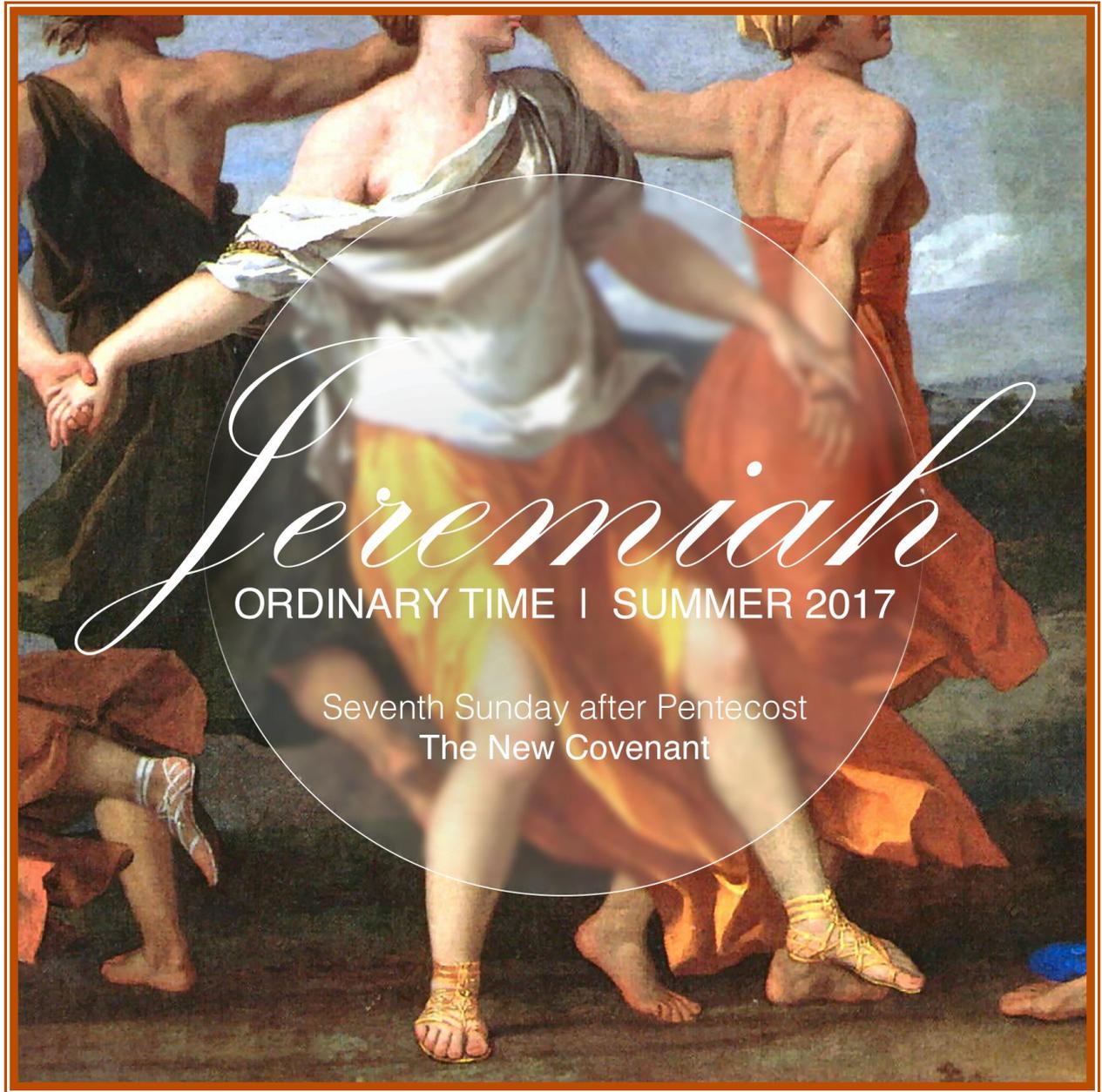


Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
July 23, 2017



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10:00 a.m.

Pastor John Medendorp

Elder-in-Charge: Nick B

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

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"The Maker"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"Blessed Be Your Name"*

PsH #457 *"He's Got the Whole World In His Hands"*

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Institution

The Teaching

The Prayer of Preparation

The Vows

The Baptism of Rylee Cheryl Ann J

The Baptismal Prayer

The Song of Response: *"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"*

Children's Blessing

Children ages 3 and 4 are now invited to participate in Sunday School. Children need to be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Proclamation of the Word

*Song of Preparation: *"Your Grace is Enough"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31

Sermon: **"The Days are Coming"**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

Song of Response: *"He Knows My Name"*

VBS Update

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community CRC

2) Faith's Orphans Fund

Offertory: VBS Video

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *"New Doxology"*

Postlude: *"What a Beautiful 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.

6:00 PM

Pastor John Medendorp

Pianist: Ivan B

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Praise and Prayer

Welcome

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Praise: PsH #237 *"We Praise You, O God"*

Psalm 145

Song: PsH #185 *"I Will Extol You, O My God"*

Prayer and Share

Offering: Faith's Orphans Fund

Hearing the Word

*Song of Preparation: PsH #277 *"God Who Spoke in the Beginning"*

Prayer for Illumination

Belgic Confession, Article 6

Sermon: **"Canon and Apocrypha"**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: PsH #473 *"To God Be the Glory"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: PsH #637 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Our condolences are extended to **Ruth** (3) and **Denise and Mike H and their children Jennifer and Nathan** (11) with the passing away of a dear husband, father and grandfather, **John N.** John passed away last Sunday, July 16 with his family by his side after a battle with cancer. The funeral was held this past Friday in our church. Pray for God's comfort and peace as they continue to mourn.

Our condolences are extended to **Mrs. Nellie K** (7) with the passing away of her husband, **Mr. Art K.** Art passed away last Saturday, July 15, at University Gates Long term Care Facility in his 84th year. Art and Nellie transferred to Community CRC from

Cephas CRC, Peterborough ON, in February of 2016 and Art struggled with his health already then. The funeral was held this past Tuesday at Henry Walser Funeral Home. Keep Nellie and her family in your prayers.

This past week a number of our members attended a funeral for a loved one. Please keep the following families in your prayers and they continue to mourn: **Harley and Marion Z** (5) with the passing away of Harley's mom, **Mrs. Harriet Z**; **Andy and Anne V** (4) with the passing away of their brother-in-law, Mr. Leo G; **Alice and Ralph V** (11) with the passing away of Alice's cousin, Mrs. Anne B.

Please pray for **Dick and Joanne G (3)**. Last Sunday morning, Dick G suffered a heart attack and was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital. On Tuesday and Thursday, he had angioplasty procedures done and two stints were put in. At the time of writing this bulletin, he is still in the hospital, in the cardiac unit, hoping to be discharged soon. We are thankful for God's protection over Dick's life and are thankful for good medical care.

Olga S (11) was transferred to Sunnyside Home for rehabilitation for her walking. This has been an ongoing frustrating problem for her. Pray for patience and strength during this difficult time.

Emma B (3) is recovering at home and is awaiting further tests and surgery. Pray for continued healing and patience.

Congratulations to Aioub G and Mairi T (6) with the birth of a daughter. **Jasmine** was born on June 29 and all is well. Praise God for this gift of new life!

Jim and Barb R (6) will be leaving later today for one week to work with World Renew Disaster Response Services in Ottawa, Ontario. They will be on a needs assessment trip following the terrible flooding earlier this spring. Pray for safe travels and a productive week.

The Youth service trip returned home from Toronto this past Friday. They hope to give a report next Sunday.

Continue to keep **Janessa M (11)** in your prayers as she is attending the DIG program at Calvin Seminary in Grand Rapids,

Michigan until July 29. This program includes study, discussion and reflection on how you can live out your calling in any career. Please pray for safe travels, personal spiritual growth and strong relationships with the leaders and fellow participants. If you want to check it out you can follow along on Facebook or Instagram at facebook.com/calvinseminarydig/

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;
- those dealing with cancer, its treatment and effects: **Sarah B (8)**, **Jane D (14)**;
- those dealing with broken relationships and lost marriages;
- 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 CRWM in Guatemala, **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering with CRWM in Guatemala; **David and Bethany N (7)** volunteering in West Africa.
- **Terri-Lyn M (13)** volunteering from July 1-25 in Jinja, Uganda with One4Another International. You can follow the efforts of the organization on their blog at www.one4anotherintl.ca.
- The **Sea to Sea** bicycling mission fighting poverty through fundraising and awareness. The cyclists left Vancouver on June 26 and are on their way across

Canada. They have now finished the first leg of the ride and are in Calgary this weekend. For more information visit seatosea.org.

- persecuted Church in Sudan and elsewhere in the world;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

Congratulations to the following member



of our congregation celebrating a birthday in the coming week:

July 26 – **Jane W** (14)

July 26 – **Paul R** (6)

July 27 – **Pat D** (11)

July 30 – **John** (6)

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

Congratulations to the following



couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries in next two weeks. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Ron and Marion R (5) celebrate their 35th anniversary on July 24, 2017.

Albert and Johanna O (1) celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on July 24, 2017.

Frank and Jane R (13) celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on July 27, 2017

Leo and Jane V (13) celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on August 2, 2017.

Clarence and Jane D (14) celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on August 4, 2017.

Thank You: We would like to say thank you to the church for your support of VBS this year and a special thanks to the volunteers who gave of their time to make this year a success. Each day we had about 80 children come through our doors. They were each blessed with the message that God made them for a purpose through songs, stories, games, and crafts.

Thank you,

Melodie S (9) and **Kristin G** (14).

Staff Information

Pastor Carel is on vacation. He will be back in the office on August 8.

From Pastor John and Ashley: On **August 11, 2017** at **4pm**, John Medendorp and Ashley B are, the Lord willing, to be married here at **Community CRC**. Because we love you and have experienced the love of God through you, you are invited to join the ceremony and share in congratulations afterwards in the gym.

UPCOMING SERVICES

July 30	10 a.m.	Pastor John
	6 p.m.	Pastor Amanda Lord’s Supper
Aug 6	10 a.m.	Pastor John
	6 p.m.	No evening service – long weekend

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Budget Contributions For July 16, 2017

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
July 16	\$10,814	\$12,743	(\$1,929)
YTD	\$400,559	\$462,367	(\$61,808)
Woodland Christian High School			\$ 1,366.60
Faith's Orphans Fund			\$ 50.00
Pregnancy Centre			\$ 25.00

This week our offering is for Faith's Orphans Fund (FOF). Faith's Orphan Fund ministers to over 3900 HIV/AIDS orphans and vulnerable children in rural Zambia through 24 centres set up across the country. CCRC's own Knifty Knitters regularly send knitted blankets, clothes and other items to this organization. For more information, please go to FOFcanada.com.

Next week our offering is for Christian School Foundation. The Christian School Foundation pulls together experts in financial planning, tax law and estate planning to offer a range of inspiration, information and services to donors and their advisors so that gifts to the Christian school movement are received and managed in a stewardly and God-honouring way. It also works with its member schools to ensure that the stories of God's faithfulness and blessing are collected and shared.

To the congregation of Community CRC, Kitchener: We are grateful for your donations of \$9,950.00 for World Renew

programs received from April to June 2017. Your gifts are making a difference through our Canadian Foodgrains Bank projects, Refugee Resettlement program, and more. Every day, World Renew witnesses God's power at work among people who live in adversity, as their stories are rewritten with the hope and courage that only He can give. Thank you for joining us in this journey, as we strive to seek justice and defend the oppressed (Isaiah 1:17) while looking to Jesus, the greatest Story Changer of all.

MISSIONARY CORNER

Anthony and Barbara P sent a short update on specific ways that you can pray with them this summer. The Pennings work with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island. Please help yourself to a copy of this update at the Information Centre.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Church Camping: You are all welcome to come to Wildwood Conservation Campgrounds again this year over the Civic long weekend. The dates are Friday August 4 to Monday August 7. Please be aware that if you come on Friday you will need to pay for 3 nights and if on Saturday for 2 nights minimum. You're also welcome to come up for a day. I am looking for persons willing to help out with the church service: Someone to share a message, someone to lead music and someone to do a children's message. If you can help out or if you have any questions please email me, Judy H.

Worship Coordinator Search Committee

Council is asking for a few congregational volunteers of all ages and stages in life who are willing to serve alongside committee members on a short term search committee for a new Worship Coordinator. If you feel called and interested to serve in this capacity please email clerk@ccrc.on.ca as soon as possible. Please have all expressions of interest in **tomorrow, July 24, 2017**. Council will determine who will form this committee at our meeting on July 25, 2017. Thanks for your interest.

VINE will be meeting for lunch after this morning's service. Young adults are welcome to join. Please talk to Matthias if you would like to stay.

Let's go Biking. This week we will be biking between 25 and 30 km's (about 2 hours) on trails and roads in the north of Kitchener and Waterloo including RIM park.



We will leave from Keith and Joanne's house at 6:30 PM sharp on Monday July 24th. If you want to join us all you need is a bike, a helmet and some water. Questions call Keith.

Council meets this Tuesday, July 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Volleyball: All are welcome to join in this Tuesday, at 8:00 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".

Faith and Hops - Summer Dates! July 27 + August 24 @ 5:30-7:30pm. If you're a 20ish to 30-something looking for a place to connect and deepen your faith, come on out to Faith + Hops at Williamsburg Arms. Once a month we get together for engaging discussion, fried goo, and a beverage of your choice. Check out CCRC's Facebook page closer to the dates for the discussion topic!

Coffee Break Moms and Tots will be meeting weekly on Wednesday mornings at approximately 9:30 for a play date in the park! Join us at Country Hills Play Ground at 100 Rittenhouse Road. Bathroom facilities are on site. If transportation is an issue, the playground is walking distance from the Forest Glen bus terminal. This is a perfect opportunity to invite mom friends and neighbours who may be interested in what Coffee Break is all about. Any questions, contact Jen F

Fall Retreat Registration is NOW OPEN! And the SUPER early bird is only \$165 before August 5! This year's theme is Follow For Follow: Romans 6:6-7. Fall Retreat is from September 29 to October 1 in Muskoka Woods. Visit www.fallretreat.ca for more details. CCRC is covering \$50 of the registration fee this year. Sign up on line, print the confirmation form, and submit along with a cheque for the registration fee less \$50 payable to CCRC. Place in Pastor Amanda's mailbox.

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.

Wildfire Crisis in British Columbia - Join World Renew in praying for the wildfire crisis in British Columbia where a state of emergency has been issued. There are over 230 active fires and more than 14,000 people have been forced to leave their homes. World Renew is assessing the situation to determine our response and more details will be available as the fire response progresses.

Obeying God's Call - How do we faithfully obey God's call in the face of divine silence, obstacles, or other frustrations? Join Groundwork as we discuss passages like Acts 26 and Hebrews 5 to find strength and confidence to obey and remain faithful to God's call in our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

