



Welcome to Community CRC's weekly bulletin. It was wonderful to see two of the Communities return to in-person worship last Sunday. We praise God that we have this opportunity and are thankful for all the volunteers and staff that continue to make this possible! Details on procedures can be found on our website (ccrc.on.ca) and in the sign-up emails. However, a reminder from the Covid Committee that as our Communities begin to return to the church for worship please remember to always maintain physical distance from people who are not in your household and keep your facemask on. If you want to chat and catch up with other folks after the service that's great! You are welcome to do so! Please do so outside of the building as you continue to wear a mask and maintain a physical distance of 2 meters.

This Sunday we welcome Community #4 and Community #7 to our worship service! Our current total capacity is 50 people worshipping within the church (in addition to the worship team), which follows the COVID policy approved by Council. **This week we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with Jeff and Christina G (7) as they present their daughter, Lydia Christina for baptism.**

The next four weeks will see the following Communities being invited for in-person worship:

August 30: 11 + 13

September 6: 5 + 2

September 13: 8 + 9

September 20: 6 + 14

A registration process is necessary in order to make sure we do not exceed our current capacity of 50 people. Registration will happen during the week leading up to Sunday. Early this coming week **a link to register will be sent through an online platform called Eventbrite to Community #4 and Community #7.** Please sign up by Thursday if you intend to come for worship on the 23rd. If you do not have internet, please let your elder or deacon know. If there is still space available in the service by Friday, a link to register will be sent to the whole congregation in the weekly bulletin email. At that time, anyone from the congregation will be able to register to fill all of the available spaces.

Our services will continue to be live streamed, so those who are not comfortable returning or who are unable to return can continue to worship with us as we navigate this new stage of our life together.

Reminder: This week the congregation will be voting on **calling Betsy DeVries as Minister of the Word in a term-call to Community CRC in Kitchener, ON.** An electronic ballot will be emailed out to the congregation tomorrow, Monday, August 24, 2020. All professing members are invited to vote. The window for voting will be open from Monday, August 24 – Friday, August 28, 2020. Paper ballots are available to those without internet access and can be dropped off or mailed to the Church. Ballots received by 5pm on Friday, August 28, 2020 will be counted. The vote requirement is: 75% of valid ballots cast to be in favour for the Affirmation of Call to be confirmed.

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: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Matthew 16:21-28; Romans 12:9-21

10:00am Worship Service

Worship Participants this week:

GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song: "Your Love Defends Me"
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship
God's Greeting
Song of Praise: "Build Your Kingdom Here"

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Institution
The Promises of God
Song of Assurance "Blessed Assurance: Jesus is Mine"
The Vows
Profession of Faith The Apostle's Creed
Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Baptism of Lydia Christina Graansma
Baptismal Prayer

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Song of Preparation: "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"
Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Exodus 1: 8 – 2: 10
Sermon "God in the Ordinary"
Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response: "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"
Announcement of Offering 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) Faith Formation Ministries
Prayers of the People
God's Parting Blessing
Doxology: "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

Our condolences are extended to **Jane D** with the passing away of her husband, **Clarence**, this past Thursday, August 20, 2020. Clarence passed away at home with his family by his side at the age of 82. Clarence was a brother to **Gerald and Diane D (8)**, **May H (14)** and a brother-in-law to **Wanda D (9)**. Clarence was ready to be with the Lord and the family takes great comfort in knowing that he belonged to Christ "*in life and in death*". No other details are available at this time.

Matters for Prayer:

- Pray for discernment as the congregation votes for the calling **Betsy DeVries** as a Minister of the Word for her Interim position
- 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 those on vacation that they may have a time of rest and renewal where they may experience the beauty and wonder of God's creation and see that God continues to grow good things in his people and in the world!
- 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 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.

Congratulations to Steve and Michelle F (11) as they will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on August 26, 2020. May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years to come!

UPCOMING SERVICES

Aug 30 | Pastor Betsy DeVries – Community #11 and #13 are invited to attend in person

Sep 6 | Pastor Amanda Bakale – Community #5 and #2 are invited to attend in person, Backpack Blessing

Children's Worship is available for our CCRC kids this week. 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.ccrcc.on.ca/church-at-home>

MISSIONARY CORNER

The COVID-19 Pandemic continues to affect people of all nations, cultures, and walks of life - both near to home and far away. We recently received an update from **Hank and Rosario S** about how the Pandemic is affecting those in Guatemala. Here is an excerpt from their letter *"Here in Guatemala, we are in the fifth month of full to partial lock-down, quarantine, restricted travel and rationing of food. What is understood in North America as "social distancing" and "stay at home" are hardly options for the majority of the poor in Guatemala who live day by day in an informal economy. Each day you can see an increase of sightings of white flags outside windows or alongside road ways, a signal to indicate they need help, especially for food. The restrictions imposed might be the same but the results here are hugely different. Private sector and private schools have been able to implement work at home strategies but in the public sector whether it be health care, schools or work opportunities and with no public transportation the consequences are much more severe. The situation is "complex", but especially due to drought, the poverty levels in rural areas, where half the population lives, the people suffering from hunger has doubled."*

Closer to home, we received an **Update/Thank you note from Shannon C.** Shannon works as a Chaplain at Forest Heights Long Term Care Home, a facility that was hit extremely hard with an outbreak of the coronavirus earlier this year. This home saw 251 people being infected; 178 residents (51 of which passed away) and 71 staff.

Please take some time to read these newsletters and keep **Hank and Rosario and Shannon** in your prayers as they minister to others during these difficult times. The letters are attached to the bulletin email.

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 Faith Formation Ministries. Faith Formation Ministries encourages and equips local Christian Reformed ministry leaders in their calling to shape lifelong faith formation in their context so that all generations have an intentional and resilient faith. They recognize that each congregation has a unique identity, history, context, and calling. To that end, they listen, dialogue, and then suggest ideas and develop resources to strengthen these ministries. They do that in a number of ways, including

- providing Regional Catalyzers, a Children's Ministry Catalyzer, and a Youth Ministry catalyzer who are available to meet with you by phone, by video, or in person to explore ways to strengthen lifelong faith formation in your church. Visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/coaching.

- creating resources on topics such as family faith formation, intergenerational ministry, children's ministry, youth ministry, and more. Check them out at crcna.org/FaithFormation/resources.

- offering workshops and other gatherings around specific faith formation topics.

Next week our offering is for Woodland Christian High School. Woodland opened its doors for the first time in September, 1976. For the first number of years it operated in a number of church facilities in the Cambridge and Kitchener-Waterloo areas. The move to the present facilities occurred in 1979. Considerable

expansion and renovation took place in 2002. Steady growth has allowed Woodland to complete further expansion and renovation in 2014 that has provided large gymnasium facilities, a multi purpose auditorium, art complex, and much needed classroom space. Woodland currently serves approximately 345 students in Grades nine to twelve and it exists to equip students for lives of Christian faith and service.

Upcoming Offerings:

Sep 6 | Christian School Foundation
 Sep 13 | CCRC Mission Fund

Offerings Received as at August 16, 2020 including Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR):

Aug 16	\$	32,567
Year to Date	\$	430,058
Budgeted 2020 Total Contributions	\$	885,705
Second Offerings		
Benevolence Fund	\$	2,930
World Renew – Beirut	\$	1,725
World Renew – Disaster Response	\$	200
Woodland Christian High School	\$	605
Laurentian Hills Christian School	\$	600
Missionary Support	\$	455
FACE Fund	\$	400
Habitat for Humanity	\$	105
CCRC Mission Fund	\$	100
Faith Formation Ministries	\$	5

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

Today Devotional Booklets: The September/October 2020 Today devotional booklets are available. You can pick up a copy if you are attending a worship service or you can drop by curbside pickup this coming week on

Tuesday, (25), Wednesday (26) or Friday (28) from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Large print copies will be labelled.

The **September 2020 edition of the Banner** is also available for pickup during the hours listed above. If you are unable to come by the church in person, please call the office (519-743-9482) and Donna will mail out a Banner or Today booklet to you.

The Administrative Council will meet this Tuesday at 7:30 at the church.

DENOMINATION NEWS

Coming to the University of Guelph this year?

Wondering how you are going to build friendships and a Christian community now that almost everything is happening online? Guelph Campus Ministry has many opportunities for you to connect with other students, dive into Scripture, and ask big (and little!) questions. To find out more, contact campus pastor Sara DeMoor (call or text 519-732-3517; email sdemoor@uoguelph.ca), follow us on Instagram (@guelphcampusministry), or check out our website: www.guelphcm.ca

Heading off to campus? - As you study, experience a multitude of perspectives and worldviews, and develop new relationships, why not also be part of a diverse community that gathers together to grow in faith and to engage God's world? There are over 35 CRC Campus Ministries on campuses across North America, comprised of students, faculty and

staff. To find out if there is one on your campus please check this map: resonateglobalmission.org/campusmap. No campus ministry at your school? You can also locate a nearby CRC at crcna.org/church-finder. For more information about our unique ministries, please contact us at campusministry@crcna.org.

RESOURCES

Instructions for giving to Community CRC

As we begin to meet again, the following donation methods are currently in place:

1. PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) – is the preferred method of giving.
2. You can mail your donations to the Church. Please do NOT mail cash. The mailbox is checked regularly.
3. ***NEW* You can drop off your donation in our drop-off mailslot located on the outside of the kitchen door.**
4. If you are registered to attend the Church service, you may bring in your donation.

Notes:

- You may use your vouchers (only for second collections) - please mark clearly which cause they are intended for.
- We are not issuing vouchers at this time.

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.

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/>

