



This week we welcome **Pastor Ed Jager** to our service. He is a pastor at New Life CRC in Guelph and has known Pastor Tom since seminary.

10:00am Installation Service for Rev. Tom Bomhof

Worship Participants this week:

Preacher: Pastor Ed Jager **Liturgist:** Pastor Amanda Bakale

GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song	"Holy, Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty"
Welcome and Announcements	
Call to Worship	
God's Greeting	
Song of Praise	"Come People of the Risen King" "Living Hope"

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR TOM BOMHOF

The Announcement	
The Teaching	
The Vows	
The Charge to Pastor Tom	
The Charge to the Congregation	
Prayer of Thanksgiving	
Song	"We Will Extol You, God and King"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading	Exodus 3: 1-10
Sermon	"Holy Mo and Tom Magnum"

Prayer of Application

	RESPONSE TO THE WORD
Song of Response	“Who You Say I Am”
Prayer of Sending: Our World Belongs to God – Article 30	Leader: The Spirit gathers us from every tongue, tribe, and nation into the unity of the body of Christ. All: Anointed and sent by the Spirit, we are thrust into the world, as ambassadors of God’s peace, announcing forgiveness and reconciliation, proclaiming the good news of grace. Leader: Going before us and with us, the Spirit convinces the world of sin and pleads the cause of Christ. All: All of us, impelled by the Spirit, go next door and far away into science and art, media and marketplace—every area of life, pointing to the reign of God with what we do and say.
Sending Song	“Hear the Call of the Kingdom”
God’s Parting Blessing	
Doxology	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Worship Service Update

Administrative Council, on the recommendations from the COVID Team and Worship Strategists Team, approved an **increase in our current seating capacity** for worship services. Starting **this Sunday**, we will be using every other pew in the sanctuary rather than every third pew. This increased capacity still abides by the provincial restrictions on physically distancing and indoor capacity limits. Based on recommendations, Administrative Council also voted to **remove all age restrictions for our worship services**. All ages are now welcome!

This week Communities 5,6,7,8 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:

September 5: 1, 2, 3, 4

September 12: 9,11,13,14

September 19: 5,6,7,8

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

This is a historic day in the life of Community CRC as we are privileged to install **Rev. Tom Bomhof** as Pastor – Communities and Missions. **Congratulations Pastor Tom!** We are grateful to the Lord for the gifts He has given you and for the opportunity you have to use them in the life of CCRC. May you be given the grace and the strength to live out the vows you have made and may the Lord bless you as you serve Him in your new position. We are excited to have you with us!

Elena W's (8) mother, **Berta d**, had a heart attack last week. Elena is currently with her parents in British Columbia. Please pray for Berta's recovery, for the W and d families, and for safe travel for Elena as she returns home to Ontario.

We pray for **Gary B** (8) as his 9-year multiple sclerosis remission comes to an end with an unexpected flare-up. Gary is undergoing tests and scans to determine the full picture of the MS return. Please pray for strength for Gary as he struggles with the reality of MS and waits for the results of tests in the coming days.

Congratulations to Tristan V (4) and **Julia D** as they were united in marriage in our church yesterday. We pray that God will bless their marriage and grant them much love and happiness as they begin their married life together!

We give thanks for milestone anniversaries that will be celebrated in the coming week:

Aioub G and **Mairi T** (6) will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, September 1, 2021.

Hart and Christine F (8) will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Thursday, September 2, 2021.

May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen these marriages for many years to come!

MATTERS FOR PRAYER

- As we follow the headlines coming out of Afghanistan, pray for those that will be settling in our region over the next few weeks. May God grant them strength and a sense of home as they begin a new life.
- Pray for the people of Haiti as they cleanup and recover from the earthquake and tropical depression Grace. You can find ways to help in the World Renew announcement
- 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.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sep 5	10 am	Pastor Amanda Bakale Backpack Blessing
Sep 12	10 am	Pastor Tom Bomhof Lord's Supper
Sep 19	10 am	Pastor Amanda Bakale

Backpack Blessing for 2021-2022! Next Sunday, Sep 5 | Next Sunday, we'll pray for and bless all those going back to school this year from kindergarten to grad school: teachers and students, support staff and administrators. We are entering yet another school year in this season of pandemic, so let's come together and bless one another for the year ahead. (Psst...if you follow CCRC on Instagram or Facebook, you'll get a peek at the tangible little gift of blessing!)

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 CCRC Mission Funds | The Community CRC Mission fund is available to provide financial assistance to those at Community CRC who feel called by God to serve others. An application form is available by contacting the deacons.

Next week our offering is for the Waterloo Campus Ministry | The Waterloo Campus Ministry is the Christian Reformed presence on the campuses of the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University led by Pastor Brian B. Each summer Pastor Brian hears from prospective UW, WLU, and Conestoga students looking for housing in KW. In order to help them find suitable accommodations, please let Pastor Brian to know if you a room or apartment you're willing to rent to students.

Upcoming Offerings:

Sep 12 | Missionary Support
Sep 19 | Resonate Global Mission

Offerings received as at August 22, 2021 including the BRIDGE APP donations:

August 22, 2021	\$	48,218
Year to Date	\$	506,310
Budgeted 2021 Total Contributions	\$	923,460
Second Offerings		
World Renew – Haiti	\$	1,050
Leadership Diversity	\$	530
Office of Social Justice	\$	100
World Renew	\$	50
Friendship Ministries	\$	50
CCRC Mission Fund	\$	25

World Renew – Help for Haiti | On August 14th, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake shook Haiti and has so far claimed nearly 2,000 lives, left thousands more injured or missing, destroyed property and compounded the suffering of the island nation. An estimated 30,000 people have been left homeless—exposed to the elements during hurricane season. World Renew, as a member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, has joined the Humanitarian Coalition in asking Canadians to give generously to help those impacted by the crisis. World Renew is working to deliver supplies to families left homeless by the earthquake with items like tarps for shelter, kits

containing household and personal care items, and emergency food. To donate visit: worldrenew.ca/haiti

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

Highlights from the Administrative Council Meeting of August 24th, 2021

- Council met in July for an outdoor social gathering. Here we welcomed new members and said goodbye to those retiring.
- Council was excited to welcome Pastor Tom to this meeting.
- Council welcomed new members: Chris S and Dave W.
- Roles and responsibilities were discussed. A few members were absent this month and therefore will confirm at our next meeting when all members present.
- Received and reviewed various staff and ministry reports and meeting minutes.
- Council welcomed and heard an update from Worship Coordinator, Rachel K, who reports it has been challenging to adapt within the pandemic but is optimistic going forward and looks forward to a new ministry year. Volunteers for tech help/sound are always appreciated.
- Council reviewed and approved recommendations from the COVID Committee which include increasing the limit capacity to 125 people + 25 volunteers. This will include seating to change to every second rather than every third row; allowing all ages to attend; and recognized the need for more ushers. More information to follow!
- Council discussed vaccinations mandates and what that could mean for ministry leaders. More information to follow.
- Council noted it may be helpful for those who attend the church service to wear name tags again.

- The new Calling Committee has been formed and has started to meet – More information to follow!
- It was noted The Ontario Government will be passing the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act which means CCRC bylaws need to be reviewed and adopted within three years.
- Council plans to meet with all office bearers in October to discuss the results and conversations from the Dive into Doctrine listening circles.
- The next Classis Huron meeting is Saturday September 18th.

Attention Knifty Knitters | A note to let you know that your boxes of goods can be dropped off at the church during the week of September 6 – 10 between 9am – 3pm. Please put them in the foyer that leads to the sanctuary. Do not put tape on the boxes as we have to put a note into each one. The items will be taken to Cambridge on Tuesday, September 14. If you have any questions, please call May H.

Youth Ministries Workshop Saturday, Sept 11 9:30-12:30pm | Are you interested in supporting and getting to know our amazing teenagers here at CCRC? As we enter another uncertain ministry year, we are looking for **5 leaders to join the leadership team for Impact**, our high-school ministry. If you're interested and want to learn more, join us for our brainstorming and planning session on Sept 11. **Note: We will be meeting physically-distanced both indoors and outdoors throughout the morning at CCRC.*

Volunteer opportunity: CCRC Safe Church Team | The Safe Church Team is looking for two new members. The team is responsible for addressing issues of abuse within the congregation which includes harassment, physical abuse, and more, which could be from volunteers, congregants and/or staff. The team also maintains the Abuse Prevention Policy and

online training. You don't need experience to serve on the team, just a compassionate heart. We welcome any adult member who can commit to meeting 4-6 times a year. If you have any questions or are interested, please reach out to Paula L.

Laurentian Hills Christian School Golf Tournament: Sep 25, 2021 | We are excited to announce that golfer registration is officially open! Get your foursome organized - or signup as a pair or single. For golfer registration form please contact LHCS.

We are still working out the details of the tournament dinner with Rebel Creek - it may depend on COVID restrictions in September. In the event that we do take-home dinners, please be sure to indicate your take-home meal selection. Payment can be completed in advance or on the day. Looking forward to seeing you on the course!

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

University Students | 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, check this map: resonateglobalmission.org/campusmap. No campus ministry at your school? You can also locate a nearby CRC here: <https://www.crcna.org/churches>. For more information about our unique ministries, please contact us at campusministry@crcna.org

Children's Devotions | Little Sins Grow - Can you think of a time when you *REALLY* wanted to do something you knew was wrong? How did you stop yourself? Maybe you didn't stop, and

so you ate someone else's cookie, or said hurtful words, or stole someone else's stuff! The good news is that God gave each of us an inside alarm called a conscience. Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net.

Groundwork | Remember the Sabbath | Why does God want us to remember the sabbath? What does it mean to keep it holy? Join Groundwork as we study Exodus 20:8-11 to better understand the second commandment and discuss the implications of what it means and looks like to live this rhythm of life today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Faith Practices | The Practice of Service | In Celebration of Discipline, Richard Foster writes, "Self-righteous service fractures community. . . it puts others into its debt and becomes one of the most subtle and destructive forms of manipulation known. True service builds community. It quietly and unpretentiously goes about caring for the needs of others. It draws, binds, heals, builds." Look for ways to heal and build others up through service this week. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Safe Church Ministry | Safe Church Town Hall | Calling all Safe Church coordinators, Safe Church classis team members, Classis Clerks, Classis Chairs, Congregational Safe Church Leaders and friends of Safe Church! Join Safe Church Ministry staff on Sept. 8 (7-8:30 pm Eastern) for a town hall as they share the vision for the year to come. You'll also meet with other safe church volunteers and learn about new resources to support your work with Safe Church Ministry. Interested? Register here: bit.ly/SCMtownhall.

Courses at the Institute for Christian Studies are online this fall | We invite you to join us for courses like The Observant Participant. Contemplative attention and professional practice can seem mutually exclusive. Senior Member Gideon Strauss will give you the tools to bring them together, drawing from philosophy and organizational leadership experience. First-time auditors can join any course for only \$425. Email academic-registrar@icscanada.edu!

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, Treasurer.

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 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.