



This week we welcome **Pastor Darren Hoogendoorn** to our pulpit. Pastor Darren is the senior Pastor at Hebron Christian Reformed Church in Whitby, Ontario. This morning he will be preaching on Hebrews 6.

10:00am Worship Service

GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song	"All Creatures of Our God and King"
Welcome and Announcements	
Call to Worship	
God's Greeting	
Song of Praise	"What A Beautiful Name"

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Call to Confession	
Prayer of Confession	
Song	"Before the Throne of God Above"
Assurance of Pardon	
Song	"Ten Thousand Reasons (Bless the Lord)"
Children's Blessing	
Song	"Ten Thousand Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 6: 11-20
Sermon	"An Anchor for the Soul"
Prayer of Application	

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response	“Cornerstone”
Offering Announcement	1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church 2) Office of Social Justice
Prayers of the People	
God’s Parting Blessing	
Doxology	“To God Be the Glory”

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 22: 9, 11, 13, 14 **August 29:** 5, 6, 7, 8 **September 5:** 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)

Tristan V and Julia D will be united in marriage on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 2:00 pm at Community CRC with Pastor Norm Sennema officiating. May the Lord grant them a beautiful and memorable day as they exchange vows and rings and begin their married life together!

We give thanks for milestone anniversaries that were celebrated this past week and for those in this coming week. May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen these marriages for many years to come! Congratulations to the following couples:

Paul and Sarah D (3) celebrated their 5th anniversary on August 6, 2021.

Adom and Nicole P (13) celebrated their 10th anniversary on August 6, 2021.

Jeff and Gayle S (2) celebrated their 20th anniversary on August 11.

John and Tina O (13) will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on August 17.

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 teachers, administration, students, parents and support workers as schools and campuses prepare for this coming school year.
- 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

Donna V is on vacation this week. She will return to work on Wednesday, August 25.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Aug 22	10 am	Pastor Amanda Bakale
Aug 29	10 am	Pastor Ed Jager/Pastor Amanda Bakale Installation of Pastor Tom Bomhof
Sep 5	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 September 26 and October 24. 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 Office of Social Justice. | The Office of Social justice works to develop a deeper understanding of and response to God’s call to let justice flow like a river in both our personal and communal lives, as well as in the structures of society. Visit <http://justice.crcna.org/> for more information.

Next week our offering is for Leadership Diversity | The Diversity ministry of the CRCNA was established to affirm and support congregations of the CRC as they work toward becoming more inclusive environments, welcoming the calling and use of gifts in people of various ethnicities. For more information go to <https://www.crcna.org/diversity>.

Upcoming Offerings:

Aug 29 | CCRC Mission Fund
Sep 5 | Waterloo Campus Ministry

Offerings received as at August 8, 2021

August 8, 2021	\$	10,444
Year to Date	\$	451,405
Budgeted 2021 Total Contributions	\$	923,460
Second Offerings		
Benevolence Fund	\$	2,300
New Ground - Diaconal Ministries	\$	569
CCRC Mission Fund	\$	160
The FACE Fund	\$	140
The Food Bank of Waterloo Region	\$	100
Habitat for Humanity	\$	75
Raise Up Global Ministries	\$	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

The COVID Team, Administrative Council and staff are discussing and determining current provincial regulations and the shape of ministries this fall. More details to come as they are available.

Faith and Hops will return in September!

Do you have rooms to rent for students? Each summer I hear from prospective UW, WLU, and Conestoga students looking for housing in KW. In order to help them find suitable accommodations, I'd like to know who in our church communities has rooms or apartments for rent. If you have a spot you're willing to rent to students, please let me know!

Thanks, Pastor Brian & Waterloo Campus Ministry

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. Copies of the book are available discounted from bookoutlet.ca and digitally for free to Region of Waterloo library users. We'll be discussing the book on Monday August 23 from 7.30 - 9 pm on Zoom.

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.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Groundwork | God Is Faithful, Consistent, And Keeps His Promises | Trusting in God's provision can be heard when life seems to constantly change. Join Groundwork as we study Judges 6:33-40, Exodus 34:1-10, Isaiah 53, and Ephesians 2:1-10 to be reminded of God's faithful and consistent character and discover why his covenant nature means we can be confident he will keep his promises. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Children's Devotion | Welcoming the Stranger What does welcoming someone look like? It doesn't have to be hard. Just say hello! Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

World Renew | Share God's hope with displaced families in Haiti | Haiti has been devastated by a series of natural disasters that crippled its economy. In early June 2021, the economic instability coupled with political unrest sparked gang violence in the neighbourhoods of Martissant and Fontamar; houses have been burned, innocent bi-standers injured and killed, and thousands have been displaced. Many of the displaced have sought refuge in overcrowded shelters with no sanitation facilities; amongst them the disabled and infirm. People are in dire need of food. World Renew is responding to this crisis and has already provided a one-month supply of food items, water, sanitary pads and COVID-prevention kits to 750 displaced individuals. Will you help provide food to 315 more vulnerable people? The goal is to provide 2 hot meals a day per person for 35 days until these families can be resettled. Through our prayers and gifts, we

can extend God's hope to those displaced by the violence. To donate visit: worldrenew.ca/haiti

Fall Online Course | Pragmatism, Race, and Religion - Institute for Christian Studies | We invite you to join us for courses like Pragmatism, Race, and Religion. Pragmatism is one of North America's most unique philosophical movements. In this new course from ICS president Ronald Kuipers, participants will get to know the interactions and influence of Black pragmatist thinkers, especially related to race and religion. First-time auditors can join any course for only \$425. Email academic-registrar@icscanada.edu

Faith Practices | Jesus is our model for true servanthood. What characteristics and practices of Jesus could each of us emulate to help us develop a servant heart? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Job Opportunity | Resonate Global Mission is hiring! | Do you have a passion for developing opportunities for Christians to be engaged in mission? We have a full-time opening for a Volunteer Ministries Program Manager, based in either our Grand Rapids or Burlington office. In this position you will work with ministry leaders to create volunteer opportunities, and with churches to support their engagement in mission. For more details, to apply, or to share with someone you know, visit <https://crcna.pinpointhq.com/en/jobs/18132> by August 20, 2021.

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. **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 the treasurer.
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.