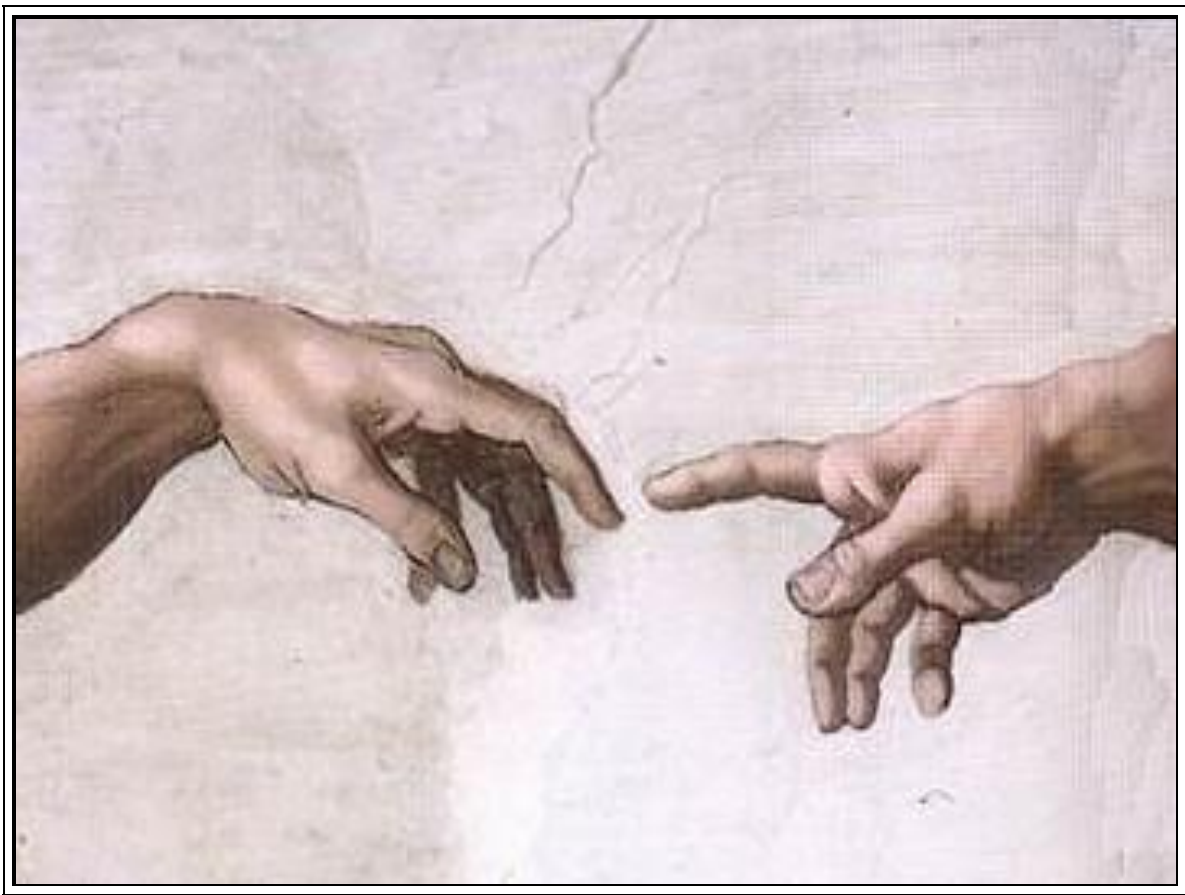


Community Christian Reformed Church  
Kitchener, Ontario  
May 28, 2017



In God's Image

**May 28, 2017**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor Amanda Bakale**

*Elder-in-Charge: Joel V*

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

This morning **we welcome the Woodland Christian High School Choir** under the direction of Mr. Jonathan Hunse. The choir is comprised of students from Grades 9-12 who practice on a weekly basis as an extra-curricular activity. They leave later this week for a tour to Chicago.

### **Gathering and Greeting**

Gathering Song: (WCHS Choir) *“Let Thy Holy Presence”* (P. Tschesnokoff)

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*God’s Greeting and Mutual Greeting

\*Songs of Praise: PsH #291 *“May the Mind of Christ, My Saviour”*

### **Confession and Assurance**

Call to Confession: (WCHS Choir) *“Indodana”* (trad. Arr. M Barrett and R. Schmitt)

Ngob’umthatile umtwana wakho, uhlale nathi	The Lord has taken his son who lived amongst us
Indodana ka nkulunkulu bayi’bethelela	The son of the Lord God was crucified.
Baba Jehova	Father Jehovah
Hololo, helele, zjem zjem	not words; these are sounds and expressions of sobbing, distress, and frustration

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: (WCHS Choir) *“The Plans I Have For You”* (Jonathan Adams)

Confession of Faith (WCHS Choir) *“Praise His Holy Name”* (Keith Hampton)

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 #391 *“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3: 1-17

Sermon

Prayer of Application

### **Response to the Word**

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

\*Song of Response: *"Oh the Deep, Deep, Love of Jesus"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community CRC

2) Back to God Ministries International

Offertory Song: (WCHS Choir) *"I Dreamed of Rain"* (Jan Garrett arr. L. Nickel)

Song of Dedication: (WCHS Choir) *"Blest are the Eyes That Have Not Seen You"* (Fred Gramann)

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: (WCHS Choir) *"Living in a Holy City"* (Stephen Hatfield)

**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 John Medendorp**

*Pianist: Ashley B*

[\* Please rise, in body or spirit]

### **Praise and Prayer**

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Opening Song of Praise: PsH #249 *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

Psalm 130

Song of Response: *"Before the Throne of God Above"*

Prayer and Share

Offering: Back to God Ministries International

### **Hearing the Word**

Song of Preparation: *"Ancient Words"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 18: 9-14

Sermon: **"Exalting Ourselves"**

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: PsH #263 *"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"*

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: PsH #638 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

*The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong*

Congratulations to **Dan and Alannah S** (4) who were married on May 20, 2017. We wish them God's blessing in their life together.

**Erin H** (4) and **Milad M** will be married this Saturday, June 3 in St. Jacobs with Pastor John Medendorp officiating. We pray that God will fill them with a deep love for him and each other and may they have a wonderful day together with family and friends.

**Martin O** (8) is recuperating at home from his recent surgery. Pray for patience and for healing.

Next weekend the **GEMS and Cadets** will be going camping. The GEMS will be at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp on June 2 & 3. The Cadets will be camping at Wildwood Scouts

Camp from June 2-4. We pray for safety, good weather and a blessing on their time together.

**The CCRC Pastor's Retreat** is scheduled for June 5-7 at Crieff Hills Conference Centre. More details to follow.

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 various illness among members of their extended family;
- those dealing with depression and other forms of mental illness (if you are dealing with depression a couple of people, who have been there, have stepped forward to help in whatever

way they can. Pastor Carel can give you more details);

- those dealing with cancer, its treatment and effects: **Sarah B** (8), **Jane D** (14), **John N** (3), **Claire N**, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student at Laurentian Hills Christian School. Claire's father **Terry N is a nephew to John and Ruth N**;
- 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; **David and Jessica O** with World Renew in Senegal; **Kim H** with CRWM in Guatemala, **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering with CRWM in Guatemala; **David and Bethany Nightingale** (7) volunteering in West Africa.
- persecuted Church in Sudan
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation.

#### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

*Congratulations* to **Peter H** (11) who celebrates his birthday this coming Thursday, June 1. May he experience God's richest blessings in the coming year and as he celebrate his birthday!



*Thank you* - Just a little note to thank Community 14 and so many more of you for all the love and care I have received during my illness. All the meals, cards, flowers, emails and visits, but most of all your prayers. I am two months into Chemo

treatments and if I can tolerate, four more months to go. Clarence and I are touched and blessed to belong to such a loving church.

**Jane D** (14)

#### *Thank you*

In true CCRC intergenerational fashion 760 lunches were made, delivered, and devoured at the AOYC at WLU this past Monday. Special thanks to Alisa Groot for being the "chef de mission" behind it all. Also thanks to Martin P, Kendra P, Herman J, Pastor Bernie & Linda D, Gerry Z, Ryan Z, Carita S, Jen C, Kathy W, Mike V, Wyatt V, Evan V, Steve F, Michelle F, Mia F, Larry L, Rebecca C, Raymond & Harriette M, Rick G, Derick G, Krista H, John & Mary V, Kerri O, Kyle O, Harry O for all your help in cutting, grating, assembling, wrapping, transporting, and cleaning up after the lunches. Also thanks to Kor & Grace H for putting up with us throughout the weekend. This has been a significant fundraiser for our youth in the past.....and our youth and the YMT thank you for your participation in this. Good job!

*A great big "thank you"* goes out to all who helped spruce up our church yard shrubs and flower beds...weeding and putting down mulch, etc. Many hands make light work and the impact you've made is noticeable. Good job!

### UPCOMING SERVICES

June 4	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda Drawing of Names for Officebearers Professions of Faith: <i>Jordan H (1)</i> <i>Adrian K (8)</i> <i>Lauren V (1)</i> <i>Tristan V (5)</i>
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel
June 11	10 a.m.	Pastor John Lord's Supper Installation of Officebearers
	6 p.m.	Pastor John

### OFFERING SCHEDULE

#### Budget Contributions For May 21, 2017 including Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
May 21	\$24,427	\$28,212	(\$3,786)
YTD	\$303,364	\$344,952	(\$41,588)
Operation Manna			\$ 1,309.90
World Renew – Maternal/Child Health			\$ 2,560.00
Benevolence Fund			\$ 895.00

**This week our offering is for Back to God Ministries International.** Their deepest desire is to see the Gospel change the hearts and lives of people all around the globe. Using technology and media they take the word of God to people, right where they are so that they can reframe their lives in light of who God is and how much He loves them.

**Next week, Pentecost Sunday, our offering is for Christian Reformed World Missions (CRWM).** CRWM exists to glorify God by leading the CRC to respond obediently to our Lord's commission to witness to the good news of God's Kingdom and make disciples of all nations.

### COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

#### Council Meeting Highlights from May 23, 2017

- Council reviewed a report from the Community Ministry Team and reaffirmed the Communities model of ministry for the 2017-2018 ministry year.
- Council adopted the Mission Strategy prepared by the Mission Strategy Development Team. A Missions Strategy Team will be established consisting of: A pastoral advisor, a missionary liaison and representatives from Council, Consistory, the Deacons, Youth Ministry Team and Community Ministry Team. Council would like to thank those involved in the development of the Mission Strategy, including Pastor Carel, Chris d, Aaron D, Larry L, Carling L, Scott K, Matthias M, and Julie V.
- Council voted to bring an overture to Classis Huron to encourage the denomination to make available the complete funding required to implement the DWELL curriculum as detailed in a recent Banner article (March 2017): <https://thebanner.org/news/2017/03/curriculum-solutions-approved-little-funding-available>
- Council received a report from the Communications Committee about the origins of and rationale for the current

church logo, and voted to formally adopt the current logo:



**Mark Your Calendars! Weekend Pastors' Class - June 23-24:** Our first ever weekend version of the Pastors' Class will take place at Community CRC from Friday evening, June 23, to Saturday evening, June 24. We will cover the same material from our 6 week Pastors' Class offered every October. If you're new to CCRC, want to deepen your faith, or are thinking about making profession of faith, this class is for you! More details will be coming soon. A signup sheet is available at the Information Centre or you may email the office at [office@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:office@ccrc.on.ca).

**Youth Mission Trip Fundraising:** Some of our youth will be going on a mission trip to Toronto with the Urban Tools ministry in July. As part of this trip they are responsible for some fundraising and will be selling cookies (or other baked goods). Please consider purchasing from the youth if you are asked. Please also pray for the youth as they prepare for this trip. Thank you. Krista H and Elaine A.



**Vacation Bible School (July 17-21)** is coming together. Don't forget to register your children (JK-Grade 6).

- **We are still looking for more volunteers** to be crew leaders, nursery helpers, game leaders, and video leaders. Want to donate supplies to make VBS look great? Have a look at the YouTube video "Maker Fun Factory Decorating Walk Through" for more ideas of what we're looking for.
- **Recycling sculpture contest:** Don't forget to start building! There are prizes for the best sculpture so enlist your family and friends and get your imagination going. Don't forget to make these sculptures out of recycled materials. **Submissions are due on June 18th.**
- If you have items to donate to VBS **please do NOT leave the items in Classroom #7.** There is a labeled area across from the Sunday School storage cupboard where items can be placed. Thank you.
- **Mandatory volunteer meeting June 6, 7:00 PM at the church.**

If you have questions or need more information about any of the preceding points, please contact Melodie S or Kristin G.

**For one night and one night only!** The GEMS Club is looking for women to volunteer at GEMS camping Friday June 2 at 6 pm to Saturday June 3 at 6 pm 2017. The expectations will be to chaperone and participate in crafts, games and activities. Sleeping arrangements are in a cabin and meals will be provided. All are welcome. (Volunteers will need an up-to-date police check).

**Lifeguards:** GEMS are seeking 2 lifeguards for GEMS camping on Saturday June 3rd. Swimming takes place in the afternoon in a beach setting. Meals will be provided. **Please contact Nelly B or Sharon B if you are interested or would like more information.**

**Everyone is Welcome to a Special Event:**



The Knifty Knitters are hosting a presentation by Doraine and Faith L, founder Faith's Orphans Fund – a non-governmental, non-profit, and non-denominational Christian organization in Zambia. Twice a year good quality, new clothing (in many cases handmade) is collected in Cambridge, Ontario for Faith's Orphans Fund. The Knifty Knitters contribute many blankets, sweaters, dresses, dolls and teddy bears. The collection and packing of the clothing is completed by volunteers and shipped to rural Zambia.

Everyone is invited to join us at the church to hear about Faith's mission **tomorrow, May 29 at 10:00 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room.**

**Dive into Doctrine concludes this week with the study of "Justice and Power".** We will be commemorating the 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Guido de Brés' death. Join us at 7:00 p.m. for refreshments and devotions. The class starts at 7:30 p.m.

**Volleyball:** All are welcome to join in this Tuesday, at 8:00 p.m. (**please note the new time**) 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".

## Youth News

### Student Impact Grades 9-12

**Student Impact will meet this week and conclude our study of The Belgic Confession.** The evening starts at 7 p.m. with a social time including some food. At 7:15 p.m. we gather in the sanctuary for a time of devotions and song followed by the lesson.

**Mark your calendars for June 14 – the final night of Student Impact this season.** A Scavenger Hunt is being organized - more details to follow.

## 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 bulletin board across from the washrooms for information.**

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Spring Concert (7:30pm) & Senior Art Exhibition (6:30pm): Wednesday June 7.** Join Woodland Christian High School for an excellent evening of music and art. The night will feature the Woodland choir and the Jr. & Sr. Concert Bands with music that will both inspire and entertain you. Come early and tour the senior art class gallery.



**Attention all golfers, duffers, and sandbaggers!** Woodland Christian High School invites you to participate in its Annual Golf Tournament and Steak Dinner on Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>. Golf is a shotgun start at 12:00 p.m. Arrive early to test your skills on the putting green. Your round will be followed by a fabulous steak dinner and awesome prizes. For more information and registration, look for the poster on the bulletin board or go to [www.woodland.on.ca/golf](http://www.woodland.on.ca/golf). If you would like to be a sponsor or donate prizes call the school: 519-648-2114.

**Highlights from the Classis Huron meeting of  
Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at Vanastra Community CRC.**

Rev. Paul DeWeerd of Vanastra Community CRC welcomed the Delegates. Delegates were led in a time of devotion by way of a brief commentary on Psalm 67, singing and prayer. Classis was declared constituted with Rev. John Medendorp [Community Kitchener] Chair, and Rev. Paul Droogers [Drayton] Vice-Chair

**A]** Rev. John Vanderstoep reviewed the Classis Huron Ministry Plan first implemented in 2014 and discussed rationale for decisions made. After discussion dealing with the 5 objectives, it was agreed to keep this plan and its objectives current for Classis, and develop ways/means of implementing them.

**B]** Rev. Darrell Bierman addressed changes in the overall structure of the CRCNA [subject to Synod approval] effective July 1, 2017, re its ministries, as well as the current Board of Trustees of 30 members, being replaced by a 52 member Council of Delegates: 1 rep per Classis plus 4 members 'at large'.

**C]** Rev. Carel Geleyse spoke about the changes [subject to Synod approval] in World Missions and Home Missions, being joined into one ministry to be called *Resonate Global Mission*. This ministry will be guided by a new Director, Rev. Dr. Zachary King.

**D]** Kathleen Lauder spoke about the ministry of World Renew, which has been active in Cambodia since 1996. Currently it has a staff of 17 in Phnom Penh, with 40 churches. She spoke about the ministry there and how it's developing. There is a mission trip to Cambodia set for Nov.2-13 and volunteer are welcome.

**E]** Rev. Paul Droogers spoke about the upcoming Synod in Palos Heights, Illinois, June 9-15, with himself, Elder David DeHaan [Waterloo] Deacon Candace Burnett [Drayton] and Rev. Paul DeWeerd as Delegates

**F]** Rev. Lesli Van Milligen [Faith Formation Ministries] provided the Churches with a ‘tool kit’ to assist them in their calling in faith formation and discipleship. She reviewed the contents and offered insights into youth ministry, youth leadership initiatives, and intergenerational and family ministry.

**G]** Rev. Ralph Wigboldus and Rev. Stephen Tamming engaged in a spirited dialogue re how best to grow the Church in a post-Christian world. Many delegates shared their comments and insights especially regarding the challenge of determining appropriate ‘expectations’ of those who claim Jesus as their Lord.

**H]** Classis Huron Youth Champion Amy Baarda, member of the Youth Ministry Committee, shared re the ‘Equip’ Conference in Listowel [Bethel CRC] on Nov. 18, 2017, and the Fall Retreat “Following Jesus’.

**I]** Safe Church Committee Chair Atie Ott reported on the work of that ministry, referring to the conference in November that will deal with the ongoing issue of abuse, and the reality of ‘sex trafficking’.

**J]** Waterloo Campus Ministry Chair Rev. John Medendorp reported on that ministry and Classis committed itself to covering at least the personnel costs of that ministry through ministry shares and grants.

**K]** Classis Treasurer John Bell presented the audited statements for 2016 and Classis approved these. Appreciation was expressed for the many years of service of Clarence Louter. Seeking a new Auditor.

**L]** CMC Chair Rev. Stephen Tamming reported that 14 churches had agreed to ‘try’ the possibility of a Saturday Classis meeting, and that this will go back to CMC for discussion. Classis approved changing the manner in how Synod delegates are determined. Classis approved the extension of Rev. Chris Pool’s ministerial credentials until May 2018 [Synodical Deputies concurred]. Classis agreed to not accept further requests for Licensure to Exhort until at least May 2018.

**M]** In concluding Classis, Rev. John Vanderstoep reported on *The Bridge* ministry in Fergus, sharing how it seeks to extend love and encouragement to the people in Fergus, and in this way encourage the establishing of a church. He indicated there are many reason for thankfulness, as well as challenges [obtaining enough financial support: finding a permanent structure for the ministry: having a positive impact on the people in Fergus, that their lives may be impacted/changes by the ministry of The Bridge:]. He concluded by asking for ongoing prayer support for *The Bridge* and himself.

Classis delegates expressed their appreciation to Chairman Rev. John Medendorp for his leadership. Vice Chair Rev. Paul Droogers closed in prayer and Delegates rose to sing ‘The Doxology’. Classis is declared adjourned. **Next Meeting of Classis Huron is set for September 20, 2017 to be held at Maitland River CRC in Wingham.**

