

Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
December 30, 2018

A photograph of a snowy forest path. The path is covered in snow and has tracks from a sled or skis. The trees are tall and thin, with snow on their branches. The lighting is soft and warm, suggesting a low sun. A white text box with a blue border is centered over the path.

*“May the Lord
bless you and keep you”*

December 30, 2018
10:00 a.m.
Pastor Amanda Bakale
Elder-in-Charge: Hart F

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: PsH #558 *"Lord of All Hopefulness"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"*
"This I Believe"

Profession of Faith

Teaching

Song of Faith: *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

The Vows - Kayla M and Sydney V

Blessing and Welcome

Congregational Welcome

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1, Q & A #1

Song of Faith: *"Even If"*

Proclamation of the Word

Song of Preparation: PsH #489 vs. 1, 2 *"When Peace Like a River"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Romans 15:13

Sermon: **"Our God of Hope"**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

*Song of Response: *"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) Habitat for Humanity

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *"We Receive Your Blessing"*

**The congregation is asked to remain in their seats after the service to allow the Pastor and people with special duties or disabilities to exit first.
Please exit when the music begins.**



Following the service, everyone is invited to come together for fellowship and coffee/tea/juice in the gymnasium. Coffee for seniors is served in the Multi-Purpose room.

6:00 pm

Pastor Amanda Bakale/Pastor Carel Geleyne

Pianist: Irene G

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Praise and Prayer

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 117

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: PsH #170 *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

Year-end Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering: Habitat for Humanity

Song: PsH #556 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Numbers 6: 22-27

Sermon: “**Year-end Blessing**”

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: PsH #443 “*Hours and Days and Years and Ages*”

Trusting God with Our Future

The Institution

*Confession of Faith: “The Apostles’ Creed”

The Lord’s Prayer

Song: PsH #312 “*Eat this Bread*”

The Invitation

Distribution of the Elements - the bread is Udi’s gluten, dairy and nut free
- the juice is non-alcoholic

Words of Praise

*Closing Song: PsH# 318 “*The Day You Gave Us Lord is Ended*”

*God’s Parting Blessing

*Doxology: PsH #641 “*Amen (Threefold)*”

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Arend S (11), our brother in the Lord, passed away Friday morning, December 28 at Innisfree House. Our condolences are extended to his wife, **Olga** (11) and their son **Alan and Sandy, Kelstin and Kylee** (1) as well as the rest of the extended family. Arend was a brother-in-law to **Nellie P** (11) and **Christine and Jerry F** (14) and an uncle to **Herman and Holly F (Joel, Summer, Sarah)** (13) and **Albert and Maria F (Jessica, Samantha, Alexa, and Mikayla)** (11). At the time of writing no funeral details were available. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Harriet R (3) continued her stay at the Woodstock Hospital this past week and again, at the time of writing it is not known when she will be able to return to her home.

Please continue to pray for:

- those who are shut-in and/or unable to worship with us on a regular basis because of various health issues, **Lynda J** (14) at Doon Retirement Residence; **Mandy B** (7); **Gine K** (1); **Sandra K** (9); **Olga S** (11); **Jenny W** (6); **Ralph W** (14);
- those dealing with depression and other forms of mental illness;
- those dealing with cancer, its treatment and effects;
- those dealing with broken relationships;

- those who are unemployed or underemployed;
- **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island;
- the staff and leadership at the Journey;
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

Dear CCRC Congregation Family;
 On the day my father died the only thing that I could think of, beyond commiserating with my family, was the overwhelming need to be with my church family. Words cannot express my deep love and appreciation for you all. Thank you so much for all the words of encouragement, the hugs, the warmth, and condolences over the past weeks. I will especially cherish those who came to the funeral home, and supported me during that time. Death is often inconvenient and is no respecter of persons or time. Yet, for my father I am grateful for the opportunity his passing presented to help me fully appreciate the need for Christian fellowship and family. I am so grateful for all the cards, the offer to provide meals, and the check-ins I received, your support will always mean the world to me. There was and is such a positive outlook in spite of the mortality we face, even when dealing with hardships and sadness like this, your faith inspires me to face the world with the same boundless optimism and hope. Ps 34: 1 & 18 *"I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips...18 The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."* Thanks be to God!
 With a most grateful heart,
 Shannon C

Farewell and Thank you

Our Kitchen Auxiliary crew would like to say thank you to the congregation for giving us the opportunity to serve our church family in this capacity. We are saying farewell today as this season of serving has come to an end. We all look forward to what God has in store for us.

In His Service,
 Dorothy O, Nellie P, Janette W, Wendy W and Agnes B

STAFF INFORMATION

The church office will be closed tomorrow December 31, 2018 and Tuesday, January 1st 2019. It will open again on Wednesday, January 2 at 9:00 am. Happy New Year!

UPCOMING SERVICES

Jan 6	10 a.m.	Pastor Carel
	6 p.m.	Pastor Amanda
Jan 13	10 a.m.	Guest Pastor: Andrew Zantingh Lord's Supper
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet

This evening we will be celebrating the sacrament of Communion. The Council of Community CRC invites believers of all ages to the table, following a 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.

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Budget Contributions For December 23 and December 25, 2018 including Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Dec 23	\$54,992	\$30,584	\$24,408
YTD	\$800,487	\$864,580	(\$64,094)
World Renew			\$ 5,592
Monica House			\$ 3,615
Friendship Ministries			\$ 1,100
Calvin Theological Seminary			\$ 1,000
Redeemer University College			\$ 1,000
Back to God Ministries			\$ 1,000
Benevolence			\$ 1,350
Laurentian Hills Christian School			\$ 200
Food Bank of Waterloo Region			\$ 60
Woodland Christian High School			\$ 50
Waterloo Campus Ministries			\$ 40

Our offering today is for Habitat for Humanity. *“Seeking to put God’s love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. Families and individuals in need of a hand up partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Through financial support, volunteering or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves.”*

Next week our offering is for Redeemer University College. Redeemer University College is a liberal arts and science university offering Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Education degrees from a distinctly Christian perspective. See www.redeemer.ca for more information.

Year End Donations: Thank you for your continuing support of our Church ministries! To be eligible for a 2018 donation receipt, donations must be received by December 31, 2018. Please note that the office will be closed on December 31 and there is no service that evening. **The last opportunity to donate to the 2018 budget is today December 30, 2018** (morning or evening).

Budget envelopes for 2019 are now available and have been placed in members mailboxes. If you did not receive envelopes and would like some, please contact Karen V. Please **take your budget envelopes home with you**, do not leave them in your mail slot.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Sunday School News: Sunday School is taking a break this morning. **All classes will resume next Sunday, January 6.** There is a need for **2 additional teachers for grade 3.** This group meets during the morning service. Please prayerfully consider if this is an area where you can serve God with your gifts. If you are able to help, please contact Sherrie M.

The Visual Arts team would appreciate some help with packing up the Advent decorations on Wednesday, January 2nd. If you have some time available that morning, please join them at 9:30 a.m.

Congregational Assistance Plan: As you can see from the posters hanging all over the church building, we are officially enrolled in the Congregational Assistance Plan (CAP) offered by the Shalem Mental Health Network. CAP is a means by which Christian counseling services are made available to members and regular attendees. If you need someone to talk to; if your relationships are not what they should be; if you are distressed in any way; if you are suffering from depression or some other mental illness please feel free to call toll-free: 866-347-0041. ***All services are strictly confidential.*** Those who have joined CCRC over the past year will find the necessary information in your mailboxes this morning. Questions? Look for the brochures in the rack near the Information Centre or talk to Pastor Carel.

Update from the CCRC go! Committee:

We are delighted to let you know that construction is progressing very well on the CCRC go! renovation. The roof is now on, floors have been completed and we now have ceilings, insulation and some walls in the new addition. You'll also notice that new windows have been installed in these new areas which help it take shape and blend in with our existing structure. These are important steps to have completed so that the work inside can progress for the new classrooms and meeting rooms. Look forward to some additional pictures on the CCRC go! area of the website shortly!

For ministry program planning, we previously communicated that classroom changeover would not be until sometime after January. As progress continues inside in the new year we will have a more precise date however, at this time we expect this to happen around the last two weeks of February.

Thank you to everyone who has provided their pledge amounts on the planned timeline. As a reminder, pledges made before the Dec 31 for CCRC go! will be eligible for a 2018 tax receipt. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any of the CCRC go! Steering Committee members.

Friendship News. A reminder, we start again Jan 8, picking up where we left off earlier in December. If you can think of it, please remind your friend of our start date.

Hey, Young Adults: NO Friday Night Dinner in January: But don't worry! We'll back the first Friday in February at Pastor Amanda and Brian's home for good conversation around a good meal. Look for the bulletin blurb or Facebook post later in January for more details!

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

For all of the announcements, employment and volunteer opportunities available through the Denomination and others, please see the listing and posters on the Deacons bulletin board across from the washrooms for information.

THANK YOU - Thank you to all of you as members of the CRCNA. Sometimes you must wonder what impact we together are having. Well, this year, the impact ranges from being part of winning the Nobel Peace Prize to launching youth curriculum, impacting parliament on key issues, and working towards 21st century communication tools for churches. There are so many more ways that your congregation has been a part of or benefited from our shared work. Thank you for your continued striving together in all of this. For more info, feel free to visit crcna.org/resources. Strength to you and your church in the New Year.

Sincerely, Darren Roorda
Canadian Ministries Director, CRCNA

Family Faith Formation Tip - As one year ends and a new year begins, gather as a family to remember the highs and lows of this past year. Thank God for being with you through everything that happened. Then talk about what's coming up in the new year. This is also a great time to start new family faith formation practices in your home! (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)