



Welcome to Community CRC's weekly bulletin. This is the fifth 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 #8 and Community #9 to our morning worship service! We will be celebrating the sacrament of Lord's Supper online and in our homes. 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 Sunday afternoon there will be a special outdoor service to celebrate the Professions of Faith of 4 of our young members including a baptism of one of the youth.** This service will be taped for those who are unable to attend.

Next Sunday we invite Community #6 and #14 for in-person worship. 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.** Please sign up by Thursday if you intend to come for worship on Sep 20. 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.

As we move forward with "in-person" worship, starting on **September 27** the number of congregants will increase to 75 and 3 Communities will be invited on a Sunday morning. The schedule is as follows:

September 27: 1+3+4

October 4: 7+11+13

October 11: 5+2+9

October 18: 8+6+14

Details regarding the Thanksgiving Day service will be available soon.

This Sunday is the conclusion of our Summer Sermon Series.
" Growing Season: Lessons from the Lectionary"

10:00am Worship Service

Worship Participants this week:

Preacher: Pastor Betsy DeVries **Litanist:** Pastor Amanda Bakale

GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song: "No Outsiders"

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God's Greeting

Song of Praise: "My Lighthouse"

Offering Announcement
1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) CCRC Mission Fund

Prayers of the People

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Song of Preparation: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18: 21-35

Sermon "Rewriting the Story on Forgiveness"

Prayer of Application

Celebration of Lord's Supper

Song of Response: "My Worth is Not In What I Own"

The Teaching

The Institution

The Communion

Response of Praise " I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

God's Parting Blessing

Doxology: "We Will Glorify"

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

Congratulations to Shawn and Carlie M (2) with the birth of a daughter. **Evelyn Christine** was born on Thursday, September 10, 2020 and mom and baby are well. Praise God for this gift of new life!

Congratulations to Naomi F (8), Aria G (4), Justin H (11) and Aidan B (8) on the occasion of your public profession of faith! We praise the Lord for you! We are excited with you and pray that you may never cease to marvel at God's grace in your lives. May you find much joy and fulfillment in living for Jesus!

Consistory met this past Tuesday via Zoom and welcomed three new members to our church. We received membership from **Alexis W** from Faith CRC in Burlington. We also received membership from **John and Gerdie A** from Georgetown CRC. We pray that Alexis and John and Gerdie may soon feel at home among us even during this time of social distancing. Welcome!

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-Preaching and Pastoral Care which is now posted on our website and the CRCNA Network.
- 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, and custodial staff as they welcome students back this fall and adapt to new protocols.

- Pray for returning students either those returning in person or online that they may deepen their learning and maintain friendships. Be especially mindful of those entering Grade 12 and those in first year university as they face a much different year than they expected.
- Pray for families as they together adjust to a different rhythm and a different school year.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment for ministry leaders as they plan and prepare for a ministry year during the ongoing health crisis.
- Pray that God strengthens us when we find ourselves exhausted and overwhelmed in a world that continues to face uncertainty.
- Pray for those with ongoing health concerns and those dealing with illness that seem to have taken a back seat to COVID-19.
- Pray for those dealing with mental illness and addiction which is exacerbated by the pandemic.
- Pray for those seeking employment or experiencing job loss
- 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 very much for all the well wishes and condolences with the passing of our brother and brother in law Clarence.

We thank the Lord that we could celebrate our 55th wedding anniversary and Gerry's 84th birthday. Thank you for the phone calls and cards.

Gerry and Diane D (8)

STAFF INFORMATION

Sherrie M is on vacation this week. **Daphne K** will be cleaning the church on Wednesday and Friday of this coming week.

CCRC is now seeking to hire an Office Administrator to support the church office and youth ministry programs for a 35 hours/week position. The applicant should have at least 2 years of administration experience that includes software support programs (such as Microsoft Office and e-calendars). Knowledge of website editing and social media use would be an asset. The successful candidate must have excellent communication skills and be well-organized. A general knowledge of church youth programs is essential. Some work may be required after typical business hours, especially as it may relate to communication. For the complete job description or to apply for this position please visit the church website at www.ccrc.on.ca/careers. The application deadline is September 25, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sep 20 | Pastor Betsy DeVries/Pastor Amanda Bakale

Baptism of Brianna Rose C

Sep 27 | Pastor Amanda Bakale

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 The CCRC Mission Fund. The Mission Fund is available to those at Community CRC who feel called by God to serve others. An application form is available by contacting your deacon.

Next week our offering is for Resonate Global Mission." *Our work as part of God's mission isn't done until all people worship Jesus! That's why Jesus sends us to the "ends of the earth" in his final instructions on earth.*

Together we help build God's church—planting churches and supporting ministry in North America as well as sending missionaries around the globe to share the good news. Sending people to share the gospel is part of God's plan for your congregation!

Resonate is an extension of your own church, and we exist to serve you and walk with you. We want to help our congregations explore their communities, discover where God is moving, and join God on mission!

Resonate can help deepen your passion for mission, strengthen your capacity to follow God on mission, and amplify the impact you and your church have in your community and around the world. We can do more together than we can on our own!"

Upcoming Offerings:

Sep 27 | Safe Church Ministry

Oct 4 | Birthright and St. Monica House

Offerings Received as at September 6, 2020:

Sep 6	\$	10,590
Year to Date	\$	452,983
Budgeted 2020 Total Contributions	\$	885,705
Second Offerings		
Woodland Christian High School	\$	500
Benevolence Fund	\$	215
Missionary Support	\$	170
Faith Formation Ministries	\$	110
Christian School Foundation	\$	144
Habitat for Humanity	\$	50

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

Today: Sermon Discussion for Grade 4-6 on

Zoom: All students in Grades 4-6 are invited to join a virtual **sermon discussion on Zoom this Sunday morning at 11:30 am.** We will talk about the sermon and questions about faith and life that you've been wondering about. This is a new once-a-month program that is planned for the second Sunday of the month from September to December.

-Mrs. M and Mrs. N

Back to School Blessing Buttons: As you enter this school year, go with the blessing and prayers of your church family and wear the Blessing button as a reminder that "The Lord is with You." If you would like a Blessing Button and haven't received one yet, please contact your Community elder regarding pick up or drop off.

Faith and Hops is suspended for September but look for details to come for an in-person, physically distanced get-together in October.

DENOMINATION NEWS

Introducing the Faith Practices Project! - Faith Formation Ministries invites you to take a dive into transformational Christian practices (also called "spiritual disciplines") with the Faith Practices Project. Each month, find new resources for a particular practice at crcna.org/faithformation/practices. Join us as we start with the practice of Sabbath. We hope these resources will provide new insights for how to engage with God and open ourselves to God's work in our hearts.

Disability Concerns October Caregiver Series -

Join us every Thursday in October, at 12 pm EDT for a conversation on Caregiving. This training event will help caregivers navigate the emotional landscape of their role and will give practical ideas how churches can help these families address the challenges for the person living with a disability as well as their siblings, parents, spouse, or other caregivers. Registration required. View our Network post: [Disability Concerns Canada Conference Re-Imagined.](#)