



The Bible holds out the hope that we can “be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God” (Ephesians 3:19). To be filled with the very things that fill God is an awesome thought. During this series, we will focus on some of the spiritual realities that God fills us with: grace, unity, love, and light. In a world that leaves us drained and empty, join us as we live into the fullness that the Bible promises.

10:00am Service

Worship Participants this week:

Preacher: Pastor Amanda Bakale **Litanist:** Pastor Tom Bomhof

GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song	“Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King”
Welcome and Announcements	
Call to Worship	
God’s Greeting	
Song of Praise	“This is Amazing Grace”

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Call to Confession	
Prayer of Confession	“What the Lord has Done in Me”
Assurance of Pardon	
Children’s Blessing	

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Song of Preparation	“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”
Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading	Ephesians 2: 1-10
Sermon	“Growing in Grace”
Prayer of Application	

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response:	“Build My Life”
Offering Announcement	Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church Resonate Global Mission
Prayers of the People	
God’s Parting Blessing	
Doxology	“Father, We Love You”

We are currently using every other pew in the sanctuary in order to accommodate the recent increase to in-person worshippers while still abiding by the provincial restrictions on physically distancing and indoor capacity limits. All ages restrictions have been removed from the worship services so **all ages are welcome** for in-person worship. **All attendees age 2 and over are required to wear a mask and maintain a 2-meter physical distancing** both in the building and while outside.

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

Pray for **Don F (8)** as he deals with ongoing health issues and an uncertain diagnosis. Pray for strength and patience and for reduced pain.

Congratulations to **Martin and Jenny O (8)** as they will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on Friday, September 24, 2021. Praise God from who all blessings flow!

Consistory met this past Tuesday and received membership for **Jessie J V** from Heritage Fellowship Christian Reformed Church. Welcome Jessie!

MATTERS FOR PRAYER

- Pray for energy and creativity for ministry leaders and volunteers and they prepare for and launch ministries in another uncertain ministry year.
- Pray for wisdom and guidance for voters as they go to the polls tomorrow, September 20 for the Federal election.

Pray for a peaceful, safe, and orderly process for all those involved.

- Pray for patience, understanding, and clear communication as our province rolls out the vaccine passport on September 22.
- Pray for teachers, administration, students, parents and support workers as they face the challenges of teaching and learning during a pandemic.
- Pray for those who are seeking employment or those who are underemployed and/or seeking more meaningful employment.
- Pray for those affected by recent natural disasters (Hurricane Ida, Haiti earthquake) or those needing humanitarian assistance (Afghanistan). Pray for the efforts of relief organizations such as World Renew and their partners as they strive to be a beacon of hope and compassion during this difficult time. For more info or ways to give, please go to www.worldrenew.net.
- Pray for **Gary and Galya T** with Resonate Global Missions, **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 26	10 am	Pastor Tom Bomhof Baptism: Indiana T (13) C# 1,2,3,4
Oct 3	10 am	Pastor Tom Bomhof C# 9,11,13,14
Oct 10		Pastor Amanda Bakale Lord's Supper All Communities Invited
Oct 11	10 am	Thanksgiving Day Service Priority: <i>Families with children 12 and under</i>

Upcoming Baptism Sundays | Are you looking to be baptized or to have your child baptized? The next Baptism Sundays are scheduled for October 24 and November 28. If you are interested in one of these dates, please contact the church office.

STAFF INFORMATION

Our bookkeeper, **Diana W**, will be on vacation from September 24 until October 4.

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 Resonate Global Mission. Resonate Global Mission brings the Gospel to people, neighborhoods, communities, churches and the world to embolden them in participating in God's mission and faithfully proclaiming and living out the good news of Jesus.

Next week our offering is for Safe Church Ministry. *Safe Church Ministry equips congregations in abuse awareness, prevention, and response. They help build communities where the value of each person is honored; where people are free to worship and grow free from abuse; and where abuse has occurred, the response is compassion and justice that foster healing. They pursue their vision by offering training and support to volunteer safe church team members so that they can be resources for their congregations and classes. Team members provide learning opportunities, support, and consultation in their own local contexts.*

The Safe Church Team at Community CRC is looking for **one more member!** 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.

Upcoming Offerings:

- Oct 3 | Race Relations
- Oct 10 | Food Bank of Waterloo Region
- Oct 11 | Ontario Christian Gleaners

Offerings received as at September 12, 2021:

September 12, 2021	\$	11,440
Year to Date	\$	528,042
Budgeted 2021 Total Contributions	\$	923,460
Second Offerings		
Missionary Support	\$	878
Resonate Global Missions	\$	325
Waterloo Campus Ministry	\$	275
CCRC Mission Fund	\$	100
World Renew – Haiti	\$	100
Benevolence Fund	\$	50
Safe Church Ministry	\$	15

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

Calling Committee Update | Over the past year, God led our church on a rich journey to discover Pastor Tom who is now our Pastor – Communities and Missions.

As we celebrate an answer to prayer, a new Calling Committee has been formed to seek the position of Pastor – Preaching & Pastoral Care. The committee has met several times via Zoom to start the search process.

After reviewing and compiling documentation, the committee is ready to advertise on our church website at www.ccrcc.on.ca/careers and the CRCNA website in the coming weeks. As these are posted, we welcome your suggestions for potential candidates by e-mailing careers@ccrc.on.ca.

Throughout the fall, the committee will be reviewing the potential candidates and will aim to interview and make recommendations to Council sometime in the new year. Throughout this process, please pray for wisdom, discernment, and perseverance as we seek the Lord's will for CCRC.

CCRC Ministries that would like to start meeting are asked to provide a detailed, planned procedure on how they will follow COVID protocols in their meetings. This plan should be sent to Chris S, Council rep on the COVID Committee. This committee will visit the plan prior to submitting it to Administrative Council. You can find the protocols on the church website at the following link: <https://www.ccrcc.on.ca/covid-19-faqs-for-ccrc>.

The Knifty Knitters delivered two car loads of goods to be shipped to Faith's Orphans in Zambia (www.faithsorphanfund.org). Items included: 111 blankets; 180 dresses, 39 sweaters and 100 dolls and bears. Many thanks all who contributed.

For those who are interested, watch this YouTube video to see how the items are sorted and prepared in Cambridge to be sent to Africa. <https://youtu.be/1YiFKtz7Bf0>.

The Journey will be meeting in the church parking lot this afternoon at 1:00 pm for a worship service.

Elections Canada | Please note that Community CRC will be a polling station for the federal election tomorrow.

The Youth Elders will meet on Wednesday at 7:30 pm at the church.

Parents of GEMS and Cadet children | The leaders have been hard at work planning for the upcoming season. In order to assist in planning, please take a few minutes to fill out the survey by Monday, September 27 that was emailed in the bulletin. Your input is necessary and important for these ministries to move forward so your help is appreciated!

Back to School Sticker | As you enter the school year, go with the blessing and prayers of your church family - *May you walk in step with the Spirit, so you may grow more and more in the image of Jesus, the One who loves you so much!* The pastoral elders will connect with members in the coming weeks to drop off a Blessing sticker for those who would like to carry this reminder with them at school.

NEW! Recommended Family Devotionals | We're hoping to put together a list of recommended devotionals for kids, teens, and families. Does your family have a devotional that you've really loved? If you're a child or teen, we'd love to hear from you, too! Follow the link in the emailed copy of the bulletin with your recommendations with a sentence or two about why you're recommended it. The form will be live for two weeks. After that we hope to publish a CCRC Family Devotional Guide filled with your recommendations!

The Coffee Break Leadership is still looking for another person or two to join the team to help run this ministry. If you are passionate about studying God's Word and joining in fellowship with other women (even if it is mostly virtual these days!), please connect with Kirstin B. If you want more information or are unsure about what being on the Leadership Team would mean, just reach out!

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Children's Devotions | Doing My Father's Work
How was the twelve-year-old Jesus like us? We are also God's children, and God has some important plans for each of us. Check out this week's devotion at www.kidscorner.net

Groundwork: You Shall Not Commit Adultery | The seventh commandment helps us live rightly in sacred marriage relationships. Join Groundwork as we study Exodus 20:14 and

other scriptures to better understand why God cares and how we find the hope and grace to help us commit and, when necessary, receive forgiveness and re-commit to keeping this commandment. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Faith Practices and Reflection Tip | The Practice of Sabbath: Read Luke 6:6-11 and ponder or discuss the following questions: In what areas of your life do you need healing and restoration? How might celebrating sabbath help you open your heart to letting Jesus "completely restore" and heal you? (For more on faith practices, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

Volunteer Opportunity | L'Arche Hamilton is excited to be taking on the project of operating a small café out of the Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre! **L'Arche is an organization whose mission is to make known the gifts of people with developmental disabilities through mutually transforming relationships.** In this vein, we are looking for people who share this vision and are excited about operating our café alongside people with developmental disabilities. The café will be entirely operated by volunteers. We are starting out operating only one day per week. If you want to learn more about this opportunity, or would like to apply to be a volunteer with the café, please email dave@larchehamilton.org

Denominational Online Course | Thriving Essentials Course - Be one of the first to experience and help shape a new course created for elders, deacons, church staff, and all lay leaders. Developed with funding from Lilly Endowment Inc, this online four-session course explores key paradigms about mission, discipleship, discernment, and leadership. Pilot testing begins this week, with 300 spots

available over the fall. For details and to sign up, visit crcna.org/Thrive

Online October Learning Series | Disability Concerns Ministry is excited to share our newest resource with you: Everybody Belongs, Serving Together (www.faithward.org/everybody-belongs-serving-together/). Join us this October, every Thursday evening at 8pm (EST) as we dive into this resource, inviting leaders in our community to speak on topics covered in this handbook. Visit our website to find out more and to register for this series: bit.ly/dcc2021series (Hosted by Disability Concerns Canada).

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.