



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 Tom Bomhof **Liturgist:** Pastor Amanda Bakale

GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song	“God is For Us”
Welcome and Announcements	
Call to Worship	
God’s Greeting	
Songs of Praise	“God is For Us” “King of Kings”

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Call to Confession	
Prayer of Confession	“Lord I Need You”
Assurance of Pardon	
Children’s Blessing	

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Song	“Show Is Christ”
Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading	Ephesians 4:29-5:2
Sermon	“Walk in the Way of Love”
Prayer of Application	

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response:	“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”
Offering Announcement	1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church 2) Race Relations
Prayers of the People	
God’s Parting Blessing	
Doxology	“My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”

Thanksgiving Weekend Services Sunday, October 10 + Monday, October 11

On Sunday, October 10, we will be wrapping up our Ephesians Series with Paul's final word of encouragement to always give thanks to God the Father for everything (Eph 5:20). All communities are welcome, so sign up early to join us for a service of song, word, and thanksgiving!

On Monday, October 11, our Thanksgiving Day service will be a shorter service geared toward our youngest members and their families. There will be noise-makers, familiar songs, interactive stories, and the joyful noise of our young brothers and sisters worshipping the God who loves them. Registration is open first to families with children under 12 and then will be open to all. Juice, cookies, and chalk art to follow outdoors after the service (weather-permitting).

Join us online or in person! Services will be held at 10:00 am in the church sanctuary and will be livestreamed through our normal online sites. An Eventbrite link will be sent out the week prior for sign-up.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever!" 1 Chronicles 16:34

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)

Congratulations to **Kevin and Natasha S (4)** with the birth of a daughter. **Amelia Yolanda Stevens** was born on September 21, 2021 and mom and baby are well. Praise God for this gift of new life!

Our condolences are extended to **Bill and Nancy P (14)** with the passing away of Bill's mom, **Jane P**. Mrs. P passed away on Thursday, September 30 at the age of 93. She was a grandmother to **Tammy and Marty M (13)** and great-grandmother to **Kevin and Kayla M**. She was also a grandmother to **Anthony and Barbara P** (Manitoulin Island), and great-grandmother to **Lydia and Samuel P**.

Denise H (11) was admitted to hospital over a week ago but is now back home. As Denise fights off another infection, please pray for persistent strength and a successful round of antibiotics.

We continue to pray for **Don F (8)** and his ongoing health concerns. May God grant him patient endurance in the waiting.

Please pray for continued patience and strength for **Cristina K (6)**.

Pray for those in our congregation that are undergoing tests.

Congratulations to Jordan and Julie W (7) as they will celebrate their 5th wedding anniversary on Friday, October 8, 2021. May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years to come!

Thank you | To all who sent us their best wishes for Martin's 80th birthday (Sept. 7) and our 55th Wedding Anniversary (Sept. 24), by phone, e-mail, card, thanks so much! God has blessed us so richly with so many friends at Community and elsewhere, as well as our loving family in Montreal and further afield. Again, thanks so much... God is good, indeed!

Martin and Jenny O (8)

MATTERS FOR PRAYER

- Pray for safety for students in universities and colleges as the media has brought to the forefront the many incidents of sexual assault that occur on school campuses. Pray for students within our congregation who are away from home, attending school, and feeling vulnerable.
- Pray for wisdom, discernment, and perseverance as the Calling Committee seeks the Lord's will for CCRC.
- Pray for those who are seeking employment or those who are underemployed and/or seeking more meaningful employment.
- 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 Bork** serving with Waterloo Campus Ministry and **Shannon C** serving as Chaplain at Forest Heights Long term care home.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Oct 10	10 am	Pastor Amanda Bakale Lord's Supper All Communities Invited
Oct 11	10 am	Thanksgiving Day Service <i>Priority: Families with children 12 and under</i>

Lord's Supper Note: Next Sunday, October 10, we will be celebrating the sacrament of Lord's Supper. The Council of Community CRC invites believers of all ages to the table, following an age and ability appropriate public profession of faith. If you desire to come to the table but have not made profession of faith, please let a pastor or elder know so we can begin the conversation.

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.

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 Race Relations | The Office of Race Relations resources Christian Reformed members and congregations as they dismantle the causes and effects of racism within the body of believers and throughout the world. For more information go online to <https://www.crcna.org/race>.

The offering next Sunday is for the Food Bank of Waterloo Region. Our annual Food Bank Drive will be the same as last years in that it will be **financial donations only as this will be simpler for both our Church and the Food Bank to administer.** The Waterloo Region Food Bank continues to undertake good work in a variety of ways and much information about that can be found on their website. A summary is as follows:
Last year, 33,355 individuals were served by the Community Food Assistance Network. There is

no 'typical' food bank recipient and there is no single reason for people to need assistance. Food insecurity is a complex problem and the solutions are complicated. Thanks to a caring community, our network is able to provide nourishment and connection to other essential supports so those who need our help can move their lives forward

As a Church our target this year is to raise \$2,000 and the drive is open from October 4th to October 18th and donations can be made to the Church (2nd collection is October 10th) or directly to the Food Bank at <https://www.thefoodbank.ca/ccrc/>. Thank you from the Deacons

The offering on Thanksgiving Monday is for Ontario Christian Gleaners. *Ontario Christian Gleaners is an Interdenominational Christian organization that seeks to visibly demonstrate God's love and grace by working with volunteers to collect, process, and make available surplus agricultural produce for the relief of the hungry in overseas nations.* For more information go to <https://www.ontariogleaners.org/>.

Upcoming Offerings:

- Oct 17 | Disability Concerns
- Oct 24 | Faith Formation Ministries

Offerings received as at September 26, 2021:

September 26, 2021	\$	4,135
Year to Date	\$	566,327
Budgeted 2021 Total Contributions	\$	923,460
Second Offerings		
Safe Church Ministries	\$	502
Friendship Ministries	\$	200
Race Relations	\$	200
Benevolence	\$	75
Food Bank of Waterloo Region	\$	70
Missionary Support	\$	25

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

Administrative Council Meeting Highlights September 28, 2021

- Received and reviewed various staff and ministry reports and meeting minutes.
- Council continued the conversation about Administrative elder roles and responsibilities. Tabled this discussion to confirm at the October meeting.
- Council approved vacation request from Pastor Amanda. November 1-7 and November 29-December 5th.
- Council reviewed a sabbatical proposal from Pastor Amanda. A motion to approve this proposal will be held at the October meeting. This allows Council time to discuss and plan before decision making.
- Pastor Tom submitted his first pastoral report. He requested Council's approval to host a drive thru trick or treat event on Sunday October 31st. Council is aware of the complicated relationship Christians have with Halloween but feel this event will be a fun way to get involved with kids and parents and the community around us. COVID guidelines will be followed. Stay tuned for details!
 - Council continues to discuss COVID realities and restrictions. Included in these difficult conversations is considering requiring those in leadership positions, to be vaccinated to lead the ministry. These conversations are challenging, and it is clear there are no easy answers. All members want what's best for this congregation. At the heart of the discussions, regardless of position, is the desire to serve this church well and lead in a way that serves the Lord. Please continue to hold office bearers and ministry leaders in prayer as these conversations take place as we continue to make decisions and discern

God's will for His church and we can best show his love for those around us.

- Council encourages members to be vaccinated. Council is happy to inform that staff and Administrative Council at CCRC are 100% vaccinated.
- Exciting news: The Interim Search Committee was pleased to recommend a candidate who they feel will be a good fit at CCRC. More details to follow!
- Council approved increasing maximum capacity to 150 people + volunteers (25).
- Classis Huron minutes are on the Classis Huron website or at this link: <https://classishuron.ca/late-fall-meeting-2021/> (Sep 18/21 meeting).
- It was noted CCRC no longer hold Andrew Z's credentials as he has allowed his credentials to lapse. Council will send Andrew a card thanking him for his years of ministry and wishing him God's blessings in the years to come.
- Council received an update from the Journey on their pastoral call process and we rejoice with them as the leadership has recommended Toyosi A.
- The Fall Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday November 21st** after the morning service. Details to follow.

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

Artwork of Thankfulness | Take a photo or get out your paintbrushes – we want to see your artwork! As we approach Thanksgiving, reflect on what you're thankful for, illustrate it with photography or artwork, and send a picture of your art to Rachel so we can share it with the congregation in worship. This activity is for people of all ages and abilities. Send photos or scans of your art to worship@ccrc.on.ca by **Thursday, October 7.**

Sermon Podcast and Music Playlists | Listen and subscribe to our sermon audio podcast on Spotify or Apple Podcasts. And check out our [Spotify playlists](#) (plus one for kids!) of worship songs we sing regularly at Community.

The Deacons will be meeting on Tuesday, October 5 at 7:30 pm at the church.

Impact (High School) | Join us this Wednesday for an outdoor fire from 7:00 – 8:15 pm. Bring a lawn chair and dress for the weather. See you there!

Coffee Break is running in-person small group Bible studies on Monday nights and Wednesday mornings this Fall (no childcare provided). In addition, if we have enough interest in a virtual small group, we will provide that option as well. We will be studying the book of Judges (by Dr. Tim Keller) and the study Live Justly (by Faith Alive Christian Resources). send an email to coffebreak@ccrc.on.ca. We would love to have some new faces join us at Coffee Break - so please sign up. We would love to have you join us!

Name Tags | It would be great if we could all start wearing our name tags again! It's difficult to recognize people with masks on and it's helpful for everyone to know each other's name. You are welcome to take your name tag out of your church mailbox. **If you need a new name tag, can't find your old one, or have never had one, please contact Donna in the church office at adminclerk@ccrc.on.ca** and she will make one for you.

Calling Committee | The Calling Committee has advertised on our church website at www.crc.on.ca/careers and on the denominational (CRCNA.org). They welcome your suggestions for potential candidates by e-mailing careers@ccrc.on.ca.

Dive into Doctrine: Round Two | Online Sign-up OPEN! Did you miss out on the Dive Into Doctrine small groups this past spring? Do you wish you could have joined? Well, here's your chance! Follow the link below to sign up for a small group and participate in Dive into Doctrine: Round Two as we explore the CRCNA Human Sexuality Report ahead of Synod 2022. Questions? Contact the Office or Pastor Amanda.

Volunteers Needed | Are you looking for a place to get involved in the church? We are looking for volunteers in various ministries and areas throughout the church. Interested? Go to the website to see where there are volunteer opportunities and how you might be able to give of your time and talents. Go to: <https://www.crc.on.ca/volunteers>

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 this link to a Google Form to submit your recommendations with a sentence or two about why you're recommended it. The form will be live for two weeks and can be found in the emailed bulletin. After that we hope to publish a CCRC Family Devotional Guide filled with your recommendations!

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Groundwork | You Shall Not Give False Testimony | Twisting someone's words or leaving out vital information that skews the truth, and keeping silent when we should speak up can be just as damaging to another person as a lie. Join Groundwork as we study Exodus 20:16, and other scriptures to learn more about what it means to bear false testimony or witness

and the importance of truth. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Children's Devotion | Zacchaeus and Jesus How would you describe the character of Zacchaeus from the Bible story? Which words would you choose: wealthy, curious, or a man of faith? Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net.

Go Local! | Resonate Global Mission ministry leaders are starting new Go Local: Essentials cohorts at the end of September and beginning of October. Go Local cohorts equip believers with postures and practices for joining God at work outside of the four walls of a church building. Go Local cohorts are available for individuals, churches, and pastors and church staff. Learn more about this at www.resonateglobalmission.org/essentials or talk to Pastor Tom.

The Restore Conference | The pandemic has taken a toll on the church and its leaders, no doubt. What better time to get together again in person to worship together, to be inspired, to pray and heal together, than right now? Join us for The Restore Conference (restoreconference.ca) on November 18-20th in Abbotsford, B.C., at New Life Church. Couples welcomed. Special room rates are available. Only \$169/person, which includes meals, transportation to and from the airport and conference, and a chance to refill your spiritual tank. It's time to revision and resend. Register online. Hurry; space is limited.

Diaconal Ministries Canada | Deacon Scholarship Available! - Spending intentional time in prayer and studying God's Word helps deacons reach up to God and reach toward one another before reaching out to their church and

community. Diaconal Ministries Canada has some great resources for better meetings, including a brand-new book study on Tim Soerens' book, "Everywhere You Look: Discovering the Church Right Where You Are" (www.timsoerens.com). In it, Soerens explores the question: What is church and what's the point of it all? Many of us can likely agree that our definition of church and how we "do" church has been challenged over and over again in the past year and a half. We encourage you to give this study a try! AND, if your church needs help in purchasing enough copies for your team of deacons, you can apply for a NewGround Deacon Scholarship and receive up to \$250! Find out more on our website: diaconalministries.com/newground-deacon-scholarships.

Christian Stewardship Services (CSS) has partnered with the CRC denomination for decades to provide FREE planned giving and estate planning services to any member of a Christian Reformed church in Canada. With this announcement, CSS is launching a fall campaign to reintroduce our services to members of the CRC family. Our tag line of 'making giving easier' is well earned as our professional and unbiased services can help Christians in many areas of stewardship including [Estate Planning](#) designed for all ages and situations. CSS can help you prepare your first Will or review an existing Will-including bequests, trusts, tax implications or other important arrangements. CSS can also provide online gifting accounts, the tools to automate donations, simplify end of life distributions, and gifts of appreciated securities - just to name a few. Check out our new website at CSSservices.ca for further information, or call us at 800.267.8890 ext. 217. You will be glad you did.

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 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

2. PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) – monthly pre-authorized payment. Fill out form, along with a blank void cheque and send 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.