

THE MISSION OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Welcome back to in-person worship at Community CRC! While we are not yet at full capacity we are thankful that we can join together in the church sanctuary to worship and praise the Lord with other members! An invitation was sent to members of Community # 9, 11, 13, and 14 to join us during the worship service this week.

We will follow the same procedures that were in place prior to the recent stay-at home order. Our services will continue with the registration process in order to make sure we do not exceed our capacity of 100 people. If your Community is scheduled for worship on a particular Sunday, look for an email with the Eventbrite link to sign up on Monday or Tuesday. If there are extra spaces by Friday, a link will be sent to the entire congregation with the bulletin to fill the extra spaces available for the Sunday service.

Our schedule for sign-up continues as follows:

June 20: 1,2,3,4

June 27: 5,6,7,8

July 4: 9,11,13,14

All attendees are required to wear a mask and maintain a 2-meter physical distancing both in the building and while outside.

The Mission of God's People | Pentecost 2021

On Pentecost, we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit, given to God's people. The Holy Spirit is the real presence of God at work in and among us. This presence of God is a comfort and a gift. But in addition to comforting us and drawing us to God, the Holy Spirit also impels men and women to "go next door and far away into science and art, media and marketplace—every area of life, pointing to the reign of God with what they do and say" (*Our World Belongs to God*, Article 30). The gift of the Spirit comes with an invitation to join God's mission. This short worship series will address a few select themes that come up under "The Mission of God's People" section of *Our World Belongs to God*, a contemporary testimony of the CRCNA. In our worship services, we will include a "Sending" litany before our usual Blessing and Doxology to reinforce that we are sent out each week with the power of God's Spirit to take part in God's mission in the world. Today is the final service of the Pentecost Sermon Series.

10:00am Worship Service
Worship Participants this week:
Preacher: Pastor Amanda Bakale

GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song	“All Your People Sing”
Welcome and Announcements	
Call to Worship	
God’s Greeting	
Song of Praise	“Across the Lands”
Offering Announcement	Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church Missionary Support
Prayers of the People	
Children’s Worship Story	
Children’s Worship Song	“This Little Light of Mine”

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading	Job 28
Our World Belongs to God	Article 50
Sermon	"Testing Our Limits: Technology and Wisdom"
Prayer of Application	

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Song of Response	“Be Thou My Vision”
The Teaching	
The Institution	
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving	
The Invitation	
Sharing of the Bread and Cup	“Eat this Bread” – instrumental following the bread “Eat this Bread” – vocals following the cup
Response of Praise	
Sending Song	“Hear the Call of the Kingdom”
Sending Litany: Our World Belongs to God – Article 30	Leader: The Spirit gathers us from every tongue, tribe, and nation into the unity of the body of Christ. All: Anointed and sent by the Spirit, we are thrust into the world, as ambassadors of God’s peace, announcing forgiveness and reconciliation, proclaiming the good news of grace. Leader: Going before us and with us, the Spirit convinces the world of sin and pleads the cause of Christ.

All: All of us, impelled by the Spirit, go next door and far away into science and art, media and marketplace—every area of life, pointing to the reign of God with what we do and say.

God's Parting Blessing

Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

If you would like to read or follow along with **“Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony”** it is online at: <https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/contemporary-testimony/our-world-belongs-god> or in the “Our Faith” books that were made available to the congregation in previous Dive into Doctrine programs.

Information for this Sunday

Grade 4-6 Sermon Discussion | Following the service this morning (11:30 am) there is a Grade 4-6 Discussion Group on Zoom. The topic is “Who is the Holy Spirit?” This link is in the emailed bulletin.

Congregational Meeting | Join the congregational meeting online this afternoon at 1:00 pm. The link is on the emailed bulletin.

The Affirmation Vote for Nomination of Officebearers is ongoing until Wednesday, June 16 at 3:00 pm. A ballot was emailed to all professing members with an email address. For those who do not have email or would prefer a paper copy, hard copies of the ballot are available at the church this week until Wednesday. Please come between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Missionary Update | An update from our Missionaries is attached to the bulletin email this week. The Mission Strategy Team asked the missionaries about personal and ministerial challenges they are facing and how they see God moving in ministry during the pandemic.

How can you help? Read through the update to find out how you can pray for our missionaries at this challenging time.

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

(The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong)

We praise God that **Denise H (11)** was able to come home from a long hospital stay. And we continue to pray for strength and healing as Denise recovers from her recent surgery. The H family also wishes to thank everyone for their cards, calls, prayers, and meals over the past months. The support and care is deeply appreciated.

Update from Pastor Betsy | It's already June, which means many of you have been asking about my plans once my time at CCRC is over at the end of the month. Over the past year, my husband, Daniel, and I have been living out our two pastoral calls in different congregations. Our family has been split between two wonderful churches, and despite our love for these congregations, we have found this to be draining on our family. We have been praying for an opportunity to continue serving in the CRC alongside each other. A couple of weeks ago we received a call to co-pastor Bethany CRC in Gallup, New Mexico, and now **I am happy to share that we have accepted that call.** We appreciate your continued prayers for this upcoming transition.

Congratulations to Steve and Krista H (11) as they will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on June 15, 2021. May God continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years to come!

Council of Delegates Meeting | Synod 2021 was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. A special, virtual meeting of the Council of Delegates will be held June 15 and 16 to deal with matters that cannot wait for Synod 2022. Please keep this important meeting and its

participants in your prayers. Learn more or watch the livestream at crcna.org/COD-2021.

Dear Church Councils of Classis Huron,
The Congregation of Trinity CRC of Goderich proudly invites you to join us as we celebrate the installation of our new Pastor Tim Keep. We will celebrate this blessed occasion through worship and with God's Word on **Saturday, June 26th at 3:00 pm**. Because of COVID restrictions, we invite you to join us via livestream at <http://trinitychurchgoderich.com/>

Consistory met this past Tuesday and processed the following membership transfers:

Welcome to **Nathan L** who joins us from Holland Marsh CRC in Newmarket, Ontario

We would also like to welcome **Pastor John and Kay H!** The H's membership was received from Bethel CRC in Dunnville.

Membership was transferred to St. Andrew's Presbyterian of Hillsburgh, ON for **Carita M.**

We pray that all these members may feel at home in their new worshipping communities soon!

Matters for Prayer |

- We pray for the safety of our Muslim neighbours. We especially hold in prayer the family and friends mourning the loss of those they love in an act of violence and hate. May we love our neighbours as ourselves and speak out against hate toward our Muslim neighbours whenever we encounter it - whether in the words and actions of others, or in our own lives and hearts.
- Today is designated Candidacy Sunday in the CRCNA to recognize and pray for the 31 persons being presented as first-time candidates for ministry this year. Please ask God to fill their hearts with trust in his guidance, and to empower them with courage and strength to be proclaimers

of the gospel and restorers of the broken communities they will work in (Isa. 61)

- Let us offer prayers of lament and confession as we mourn in response to the **unmarked graves** of Indigenous children in Kamloops, BC. To help us find words in the face of this unspeakable horror done in the name of Jesus, join your prayer with others in our denomination: <https://network.crcna.org/biblical-justice/prayer-uncovering-graves-kamloops>
- Pray for those new to our community – **new members and attenders** – who have joined us during the pandemic. May they feel the ties that bind us even as we are apart. **If there's someone new in your community, reach out with a note or phone call or front porch visit!*
- Pray for the ongoing **nominations process** as we discern and affirm those who have been nominated for elder and deacon.
- Pray for **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island, **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering in Guatemala, **Pastor Brian B** serving with Waterloo Campus Ministry and **Shannon C** serving as Chaplain at Forest Heights Long term care home.

UPCOMING SERVICES

June 20	10 am	Pastor Betsy DeVries Drawing of Names
June 27	10 am	Pastor Betsy DeVries Final service at CCRC Ordination of Elders and Deacons
	1 pm	Outdoor Farewell Service for Pastor Betsy
July 4	10 am	Pastor Amanda Bakale

Upcoming Baptism Sundays | Are you looking to be baptized or to have your child baptized? The next Baptism Sundays are scheduled for July 18 and August 22. If you are interested in one of these dates, please contact Pastor Amanda.

OFFERING SCHEDULE

There are two offerings taken on a weekly basis at Community CRC. The first offering is for the Ministries of Community CRC and the second offering is for various causes that our church supports. For more details on how to donate to the church, please see the Resources section on the last page of the bulletin.

This week our offering is for Missionary Support. This fund is used by CCRC to provide financial support to the **Ts** with Resonate Global Mission and **Ps** with Daystar Native Outreach on Manitoulin Island. For more information, please see the Missionary updates attached to the bulletin email.

Next Week our offering is for Indigenous Ministry. The Indigenous Ministry is made up of a national committee (Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee), three Urban Indigenous Ministries, and a Justice and Reconciliation Mobilizer, each using their strengths to support healing and reconciliation between Indigenous peoples and non-Indigenous people in Canada. It is rooted in a recognition of our Creator's love for all creation and in the understanding that we all have gifts to offer one another. For more information about the Indigenous Ministry in Canada, please go to <https://www.crcna.org/indigenous>.

Upcoming Offerings:

June 27 | Laurentian Hills Christian School
July 4 | Centre for Public Dialogue

Offerings Received as at June 6, 2021:

June 6, 2021	\$	6,447
Year to Date	\$	273,498
Budgeted 2021 Total Contributions	\$	923,460
Second Offerings		
Shalem Mental Health Network	\$	200
Missionary Support	\$	175
Indigenous Ministry	\$	75
Laurentian Hills Christian School	\$	65
Woodland Christian High School	\$	65
CCRC Mission Fund	\$	60
World Renew – Maternal/Child Health	\$	60
Reframe Ministries	\$	60
Worship Ministries	\$	60
World Renew – India	\$	50

**Note: Offerings received through the Bridge app are counted once a month and are not reflected in each week's offering amount.*

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

Nomination of Officebearers | This week we continue in the Nomination Process by having the Affirmation Vote. A ballot was emailed to all professing members with an email address. Please fill out the ballot as soon as possible. For those who do not have email or would prefer a paper copy, hard copies of the ballot are available at the church this week until Wednesday. Please come between the hours of 9:00 and 3:00 pm.

Next week, June 20, we will have the drawing of names during the worship service. **Note that we will be drawing the names of 3 Administrative elders instead of 2** as previously communicated due to the resignation of an Administrative elder this past week.

In Community #6 a unique situation was presented to the Nomination committee after both Jim and Barb R were approved separately

for the position of deacon in their community. They felt they could serve best by doing this jointly. This idea was explored by the Nominations Committee and then presented to Full Council. After some research and reports of other congregations who have had this approach and after checking Church Order and our own Bylaws, Full Council approved a pilot term with the Rs serving jointly. Policies to address the logistics of sharing the position are being formed.

Digging Deeper into James 5 | Anyone who is interested in digging a little deeper into the challenging passage of James 5:1-6 (which Pastor Betsy preached about on June 6th), through a one-hour Zoom discussion, is invited to contact the church office. You will receive a set of discussion questions and a Zoom link to join. This discussion will take place on Tuesday, June 15 from 7:30-8:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Harriette M.

Faith and Hops: Backyard Edition - Thursday, June 17 @ 7:30-9:00pm. Let's ditch the Zoom and get together in Pastor Amanda's backyard! With the new restrictions, 10 folks can gather outdoors. So, **the first 9 people to RSVP can claim a spot around the fire!** Bring your own chair and beverage of your choice. If you're a 20ish to 30-something looking for a space to connect and deepen your faith, join us for Faith + Hops via Zoom this coming Thursday. Interested in joining? email Pastor Amanda to claim a spot!

Interim Pastor Search Process | With the ongoing pastoral transition here at CCRC, we are currently in the process of hiring another interim pastor to work alongside Pastor Amanda and Pastor Tom in the coming ministry year. The interim position description is posted on our church website. If you would like to suggest any names to the Search Team, please contact a

member of the team: Henry V, Admin Council Chair, Derrick G, Consistory Chair, or Pastor Amanda.

Calling Committee | In recognition of Pastor Betsy's upcoming end of term and our vacant staff position, council has been working diligently at evaluating the needs of the church. In an effort to keep this work moving forward efficiently we would like to reach out to the members of CCRC and gather names of volunteers that are interested in joining a calling committee for the Pastor – Preaching and Pastoral Care position. We are hoping to create a diverse group of people for this. If you are a member of CCRC and are interested in being a part of this committee, or would like to nominate another member, please email Kim T.

The Banner magazine for the May and June 2021 editions can be picked up on Sunday if you are present for in-person worship or by curbside pick-up at the church front doors from 10am – 3:00 pm, Monday – Friday this week.

Coffee Break | As another ministry year finishes, we want to say thank you to Irene Feddema for her two years of service on the Coffee Break Leadership team! She has greatly blessed the Coffee Break Ministry and the women who attend these past years. As Irene steps down, the Leadership Team is in need of some women to join who are passionate about this ministry. If you are interested in joining the Coffee Break Leadership Team please contact Kirstin B.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

CRCNA Response to the 215 | On the grounds of a former residential school set up more than a century ago near Kamloops, British Columbia, to force western customs and cultural practices upon Indigenous peoples, the remains of 215

children have been uncovered. Denominational leaders have come together and issued a call to prayer and action. You can find the full text here: https://www.crcna.org/news-and-events/news/response-discovery-remains-215-children?fbclid=IwAR0oe20Q_gDJasIscF1DrLV2VOJVzqY4OshpS_ewu4-y9iMyF6CWqLiCh8Y.

Note: On June 20, in connection with National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21), our offering will be for the Indigenous Ministry of the CRC, a key partner and leader in how our congregations learn about and engage with the calls to action in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report.

Children's Devotion | Helping Hands, Humble Hearts | Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. When we help others, we also learn about community. Community means living and working together, taking care of each other. God's great design includes all of us fitting together. No one has to be alone! Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

Family Online Resources | Family Fire - Family Fire is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Groundwork: Holy People, God's Wisdom, And the Power of The Cross | The Corinthian church was full of imperfect believers sorting out the impact of their faith on how they lived in the world. Join our Groundwork conversation as we examine 1 Corinthians 1-2 and hear Paul's reminder return back to the basics and the heart of the gospel message. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Webinar | Race Relations | White Work 2.0: June 2021 Webinar - Join the CRC Office of Race Relations at noon (EDT) on June 25 for an engaging conversation and Q&A session. A panel of white anti-racism allies will discuss their personal reflections on the influence of their whiteness in the workplace, in worship, and in the culture. See crcna.org/race/events for more information and to register for this free event.

Human Trafficking Prevention Live Dialogue Series | Join World Renew in dialoguing about human trafficking prevention in a two-part series. The first session on June 16 at 3PM ET will focus on the theology of flourishing with Rev. Roy Berkenbosch. The second session on June 23 at 3PM ET will feature Esther Kuhn from World Renew Senegal sharing stories from the field where World Renew works proactively with communities to stop human trafficking before it starts. Register on Zoom at bitly.com/livedialogue or join on Facebook at facebook.com/worldrenew/live.

RESOURCES

The following donation methods are in place to give to Community CRC and its ministries:

1. Use the Bridge App (or this link): <https://crc.etadvance.com/churches/community-crc-kitchener/donate>. You can make donations using your credit card (note there is a 3% admin fee taken by the processing company) or direct to your bank account (no admin fee).

At this time, we offer opportunity to donate to:

1. Church Budget
2. Capital Fund
3. The work of the Deacons locally (Benevolence) or
4. ***NEW* An approved second collection. The Bridge APP now includes a listing of upcoming second collections for the next few weeks.**

Note: if you use the link (rather than the APP), the only payment option is credit card. The Bank account option is only available through the Bridge App. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy W.

2. PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) – monthly pre-authorized payment. Fill out form, along with a blank void cheque by email to Kathy.

3. You can mail your donations to the Church. The mailbox is checked regularly.

4. You can drop off your donation in our drop-off mailslot located on the outside of the kitchen door at the church. This is a secured locked box that safely receives your envelope within the building.



CAP, or Congregational Assistance Plan, is a way for our CCRC to make counselling services available for everyone in the church. From time to time all of us are faced with difficulties. Usually, we are able to resolve them. But there come times when our usual ways of coping no longer seem to work. This is especially true in this stressful time of lockdown and pandemic that we find ourselves in. If this is happening to you, CAP offers professional Christian counselling support to you as an individual, as couples, and as families.

Through the Shalem Mental Health Network, CCRC is able to offer a solution-focused counselling model of up to 6 free sessions in a year. A professional Christian counsellor will help you to develop a strategy to cope with and resolve a variety of issues, including marriage difficulties, adolescent and children's issues, bereavement, stress, trauma, depression, anxiety, addiction, abuse and others.

What's the First Step?

To use CAP, you do not need to be referred by your doctor, pastor or elder. Simply call Shalem's CAP number **(1-866-347-0041)** and mention that you are a member of CCRC. An intake staff will ask you a few questions to determine the issue about which you are seeking counselling and to note any specific requests, such as wanting a male or female counsellor, evening appointment times, etc. You will then be contacted by the appropriate CAP counsellor, who will set up your first appointment with you.

More Questions? Go to ccrc.on.ca and follow the links to CAP or talk to Pastor Amanda.