

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
KITCHENER, ONTARIO
JANUARY 27, 2019



*Out of the Lord's
generosity to us,
we give freely and gladly
of our money and time*

-OUR WORLD BELONGS TO GOD, ARTICLE 48

GOD'S KINGDOM, OUR KINGDOM

January 27, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Pastor Carel Geleyse
Elder-in-Charge: Krista H

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"Forever"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship: Psalm 117

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.

**Congregation: For great is his love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.
Praise the Lord!**

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: *"Everyday"*

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Institution

Prayer of Confession

The Promises of God

The Teaching

Song: *"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"*

The Baptism of John Ryan Edward M

Baptismal Prayer

Song of Response: PsH #440 *"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

Children's Blessing

Children ages 3 – Grade 3 are now invited to participate in Sunday School. Children (ages 3-5 only) need to be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

Proclamation of the Word

Song of Preparation: *"Speak, O Lord"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25: 14-30

Sermon: **“Stewards of God’s Gifts”**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

Children in Grades 4-6 are invited to participate in their weekly sermon discussion.

*Song of Response: PsH #288 *“Take My Life and Let it Be”*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church

2) Office of Social Justice

Offertory Song: *“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”*

*God’s Parting Blessing

*Doxology: PsH #637 *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**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.

There is no evening service today

Members have the opportunity to meet in their Communities or Small Groups today. Study material is available in hard copy at the Information Centre or on the church website at www.ccrcc.on.ca (click on the “Communities/Small Groups” tab). If you do not know what “Community” you belong to, please contact the church office or Pastor Carel.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Johanna O (1) had hip replacement surgery last Sunday and remains at Grand River Hospital. Pray for healing and patience.

Jim & Barb R (6) and **Jane V** (2) will be leaving February 1 for a two-week World Renew Disaster Response Needs Assessment assignment in Albany, Georgia. This community was greatly affected by Hurricane Michael in October, 2018.

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;
- 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

UPCOMING SERVICES

Feb 3	10 a.m.	Pastor John
	6 p.m.	Pastor Amanda
Feb 10	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda Lord's Supper
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Budget Contributions For January 20, 2019 including PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
Jan 20	\$23,121	\$30,153	(\$7,032)	
YTD	\$40,653	\$58,460	(\$17,807)	
Missionary Support			\$	2,098
Benevolence			\$	850
Youth Unlimited			\$	75
Cdn Foodgrains Bank			\$	5

Our offering today is for the Office of Social Justice: The Office of Social Justice helps CRC members love their neighbors in tangible ways. They provide resources to learn about the root causes of poverty, hunger, and oppression, and they empower the church to call on those in power to improve systems and enact just public policy.

Next week our offering is for World Renew - Canadian Foodgrains Bank. World Renew is one of the five founding members of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Today, it joins 14 other church-based agencies to make up the Foodgrains Bank. On behalf of its members, the Foodgrains Bank collects grain and cash donations, provides funds and expert advice for projects, and manages the purchase and shipment of food aid. All donations will be eligible for a

match from the Canadian Government of up to 4:1.

Reminder: If you are reading the “Uzima Devotional” from World Renew and feeding your Peter Fish, please return the fish next Sunday, February 3, 2019. All funds collected in the Peter Fish are for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Highlights from the Council Meeting of Tuesday January 22, 2019

- Jen F and Melodie B visited and reported on behalf of the Coffee Break Ministry. There is lots to be thankful for in this ministry.
- Keith O (CCRC Human Resources Advisor who oversees the staff performance appraisal process) visited and reported on some additional feedback received through the process that is important for Council to consider as it looks to the future.
- Various staff reports, ministry reports, and ministry meeting minutes were received for information.
- An update on the work of the Worship Committee, Board of Stewards, go! Team, and Youth Ministries Team was given.
- There are no volunteers stepping forward for the Kitchen Auxiliary yet. Some alternate ideas are being explored. Council asks all congregational members to consider stepping forward for this volunteer opportunity. The retiring Kitchen Auxiliary team will be thanked for all their years of service.

- Classis Huron meets Saturday February 23 in Listowel. Pastor Amanda is the CCRC pastoral delegate (and Vice-Chair of the meeting), Eugene B will be elder delegate, and the deacon delegate is being determined. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Parents' Information Session: Children at the Lord's Supper - February 3: Come join Pastor Amanda for a brief conversation following the morning service on CCRC's process for welcoming children to the Lord's Supper. Whether your child has expressed a desire to come to the Table or you are just curious about how this works at CCRC, grab your coffee and come back into the sanctuary (by the organ) for a 15 minute conversation that will cover CCRC's position on children at the Table, the CCRC process for welcoming children to the Table, and how you as a parent can walk alongside your baptized child as you discern their readiness to participate in this sacrament.

Abuse Prevention Training: Attention all volunteers who have not yet had the Abuse Prevention Training in the fall. Did you know that this training is mandatory in order to serve? You can do the training using the training binder with your ministry leader. The Safe Church Team has recognized that many still have yet to do the training and we're already halfway through the ministry year. Therefore we are offering **one more training night: February 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary.** If you are unable to attend but need the training, please reach out to your ministry leader to go over the training binder with

you. Otherwise contact Paula L to make other arrangements.

The GEMS Girls Club would like to invite L.A.F.F. (Life After Fifty Five) for a BINGO night **on January 31st from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** at church in the gym. We will provide refreshments and a great evening of fun and laughter as the two CCRC programs get together to enjoy a time of fellowship and blessings.

After a break, **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** is excited to be up and running this year. CCRC will be hosting ROAR! VBS from July 15-19. Please mark your calendars to attend and to volunteer. This program is an amazing outreach to children who don't otherwise go to church. As coordinators, Melodie S and Kristin G are looking for a partner (or two) to join in the planning process and learn about the VBS program in the hopes that they will run the program next year. Please email them if this is something you'd be interested in or if you're looking for any more information.

Cadets (a club for boys ages 7 – 13) will meet tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



Knifty Knitters: If you love to knit and/or crochet, please join us at the church on Tuesday, January 29 at 9:30 a.m. for another morning of caring through crafting.



Friendship News: Friendship will meet this Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



Coffee Break meets this Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Women of all ages and stages of life are encouraged to join us for a morning of prayer, inter-generational fellowship and spiritual accountability and renewal. Childcare is provided. Any questions, please contact coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca



Impact - Let's go tubing!! Exams are over, and it's finally starting to feel like winter outside, so let's get out and enjoy it! Wednesday January 30. Drop off and pick up will be at Chicopee Tube Park. 7-9 p.m. Bring \$10 to cover some of the cost. We hope to see you there!

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour a club for girls ages 7-13) will meet this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



Teen Clubbers: Teen Clubbers, our next event is weather permitting, so keep your eyes on the weather! We hope and plan for the following event;

Who: Teen Clubbers in grades 7 & 8!

What: A cool winter event!

When: Friday February 8, 2019

Where: Chicopee Tube Park, 1600 River Road East, Kitchener

How: Parent drop off & pick up 😊

How much: \$10.00 per Teen Clubber

We hope to have at least 20 people participating, so please try to RSVP to youth@ccrc.on.ca in a timely manner. Also, riders at age 12 and below must wear a helmet. They can be rented *at an additional cost* from Chicopee. However, bike helmets, hockey and ski/snowboard helmets are all

acceptable. Chicopee does *recommend* helmet use for all ages.
See you at the hill, y'all!

Friday Night Dinner: February 1 @ 6-8 p.m.: Are you a young adult looking for a place to connect over a good meal? Join other young adults from Community CRC, Waterloo CRC, and Waterloo Campus Ministry at Pastor Amanda and Brian's home every first Friday of the month for dinner and conversation. Email amanda@ccrc.on.ca to RSVP.

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.

Coffee Break and Small Group Workshop - Join us at Bethel CRC in Listowel, Ont. on Monday, March 25, 2019 (9:30am - 3pm)! Marian Lensink of Global Coffee Break (CRCNA) will lead a workshop focused on engaging scripture together, leading a small group well, praying in and for our groups, and having an evangelistic perspective. Cost: \$35. Register online at listowelworkshop.eventbrite.com by Wed. March 20. Anyone involved in a small group of any kind is invited to attend. Lunch and refreshments are provided. For information see the printed copy of the bulletin.

MISCELLANEOUS

Laurentian Hills Christian School, located at 11 Laurentian Drive in Kitchener, will be holding an Information Evening for parents of new Junior and Senior Kindergarten students for the 2019/2020 school year on **Tuesday, January 29th, at 7:00 p.m.** Our Kindergarten teachers will familiarize you with our extensive Kindergarten programs with their balance of structured instruction and inquiry-based learning. Laurentian Hills Christian School offers families the choice of part-time or full-time Kindergarten programs. You will also have a tour of the school, and a chance to explore the Kindergarten classrooms. Our Principal, Mr. Ian Timmerman, will also articulate what LHCS has to offer your family. If you have any questions regarding this information evening, please contact the school office at [519-576-6700](tel:519-576-6700). Check out our web site at www.lhcs.net

Camp Shalom Summer Staff - Working at Camp Shalom has been life-changing for so many people. Grow in your faith, meet great new friends, make a meaningful impact on other people and earn money for your future. Located just outside of Cambridge, Camp Shalom offers programming for kids in grades 1-12 and for adults with special needs. We are now accepting applications for our summer staff positions. All positions are paid and you must be 17 before Dec. 31st, 2019 to apply. Visit www.countrysidecamp.com to apply and for a list of available positions. Interviews will start February 16th.

