



Welcome to Community CRC's weekly bulletin. This is the third Sunday that Communities have been invited for in-person worship. We praise God that we have this opportunity and are thankful for the 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 #11 and Community #13 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.

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

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 #5 and Community #2**. Please sign up by Thursday if you intend to come for worship on Sep 6. 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.

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 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Matthew 18:15-20; Romans 13:8-14

10:00am Worship Service

Worship Participants this week:

Preacher: Pastor Betsy DeVries

GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song: "Across the Lands"
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship
God's Greeting
Song of Praise: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Song of Preparation: "Build My Life"
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Reading: Exodus 3: 1 - 15
Sermon "The Soundtrack of a Call"
Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response: "What a Beautiful Name"
Announcement of Offering 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) Woodland Christian High School
Prayers of the People
God's Parting Blessing
Doxology: "To God Be the Glory"

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

Congratulations to **Rebecca B (1)** with the birth of a son. **Mason Maurice** was born on August 22, 2020 and mom and baby are well. Praise God for this gift of new life!

Matters for Prayer:

- Pray for guidance and wisdom for the Search Team as they continue the process of seeking a candidate for the position for a Pastor-Predaching 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 prepare to re-open 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 Gerald and Diane D (8) as they will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on September 3, 2020. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Congratulations to Phill and Amber V (6) as they will celebrate their 5th wedding anniversary on September 5, 2020. May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years to come!

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sep 6 | Pastor Amanda Bakale

- Community #5 and #2 are invited to attend in person
- Backpack Blessing

Sep 13 | Two Services:

Sunday Morning Worship Service | 10:00 am

Pastor Betsy DeVries/Pastor Amanda Bakale

- Community #8 & 9 are invited to attend in person
- Lord's Supper

Afternoon Outdoor Profession of Faith Service:

- Profession of Faith of Aidan B (8), Aria G (4), Justin H (11)
- Baptism and Profession of Faith: Naomi F (8)
- Lord's Supper

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.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 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 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.

Next week our offering is for The Christian School Foundation. *"The Christian School Foundation pulls together experts in financial planning, tax law and estate planning to offer a range of inspiration, information and services to donors and their advisors so that gifts to the Christian school movement are received and managed in a stewardly and God-honouring way. It also works with its member schools to ensure that the stories of God's faithfulness and blessing are collected and shared."*

Upcoming Offerings:

Sep 13 | CCRC Mission Fund

Sep 20 | Resonate Global Mission

Offerings Received as at August 23, 2020:

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| Aug 23 | \$ | 8,705 |
| Year to Date | \$ | 438,763 |
| Budgeted 2020 Total Contributions | \$ | 885,705 |
| Second Offerings | | |
| Missionary Support | \$ | 445 |
| Benevolence Fund | \$ | 265 |
| World Renew | \$ | 200 |
| F.A.C.E. Fund | \$ | 200 |
| Faith Formation Ministries | \$ | 190 |
| Resonate Global Mission | \$ | 120 |
| Habitat for Humanity | \$ | 120 |
| Back to God Ministries Int'l | \$ | 100 |
| Aboriginal Ministries | \$ | 100 |

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| Centre for Public Dialogue | \$ | 100 |
| Laurentian Hills Christian School | \$ | 90 |

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

Administrative Council Meeting Tuesday August 25th, 2020

- Welcomed Gary L and Larry L as new Administrative Elders. Alyanne C will be welcomed at the September meeting.
- Retiring elders Rob W and Janette W reflected briefly on their term and were thanked for their service.
- Rolls and responsibilities were discussed for Administrative Council. Not all members were available for this meeting, therefore further assignments will be discussed at the September meeting. **Chairperson will be Henry V, Vice chair will be Judy H and Clerk will continue to be Alesha H.**
- Received and reviewed various staff and ministry reports and meeting minutes.
- Council has approved a new administrative job description, as per the staffing proposal presented in the spring. The position will be advertised in the coming weeks.
- Council recognized the current schedule of Communities invited to services will expire on September 20th. Council has agreed to increasing number of congregants to 75 after the September 20th date as recommended by the Covid Committee. **Starting September 27th, three communities will be invited to services up to a maximum of 75 people.**
- Council along with the Covid Committee agree various committee meetings can be held in the church building if proper protocol is followed. This requires booking a space through the church office.
- Council along with the Covid Committee agree various ministries can meet in the building this ministry year. The Covid Committee requests that each ministry create a proposal on

how they will use the building and give to the committee to review. Following approval ministries can move ahead with approved building use.

- The Covid committee is creating a FAQ's page for the CCRC website. This will be ready in the coming weeks.
- Council is exploring was of supporting the Journey as they seek to call a pastor.

Backpack Blessing Is Back! Next Sunday, Sept 6

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. This year is unlike any other, so let's come together and bless one another for the year ahead. While we cannot hand out the gift in the worship service like we did last year, stay tuned for how we'll be getting your gift to you. (Psst...if you follow CCRC on Instagram or Facebook, you'll get a peek at the tangible little gift of blessing!)

Do You Have a Person-Sized Water Tank or Portable Pool?

We'll be doing a baptism for an older teen on Sept 13 and we're looking for possible ways to practice immersion. Do you have something on your farm or in your backyard that might work? Maybe a trendy stock tank that you're taking down? And could be moved to the church property easily? Give Pastor Amanda a call!

Woodland Christian High School wishes to thank everyone who supported the ***Nurture the Vision*** Spring Fund Drive this year.

As a school, we raised **\$112,825** toward the tuition assistance fund. Your chapter raised \$40,950 to support Christian education and encourage the families within your local area. It is a blessing as a school to have such faithful and generous support.

DENOMINATION NEWS

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.

Faith in Action: Civic Engagement for Climate Justice — Are you ready to take action on the twin crises of climate change and COVID-19? Join Earthkeepers for an online panel discussion with Christine Boyle (Vancouver City Councillor) and Karri Munn-Venn (Senior Policy Analyst for Citizens for Public Justice). Together, they will explore why followers of Christ should pursue civic action for justice and how to best advocate for change in our churches and local communities. Wednesday, September 9 at 6:00pm PT or 9:00pm ET. More details are available at www.cpj.ca/events.

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/>

