

June 28, 2020  
Kitchener, Ontario



**Welcome** to another edition of CCRC's bulletin! It has now been an unprecedented 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in a row that we have not had the privilege to gather at the church for communal worship.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Ontario's emergency orders, the church building remains closed and all scheduled events, including public worship services, have been suspended until further notice.

**This Sunday, we will be live streaming a full simplified service at 10 AM.** The video will be available for viewing live on the church website at 10 AM, and will remain on the website for viewing after the service is completed.

The Waterloo Region is in Stage 2 of reopening, which allows for worship gatherings with restrictions. Due to the suddenness of this announcement and the lack of detailed guidelines, **CCRC is not yet open for public worship.** We have a COVID-response team who are working diligently to provide us with the advice we will need to reopen safely, and will be providing updates and recommendations in the coming weeks. It is important and respectful that we solicit guidance from our healthcare and workplace safety experts and follow government guidelines so as to not hasten any sort of quick return.

The elders and deacons along with Pastor Amanda have been seeking to keep in touch with the entire congregation. If there are any concerns please don't hesitate to call one of the pastors, your Community elder or deacon or Shalem Mental Health Network using the Congregational Assistance Plan.



During COVID19 restrictions the CAP counselling ministry through Shalem Mental Health Network continues to make anonymous professional counselling support available to congregants of our church at no charge. All services are provided through a secured video or telephone connection.

To book a CAP appt, call Shalem directly at **1-866-347-0041**. And for more resource information check their website at <https://shalemnetwork.org/>

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## COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

Our condolences are extended to **Johanna and Albert O** (1) with the passing away of Johanna's brother, **Martin V.** Martin passed away after a battle with Parkinson's and dementia this past Monday, June 22, 2020 at the age of 80. He was the last of Johanna's siblings to pass away. Martin was also an uncle to **Dick and Marg O** (2). A private ceremony was held yesterday in Aurora for the immediate family with a Celebration of Life service to be held at a later date. May the Lord comfort all who mourn.

**Stephanie S** (11) has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer which has spread to her liver from somewhere else in her body. She underwent surgery this past Wednesday. The surgery went well and she is recovering in the hospital. Cards and emails are welcome. Coffee Break is organizing meals for the family at this time. Please continue to lift up Stephanie and her family in your prayers as they walk this difficult road.

### Matters for Prayer:

- Pray for guidance and wisdom for the Search Team as they begin their work searching for a Pastor – Preaching and Pastoral Care.
- Pray for those in Long Term Care facilities as they face ongoing challenges with COVID-19. We think of **Sandra K** (9) at Forest Heights Long Term Care and pray for continued health and strength for her.
- Continue to lament the effects of the pandemic on our region, country and

world. Be bold before the Lord and pray for an end to the virus.

- Pray for continued safety as Waterloo Region and the province of Ontario continue the next stage of re-opening.
- Pray for courage, health, strength and safety for front line workers serving during this pandemic.
- Pray for those in leadership positions in government as they seek to guide us throughout the pandemic, and as they seek to work on easing restrictions.
- Pray for those dealing with mental illness and addiction which is exacerbated by the pandemic.
- Pray for those dealing with other illnesses that seem to have taken a back seat to COVID-19.
- Pray for those who find themselves stuck in abusive relationships or homes.
- **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.
- Pray for the church locally and internationally as it addresses COVID-19. Pray for an ability to share the good news of Jesus even now.

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## STAFF INFORMATION

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**Greetings from Southern California!** After a long day of travel, we arrived safely in L.A. County this past Tuesday, and are settling into our new home and adjusting to the three-hour time difference. Thank you all for your prayers, cards, gifts, and words of encouragement over these past weeks. John begins his work as Teaching Pastor at Rosewood CRC in July. We also realized at the parade that many people did not know we were expecting! Ashley is due to give birth in November, and we covet your

prayers for this little child, and for us all as we adjust to this next chapter of our life together as a family.

Contact information can be requested from the office as it becomes available.

Love,

Pastor John, Ashley, and John Ryan Medendorp

**Rachel V, (our worship coordinator)**, will be on maternity leave from July 1 to the start of October. For any worship service concerns during that time, please reach out to Steve F, chair of Worship Committee.

The church staff will be observing the Canada Day Holiday on **Wednesday, July 1, 2020**. Any correspondence sent on that day will be responded to on July 2 or 3. Happy Canada Day!

**Pastor Betsy D** will be joining the staff at CCRC on Thursday, July 2, 2020. Her contact information will be available in next week's bulletin. Welcome, Betsy!

**The church office hours** | Donna V is currently working on a part-time basis of 20 hours per week. These hours are: Tuesday (9-4), Wednesday (9-4) and Friday (9-3). If you send an email or leave a phone message outside of these hours, it will be checked on the next working day during office hours. If you have a time sensitive matter, please contact your elder or pastor as needed.

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### UPCOMING SERVICES

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July 5 | Pastor Amanda Bakale

Jul 12 | Pastor Betsy DeVries (Lord's Supper)

Jul 19 | Pastor Amanda Bakale

**The live stream service will begin at 10 AM** and will remain on the website for viewing afterwards.

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### OFFERING SCHEDULE

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**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.**

**This week our offering is for World Renew – Disaster Response Services.** Disaster Response Services lives out God's love and shares hope with disaster-impacted communities in North America by joining in the restoration of the homes and lives of the most vulnerable survivors.

**Next week our offering is for Missionary Support.** "Missionary Support" means becoming more intentional about our financial commitment to those called to serve in missions. The term Missionary support protects the identities of those mission workers who live in sensitive fields and it is the term used by Resonate Global Mission for direct financial support of a missionary. We are aiming to raise \$15,000 for missionary support in 2020 in quarterly offerings.

#### Upcoming Offerings:

July 12 | Centre for Public Dialogue

July 19 | Laurentian Hills Christian School

#### Instructions for giving to the church

During the Church closure, the following donation methods are currently in place:

1. **PAR** – is the preferred method of giving at this time. We encourage you to sign up for our Pre-Authorized Remittance program: There is a link on our website: [ccrc.on.ca](http://ccrc.on.ca) with instructions.

If you would like to stop your PAR payments, please contact our Treasurer.

You can mail your donations to the Church.

- a. **The mail is being checked daily** from Monday-Friday and is secured in the church.
  - b. **Deposits are made on a weekly basis.**
  - c. At this time, please send cheques only – no cash. **We will accept vouchers** but please clearly the cause for which they are intended. We will not issue vouchers at this time.
  - d. Be sure to indicate if you are supporting the church budget, diaconate, or capital fund.
  - e. Be sure to include your envelope number OR name and address so that we can properly record for donation receipt purposes.
3. For second collections not tied directly to Community CRC, you can either donate directly to the organization (a link will be provided each week in the bulletin) or included with your mailed in donation. If you mail it to CCRC, please be sure to clearly indicate which cause you are supporting. The mailbox is checked daily from Monday – Friday.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact our Treasurer, Kathy W or Bookkeeper, Diana W and they will happily help you.

### Second Offerings

**If you would like to donate to the second offering this can be done with your church envelope (indicate the cause and amount on your envelope) or you can donate directly to the cause through the link provided.**

### Offerings Received as at June 21, 2020

June 21	\$	3,950
Year to Date	\$	292,514
Budgeted 2020 Total Contributions	\$	885,705

Second Offerings		
World Renew – Cdn Foodgrains Bank	\$	100
Indigenous Ministries	\$	60
Back to God Ministries Int'l	\$	50
New Ground Ministries	\$	45
Missionary Support	\$	90
Friendship Canada	\$	40
Benevolence Fund	\$	20
GEMS	\$	10
Woodland Christian High School	\$	25
F.A.C.E. Fund	\$	25
Ray of Hope	\$	20
World Renew	\$	25
Worship Ministries	\$	10

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### COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

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#### Highlights from the Administrative Council Meeting Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

- Received and reviewed various staff and ministry reports and meeting minutes.
- Council welcomed Pastor Betsy D as a guest during this meeting. Discussed logistics and timing with installing her as an Elder. Discussed options for ordaining as a Minister of the Word
- Discussed staffing changes and the change in reporting structure
- Reviewed final list of names of nominations for office bearers
- Council reviewed the provincial reopening guidelines and recommendations as well as the protocols as recommended by our COVID Committee which closely align. Will finalize plans/protocols and communicate to the congregation as soon as possible.
- Council reviewed the calling committee process and encouraged with the progress thus far. Will be ready to advertise the position shortly.

- Have received mostly positive feedback on the live streaming services. Discussed some logistics with the process. Steve F is the contact person with anything related to worship. If there are concerns, please contact Steve.

### **The Today Devotionals for July/August 2020**

have arrived and we have decided to try a curbside pick up for this month. The church building **will remain closed** but the booklets will be available on a table just outside the front doors of the church on **Tuesday, June 30 from 10 – 2:30pm**. The Large Print copies have the names of individuals who have requested them printed on them so please be aware that you do not take someone else's copy.

If you would prefer that a copy be mailed directly to you, please let the office know and a copy will be mailed to you as soon as possible.

The TODAY devotional booklet continues to be available online at <https://today.reframemedia.com/> or on the Bridge App.

**Calling Committee Update** | The church building might be closed, but there is a lot of exciting things happening at CCRC! In light of Pastor Carel's retirement and Pastor John accepting a call to Bellflower, California, a Calling Committee was formed this spring with the task of seeking the position of **Pastor – Preaching & Pastoral Care**. The committee which is comprised of Kim T, Agnes B, Mia F, Scott K, Jim R, Greg S, and Laura D, have already met a number of times via Zoom to start the search process.

After reviewing the church Survey Analysis Report, Pastoral job descriptions, and other church resources, the committee has put together a church packet for applicants that gives a snapshot of our congregation and information regarding the position we seek to fill. We have created a job posting which will

soon be advertised on the church website at [www.ccrcc.on.ca/careers](http://www.ccrcc.on.ca/careers) and we welcome your suggestions for potential candidates by e-mailing [careers@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:careers@ccrc.on.ca). Throughout the summer and into early fall, the committee will be reviewing the potential candidates and will aim to interview and make recommendations to council by this coming winter. Throughout this process, we ask for your continued prayers for wisdom, discernment, and perseverance as we seek the Lord's will for CCRC.

### **Join a Deepening Faith Cluster - Sign up by Friday, July 3**

| What's a deepening faith cluster? It is a small group for folks new to CCRC, thinking about profession of faith, recently made profession of faith, or who simply have some questions about God, faith, and church. Each cluster will be made up of 4-6 people, led by Pastor Amanda or Pastor Betsy, and will meet 5-6 times over the summer at a time and place that works best for the group. Interested? Let Pastor Amanda know by Friday, July 3.

### **Upcoming Baptism Sundays: July 26 + August 23**

| Are you looking to be baptized or to have your child baptized? The pastoral elders and Pastor Amanda would love to work with you to figure out what this sacrament can look like in a safe way during this time of Covid-19. Please contact your pastoral elder or Pastor Amanda for more information.

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## **DENOMINATIONAL NEWS**

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**Seeking God in Suffering** - "Seeking God in Suffering" is a four-week, inspirational devotional series from Today. How do we respond when faced with difficulties? Let stories of grief, healing, and community inspire you to seek God in trials. Subscribe at [todaydevotional.com/seekinggod](http://todaydevotional.com/seekinggod).

**At-Home Faith Formation Tip** - The Examen is a helpful daily prayer tool that Christians have used for hundreds of years to review their day in a godly way. This is a great bedtime practice for people of all ages. A simplified Examen looks like this: First, pray that God will give you insight. Then ask yourself two questions: “What was I most grateful for today?” and “What was I least grateful for today?” Close in prayer, thanking God for the blessings of the day, and asking God’s help with your shortcomings. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](https://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

**Disability Concerns Leadership Training Event 2020** - Join us August 5th and 6th for our annual leadership training event. This year we will be hosting it online! The theme for our conference this year is agility. To find out more about the event, and to register please visit <https://network.crcna.org/disability-concerns/save-date-disability-concerns-annual-conference>.

