



This week we welcome Pastor Toyosi Awesu from the Journey to our pulpit. Pastor Toyosi came to Canada in 2001 from Nigeria. He pursued his undergraduate studies at Emmanuel Bible College in Kitchener and his graduate studies at McMaster Divinity College. Welcome!

10:00am Worship Service
Worship Participants this week:
Preacher: Pastor Toyosi Awesu

GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song	"Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)"
Welcome and Announcements	
Call to Worship	
God's Greeting	
Song of Praise	"All I Have is Christ"

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Call to Confession	
Prayer of Confession	
Song	"Lord I Need You"
Assurance of Pardon	
Children's Blessing	
Children's Worship Song	"Awesome God"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading	Colossians 1: 1-23
Sermon	"Jesus is Enough"
Prayer of Application	

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response	“Living Hope”
Offering Announcement	Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church Benevolence Fund
Prayers of the People	
God’s Parting Blessing	
Doxology	“Glory Be to the Father”

Last Sunday after the morning service there were two outdoor baptisms; **Charlie Diana D** daughter of **Paul and Sarah** (3) and **Tyler James D**, son of **Chris and Michelle** (7). If you would like to watch this event, there is a link available in the emailed copy of the bulletin.

This week Communities 1,2,3, and 4 were invited for in-person worship. We will continue to follow this sign up process for the remainder of summer. 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. All attendees are required to wear a mask and maintain a 2-meter physical distancing both in the building and while outside. Communities are scheduled as follows:

August 1: 9, 11, 13, 14 **August 8:** 5, 6, 7, 8 **August 15:** 1, 2, 3, 4

The province is now in step 3 and for religious service this means that capacity is only limited by social distancing. For us here at Community CRC we are almost at the limit that can attend while maintaining our physical distancing. In order to increase the number of people that can attend, we ask that you stay seated where the ushers seat you and that you arrive a little earlier so the ushers can seat people more strategically.

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

Our condolences are extended to **Jane D** (14) with the passing away of her sister, **Rika V.** Rika passed away the past Thursday, July 22 at the age of 91. A service will be held tomorrow in Maranatha CRC, Woodstock. May the Lord comfort all who mourn.

Congratulations to **Amy J** (11) and **Tim D** who were united in marriage yesterday in Drayton. We pray that God may bless their marriage!

We join the **H family** (11) in giving thanks to God that Denise's post-surgery infection is showing signs of improvement, however we continue to pray that the infection is fully cleared up with a continued round of antibiotics. May Denise continue to gain strength as this long recovery continues.

Matters for Prayer |

- Pray for those on vacation that they may experience a time of rest and renewal and where they may experience the beauty and wonder of God’s creation.
- Pray for Haiti as their president, Jovenel Moïse, was shot and killed earlier this

month. This has brought more chaos to a country already struggling with gang violence, antigovernment protests and a recent surge in COVID-19. World Renew and Global Resonate Mission staff and missionaries are safe but they ask for your prayers for peace and protection as the people living there experience the aftermath of this event.

- Pray for those without a safe or affordable place to live in our region. Chronic homelessness has gone up over 30% in the last 6 months in Waterloo Region. These men and women, children and families, are hit hard by high unemployment due to the pandemic and lack of affordable housing. Hold in prayer the ministries trying to make a difference: Ray of Hope, Habitat for Humanity, House of Friendship, and the Food Bank of Waterloo Region.
- As region continues in Step 3, pray for the small businesses who are able to open up and increase capacity, for all those who return to jobs and a steady paycheck, and for the continued roll-out of the vaccine program in our neighbourhoods and communities.
- Pray for the ongoing search process for the Interim Pastor - Preaching and Pastoral Care. May God lead us to right person to fill this roll in the coming year.
- 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.

STAFF INFORMATION

Pastor Amanda will be on vacation until **August 9**. If a need or concern arises during this time, please contact your Pastoral Elder, Deacon, or the church office.

Rachel K, Worship coordinator, will be on vacation this week and will return to work on August 3.

Diana W will be back in the office on Tuesday of this week.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Aug 1	10 am	Pastor Gary Bomhof Baptism: Theo H (5)
Aug 8	10 am	Pastor Bernie De Jonge Lord's Supper
Aug 15	10 am	Pastor Darren Hoogendoorn

Upcoming Baptism Sundays | Are you looking to be baptized or to have your child baptized? The next Baptism Sundays are scheduled for August 22 and September 26. 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 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.

Next week our offering is for the FACE (Financial Assistance for Christian Education) Fund. As a congregation we have a FACE Fund to assist with tuition costs for those wishing to send their children to a Christ-based school. The fund is available for any approved elementary or secondary school. Please contact either the deacons or the church office in order to receive an application.

Upcoming Offerings:

- Aug 8 | Diaconal Ministries Canada
(New Ground)
- Aug 15 | CCRC Mission Fund

Offerings received as at July 18, 2021 including PAR Remittance:

July 18, 2021	\$	21,668
Year to Date	\$	374,851
Budgeted 2021 Total Contributions	\$	923,460
Second Offerings		
Benevolence	\$	6,720
Habitat for Humanity	\$	959
The FACE Fund	\$	150
Raise Up Global Ministries	\$	145
Centre for Public Dialogue	\$	120
World Renew	\$	100
Friendship Ministries	\$	100
Diaconal Ministries (New Ground)	\$	100
GEMS	\$	100
Indigenous Ministries	\$	100
Woodland Christian High School	\$	100
Laurentian Hills Christian School	\$	100
Missionary Support	\$	50

Worship Ministries	\$	50
Reframe Ministries	\$	50
Ray of Hope	\$	50
Resonate Global Missions	\$	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

Book club news! The summer book club read is *"I Think You're Wrong (But I'm Listening): A Guide to Grace-Filled Political Conversations"* by Sarah Stewart Holland and Beth Silver. Their book provides a guide for Christians to respectfully engage in political discussions, showing us how to put relationship before policy and understanding before argument. We'll be discussing the book on **Monday August 23** from 7.30 - 9 pm on Zoom.

We Need Your Voice! Supporting Families w. Young Children | The age restriction to in-person worship has meant that many families with young children have been unable to worship in-person for a year and a half. This means that many of our littles do not have memories of Sunday School or even being in the church building. As we look toward to the fall and reopening as the province allows, we want to be proactive in how we care for our youngest members. **We're looking for 3-4 parents of young children to form a short-term working group that will brainstorm ways we can best support and welcome our youngest members and their families this coming ministry year.** You would meet 2-3 times in late-August/early September with the goal of making recommendations for how to move forward. **Interested? Email Rachel K by August 6.**

Ushers Needed | We are looking for additional Ushers to help with worship services. Duties include welcoming members and visitors, assisting people to their seats and just being a friendly presence at church. If you can help, please contact the Church office anytime by email at office@ccrc.on.ca or by phone at 519-743-9482.

Dive into Doctrine Summary Report - Now Available! | For this year's Dive into Doctrine, over 80 people ranging in age from 14-85 gathered in 11 small groups to read through and wrestle with 176 pg. study report from the *Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Theology of Human Sexuality*. All CRC congregations were invited to discuss and engage with the report ahead of Synod in June 2022. And we did that! A Summary Report is now available to the congregation with major themes that emerged out of the small group discussions and suggestions for how our congregation moves forward on issues of human sexuality. *The Summary Report was emailed to all congregation members, and there are hard-copies available at the information desk at the church or by request from the Church Office.*

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 or Derrick G, Consistory Chair.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Family Resources | Family Fire - is an online community (produced by Reframe Ministries) exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting,

in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions produced at familyfire.com.

Children's Devotion | Care for God's World What jobs do you have that help others? This week, think of things you can do to take care of God's world. Even simple things—like watering plants, feeding a pet, or helping your little brother learn how to tie his shoes—are ways you can worship God with your actions! Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

Groundwork: | Stand Firm in the Reality of Christ's Resurrection - As Paul responds to false teachings in Corinth, he is adamant that it is necessary to believe in the truth of Christ's bodily resurrection. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 15 to discover why this truth is crucial to the gospel message. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Online Conference | Inspire "Light" 2021 | Are you feeling sad about missing Inspire this summer? We have you covered. Plan to join us for FREE virtual events that can provide a snack-sized portion of what Inspire has to offer. We'll be online August 3-6, 2021 from Noon-1:00 Eastern (11:00-12:00 Central | 10:00-11:00 Mountain | 9:00-10:00 Pacific) with a daily taste of Inspire to whet your appetite for next year's conference. Each session will include worship, a plenary speaker, and the opportunity to network with others. Expect special musical and spoken word poetry, and guest performances in addition to thought-provoking messages and stimulating discussion. Space is limited. Please indicate your interest for each session by registering at crcna.org/inspire/inspire-light-2021. Video recordings of each day's session will also be posted for those unable to attend.

Faith Formation Ministries Webinar | Join us as we (a partnership of the Reformed Church in America, the Christian Reformed Church in North America, and Hope College) launch Generation Spark! Generation Spark partners with you to build authentic intergenerational relationships between 16-24-year-olds and spiritual mentors in your church. Register for our informational webinar August 3, 7:30-8:30pm EST to learn more: bit.ly/GenSparkWebinar

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 Wassink, Treasurer at

treasurer@ccrc.on.ca; 519-696-3917 (home phone)

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

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.