, praying in and for our groups, and having an evangelistic perspective. The cost is \$35. Register online at listowelworkshop.eventbrite.com by Wednesday March 20. Anyone involved in a small group of any kind is invited to attend. Lunch and refreshments are provided.

Groundwork: The Gift of Hospitality - How can hosting a party, serving a meal, or opening your home to house guests bring glory to God? Join Groundwork as we examine Genesis 18:1-8, 1 Peter 4:8-11, and Romans 12:9-13 to see why hospitality is both a virtue the Holy Spirit cultivates in all believers and a spiritual gift given to some. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Think Christian Podcast - Think Christian has a new podcast. Editor and film critic Josh Larsen and popular Think Christian writers talk pop culture and how movies, music, video games, and TV can resonate with our faith. Listen at thinkchristian.net/podcast. Think Christian is a ministry of ReFrame Media - the English language ministry of Back to God Ministries International.

MISCELLANEOUS

Women Softball Players needed: I am looking for ladies over the age of 15 to play on the Community Christian Reformed Church ladies softball team. Our team has been competing for over 20 years in the Kitchener area. We play every Thursday

evening from 7-9 starting in May and ending the second week of August in the Kitchener Ladies Mennonite Church league. If you are interested in joining our team please contact Jen K.

Lost: On Sunday, February 3, someone mistakenly took Tom H's woollen cap (blue herringbone) from the shelf near the Peter Fish display. Please return it to the church. Thank you!