

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
KITCHENER, ONTARIO  
FEBRUARY 3, 2019

*"Everyone will live in peace and prosperity,  
enjoying their own fig trees and grapevines"*

-MICAH 4:4



**GOD'S ABUNDANCE, OUR ABUNDANCE**

**February 3, 2019**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Pastor John Medendorp**  
*Elder-in-Charge: Harry O*

[\* Please rise, in body or spirit]

**Gathering and Greeting**

Gathering Song: *"Will You Come and Follow Me"*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Songs of Praise: *"That's Why We Praise Him"*

*"You're Worthy of My Praise"*

**Confession and Assurance**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Thanksgiving: *"I Then Shall Live"*

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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: *"Be Thou My Vision"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Micah 4: 1-5

Sermon: **"A Gospel of Abundance"**

Prayer of Application

## Response to the Word

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

\*Song of Response: *"We Are Called"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church

2) World Renew – Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Offertory Song: *"Follow You"*

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: *"Agnus Dei"*

***After the service you are invited to join Pastor Amanda in the sanctuary (organ side) for a brief 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.***

**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**  
Pianist: Irene G

[\* Please rise, in body or spirit]

## **Praise and Prayer**

Welcome

Call to Worship

God calls us to worship, **and we come**,  
some with laughter and songs of joy.

God calls us to worship, **and we come**,  
some from a sense of obligation or habit.

God calls us to worship, **and we come**,  
some with hearts heavy with grief.

God calls us to worship, **and we come**,  
some with distraction or exhaustion.

God calls us to worship, **and we come**,  
some with eagerness and enthusiasm.

God calls us to worship, **and we come**,  
some with stress, loneliness, or depression.

As God's dearly loved daughters and sons,  
we bring all our joy and pain, our hurt and hope  
**into this place of Spirit-given grace, love, and hope.**

\*God's Greeting

\*Song of Praise: PsH 237 *"We Praise You, O God"*

Confession of Faith: Our World Belongs to God, Article 34-35

Song of Response: PsH #260 *"Not What My Hands Have Done"*

Prayer and Share

Offering: World Renew - Canadian Foodgrains Bank

## **Hearing the Word**

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Judges 4

Sermon: “**God at Work**”

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: “*There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy*”

\*God’s Parting Blessing

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

#### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

*The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong*

**Johanna O** (1) was able to return home again this past Thursday from Grand River Hospital following hip replacement surgery. Pray for continued healing.

**Jim & Barb R** (6) and **Jane V** (2) left this past Friday, 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.

**Rev. Vic V**, former clerk of Classis Huron, and retired CRC pastor recently learned that his cancer has become active again. He is presently undergoing chemotherapy. Vic wrote, “*As always, we trust our Heavenly Dad will look after us, but your prayers for Nancy and I are both coveted and appreciated.*” Please keep the Vs in your prayers.

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); **Helen H** (6) recovering from hip replacement surgery; **Gine K** (1); **Sandra K** (9); **Olga S** (9); **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

### UPCOMING SERVICES

Feb 10	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda Lord's Supper
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet
Feb 17	10 a.m.	Pastor John
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel

**Next Sunday during the morning service 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.

### OFFERING SCHEDULE

#### Budget Contributions For January 27, 2019

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Jan 27	\$9,714	\$14,153	(\$4,440)
YTD	\$50,366	\$72,613	(\$22,247)
Office of Social Justice			\$ 1,463
World Renew			\$ 450
Missionary Support			\$ 330
Foodbank of Waterloo Region			\$ 100
Canadian Foodgrains Bank			\$ 50
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$ 40

**Our offering today 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. All funds collected in the Peter Fish are also for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

**Next week our offering is for Woodland Christian High School.** Woodland Christian High School is a vibrant Christian community of learning where the love of God is evident and where students will be equipped to serve in our society as followers of Christ.

**Woodland Open House:** Do you know anyone who is thinking about Christian High School but might be sitting on the fence or afraid of the commitment? Invite them to the upcoming Open House on Thursday, February 7th at 7:00 pm. Open Houses are for parents and students from Grade 5 – 11! School tours will be given by student ambassadors and school administration will be available to answer questions or accept registration forms. These are non-threatening, informal evenings to introduce someone to the idea of Christian High School.

**The 2018 Charitable Tax Receipts** were put in the church mailboxes this past week. If you have any questions about your receipt please contact **Karen V**, our Contributions Secretary.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

**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.

Scented products can aggravate health problems for people with asthma and allergies and can cause nausea, headaches, and a general ill feeling for those with fragrance sensitivities. We have several people in our church who struggle with these very issues. Out of respect for others, we ask that you **PLEASE do not wear perfume, cologne or strong scents to church.** Let's all work together to make our church a safe and comfortable place!

**Blessing others:** Our GEMS club has been working diligently on blessing projects throughout this year. Our next project, on February 28th, involves creating blessing bags for the homeless. We are asking you to please consider donating the following items to help us complete this blessing

project; tissues, deodorant, shampoo, raisins, soap, bandages, cotton swabs, dried fruit, crackers, toothbrush/toothpaste, mittens, scarves, and hats. These items can be dropped off on Sunday or contact Shawna V or Kristin G for alternate arrangements.

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



**L.A.F.F. (Life After Fifty-Five)** will meet this Tuesday February 5 at the church. Our guest speaker is Greg Sinclair, a pastor in the Christian Reformed Church, and ministry leader for Resonate Global Mission's Salaam 2 project. He will speak about how we can develop relationships with people of the Muslim faith, and how to break down the barriers they may have to hearing the gospel. Coffee and fellowship at 10:15 a.m. with the meeting starting at 10:45. Visitors are welcome. Lunch is provided.

**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](mailto:coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca)



**Impact:** It was too bad that we had to cancel tubing this past Wednesday but we hope everyone will look forward to a social event in February. This coming Wednesday Feb. 8 is a Big Group Topic will be about Biblical Justice. We are told to live justly - what does the Bible say about Justice and what does that mean in our everyday lives?

**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](mailto: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.

**AOYC 2019 – The All Ontario Youth Convention** is an opportunity for highschool-age youth to connect, worship and serve with other youth from across Ontario. This annual event is a highlight for many, and will be held at Wilfrid Laurier

University May 17-20. More info is available at [allontario.com](http://allontario.com).

In order to get the Early-Bird rate, you must register on-line on the AOYC site **before March 1**. CCRC is also contributing \$50 for our youth who register before April 15. To receive the \$50 bursary, **do not pay online at the AOYC site**. Instead, select the option to pay by cheque when registering, print out the confirmation form, and submit it with your cheque payable to CCRC for the total amount minus \$50 to Steve or Michelle F. When registering online, consider the options to buy a T-shirt and donate \$5. If you have any questions, please talk to a Student Impact leader or contact Steve F.

#### 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.**

**Urgent Need for Missionaries** - How is God calling you to spread the gospel? Resonate has an urgent need for people to step into ministry in North America and throughout the world. You might be surprised by how God can use your knowledge, skills, and abilities to expand his kingdom. Explore volunteer and career opportunities by visiting [resonateglobalmission.org/go](http://resonateglobalmission.org/go).

**The Annual Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference** will be held on **Saturday, March 2, 2018** from 9:00 - 3:30 at the Waterloo CRC. All are welcome! The guest speaker is

Bev Sterk from Lynden, Washington, and author of Overture #2 to Synod 2018, an overture that propelled the denomination to take action against the abuse of power at every level in the denomination. This year's workshops will include exploring church order issues and legal issues confronted by church leaders when there are allegations of abuse. Other workshops speak to cyber-bullying, suicide detection and prevention and there will be an introduction to the "Circle of Grace" curriculum (a program that helps to equip children and youth to be active participants in creating safe environments for themselves and others). All ministry leaders and those involved with abuse awareness are urged to attend, but the conference is open to everyone. For further information and registration visit [www.wmott.ca/scc](http://www.wmott.ca/scc). Brochures are available at the Information Centre. Please help yourself.

