



Returning to our Church Building for Worship

This past week, the following was approved for the implementation of safely inviting our congregation back into our church building for worship.

Please keep in mind that our current total capacity will be 50 members worshipping within the church (in addition to the worship team), which follows the COVID policy approved by council.

Watch for a simple survey that will be sent to the congregation to gauge the interest and willingness for members to return to worship at this time. We will be using the information collected from this survey to create the following six-week schedule:

Sunday, August 2nd: Invite the worship volunteers and ushers.

Sunday, August 9th: Invite the new office bearers, current elders and deacons.

Sunday, August 16th to Sunday, September 20th: Invite specific communities to worship (this 6-week schedule will allow each community to be invited).

The invitations will go to each Community in the form of an Eventbrite invitation. This invitation will go out early each week to allow for members to respond. If there are any spots still open on the Friday of each week, registration will be open to the congregation via a link sent along with the bulletin.

Our goal is first and foremost to keep our members safe and healthy. This is a new process for all of us. We are learning and growing as we walk this process together. Patience and grace is needed as we work towards worshipping together. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Derrick G
Chair of Consistory

Growing Season: Lessons from the Lectionary

As part of your summer rhythm you are invited to read the following passages of Scripture throughout the coming week. These readings come from the Revised Common Lectionary. The Lectionary is a set list of Scripture readings that is used in worship across many Christian denominations. Over the summer, our worship services and sermons will focus on one of these readings each week, but you are invited to read them all prior to worship.

For the coming week, you are invited to read:

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Matthew 14:13-21; Romans 9:1-5

10:00am Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Participants this week:

Preacher: Pastor Betsy DeVries

Vocalists: Rick H, Judy H **Pianist:** Ivan B

Acoustic Guitar: Rick H **Drums:** Seth B **Violin:** Aidan B

Projection: Adrian K **Sound:** Becca B **Video:** Tom G

GATHERING AND GREETING

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God's Greeting

Songs of Praise: "Because of Your Love"

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Dedication "Lord I Need You"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Romans 8: 28-39

Sermon "Nothing Can Separate Us"

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response: "Oh, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

Blessing – Matthias M

Drawing of Lots

Prayers of the People

God's Parting Blessing

Doxology: "We Receive Your Blessing"

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

Last Saturday, July 18, 2020, **Jenny W** (9) passed away at Lanark Heights Long Term Care Home in her 90th year. A funeral was held this past Wednesday to celebrate her life. Please keep her family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of a dear mom, grandmother and great grandmother.

Please keep **Laleta and Bert A and their son Neil** (13) in your prayers. Laleta lost her mother this past April. She was unable to be with her family in New York state due to the COVID Pandemic. Laleta received word this past week that her brother, also living in New York state, passed away very unexpectedly. Some of the family are able to travel within the States for the funeral so we pray for safety for those members. Pray for those members who are unable to be present and feel the love and support in a tangible way from other family members during this difficult time.

Danielle d (1) and **Andrew B** will be married on Saturday, August 1, 2020 with Pastor Amanda officiating. We pray that the Lord will grant them a beautiful and memorable day as they exchange vows and rings and begin their married life together!

Matters for Prayer:

- Continue to pray for **Clarence D** (14) as his health is failing and for strength and peace for his wife, Jane, as she cares for him.
- Pray for **Stephanie S** (11) as she recovers from surgery and awaits results.
- Pray for guidance and wisdom for the Search Team as they continue the

process of seeking a candidate for the position for a Pastor-Preaching and Pastoral Care which is now posted on our website and the CRCNA Network.

- Pray for Pastors Amanda and Betsy and the church staff at CCRC as they deal with the challenges following recent staff transitions.
- Pray for strength and energy for those in leadership as they discern how to open the church in a safe and timely manner.
- Pray for teachers, administration, students, parents and support workers as schools discern how to move forward this fall. Pray for a sense of calm for those involved as they deal with the uncertainty and anxiety this may cause.
- Pray for parents with young children at home as they try to balance the demands of family life and work.
- Pray for those with ongoing health concerns as they must remain isolated at home in this time of reopening.
- Pray for those on vacation that they may have a time of rest and renewal where they may experience the beauty and wonder of God' creation and see that God continues to grow good things in his people and in the world!
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for the kind words we received in the many emails, phone calls and cards following the loss of Ben's brother, Peter (age 78). We are grateful to have such a loving church family at this difficult time. With Love & Hugs

Ben & Marjo M (14)

Congratulations to **Ken and Marjorie B** (5) as they celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on July 31, 2020. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

STAFF INFORMATION

Pastor Amanda will be on vacation for most of the week. She will be back to work on Friday, July 31. Should a need or concern arise during the week, please contact Pastor Betsy or your Pastoral elder or deacon.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Aug 2 | Pastor Betsy DeVries
 Aug 9 | Pastor Amanda Bakale
 Lord's Supper
 Installation of Officebearers

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

Did you know we have Children's Worship available for our CCRC kiddos?? We do! See a familiar face and sing along to a familiar song each week. You can find it on the CCRC website (link below) or on our YouTube channel!
<https://www.ccrc.on.ca/church-at-home>

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 information on how to give to the church during this time, please see the last page of the bulletin.

This week our offering is for the F.A.C.E. Fund. As a congregation we have a FACE Fund (**Financial Assistance for Christian Education**) 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.

Next week our offering is for Habitat for Humanity. *"With the help of volunteers, donors and Habitat homeowners, local Habitats in every province and territory across Canada help build and rehabilitate decent and affordable homes, from single-family houses to multi-unit developments. We don't give away free homes - the people who partner with us pay an affordable mortgage geared to their income and volunteer 500 hours with us. Our model of affordable homeownership bridges a gap for low-income, working families, by providing them with the opportunity to purchase their own*

home." For more information on ways to give, go to: <https://habitat.ca/en/ways-to-give>.

Upcoming Offerings:

Aug 9 | Missionary Support
 Aug 16 | The Benevolence Fund

Full Bellies, Happy Hearts.....just to let you know that the Food Bank is running a campaign throughout the summer to raise a half a million meals. Information from their website links refers to virtual fund drives as individuals, or teams. Our Church does run a campaign around Thanksgiving time to support the Food Bank so at this time we will not be running **Full Bellies, Happy Hearts** on a Church -wide basis, however if you would like to do something on a Community basis the link for more information is <https://www.thefoodbank.ca/full-bellies-email-1/>. Thanks - The Deacons.

Offerings Received as at July 19, 2020 including Pre Authorized Remittance (PAR):

July 19	\$	26,722
Year to Date	\$	344,362
Budgeted 2020 Total Contributions	\$	885,705
Second Offerings		
Benevolence	\$	1,730
Missionary Support	\$	1,410
World Renew – Disaster Response Services	\$	150
World Renew	\$	200
Shalem Mental Health Network	\$	200
Centre for Public Dialogue	\$	95
FACE Fund	\$	80
Laurentian Hills Christian School	\$	40

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

The Administrative Council will meet this Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The Banner: Due to the pandemic, Community CRC put the distribution of The Banner on hold. **There will be a curbside pickup of the June 2020 edition as well as the July/August 2020 edition this coming week.** If you are interested in picking up a copy, they will be available on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday from 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Help Wanted on Manitoulin Island: The Ps are doing major renovations on their house which they use for their work amongst the indigenous peoples on Manitoulin Island. Anthony is looking for some help to do some finishing of trim work, painting as well as building and installing cupboards. As a sponsoring church we would like to send a team late August or early September to help the Pennings with this project. If you feel called to help in this area, please let me know. There is money in our mission budget to assist with living expenses when you are there. Jane V.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Groundwork: Justice, Lament, And Flourishing - How do we incorporate a sense of longing for justice into our prayer life? How do we look and work for it in our communities and our world? Study Luke 18:1-8 and Exodus 20:8-11 with us to discover how we can participate in God’s design for justice and flourishing. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

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 with instructions.

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

2. 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.



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/>