

**Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
February 25, 2018**



Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2018
10:00 a.m.
Pastor Amanda Bakale
Elder-in-Charge: Krista H

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Gathering and Greeting

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"All the Earth"*

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Song: *"I Surrender All"* vs. 1, 2

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response: *"I Surrender All"* v. 3

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: PsH #379 *"What Wondrous Love"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Mark 10: 17-34

Sermon: **"On the Way"**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

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

*Song of Response: *"Lord I Need You"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) Race Relations

Song: PsH #489 *"When Peace Like a River"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: PsH #638 *"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.

6:00 pm - No Service at Church

Communities/Community Care Groups Meet

Materials can be found on the church website (www.ccrcc.on.ca)

Under the "Communities" Tab or hard copies are available at the Information Centre

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Congratulations to **James and Rebecca C** (6) with the birth of a son. **Liam Michael** was born on Wednesday, February 21st and all is well. Praise God for this gift of new life!

After a lengthy stay at Victoria Hospital in London, **Jane D** (14) was able to return to her home this past Friday. Thanks be to God!

A memorial service for **Fred T, son of Dwayne and Gladys T** (former CRC missionaries to the Philippines) will be held in our church on Saturday, March 3 at 6 p.m. Visitation will precede the service at 4:30 p.m. with a reception to follow.

John & Anne D will be volunteering with World Renew Disaster Response Services from **March 2 - 24** in Hammond, Louisiana, due to flooding in March and August, 2016. Pray for safety, good health, a meaningful experience with opportunities to touch and give hope to hurting people in this relief ministry.

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: **Shannon B** (7);
- **Olga S** (11) who remains as a patient at St. Mary's;

- those dealing with broken relationships;
- those who are unemployed or underemployed;
- **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island; **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering with Resonate Global Mission in Guatemala
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

Congratulations to the following members in our congregation celebrating a birthday in the coming week:



Feb 28 – Ralph W (14)

Mar 1 – Harry R (13)

May they experience God's richest blessings in the coming year and as they celebrate their birthdays!

UPCOMING SERVICES

Mar 4	10 a.m.	Pastor John
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel Lord's Supper
Mar 11	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda
	6 p.m.	Communities meet

Next Sunday during the evening 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 February 18, 2018**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Feb 18	\$13,294	\$12,758	\$536
YTD	\$89,933	\$107,134	(\$17,201)
Centre for Public Dialogue			\$ 1,186
Laurentian Hills Christian School			\$ 70
Woodland Christian High School			\$ 20
Benevolence Fund			\$ 10

This week our offering is for the Denominational Office of Race Relations:

The Ministry of Race Relations is mandated by synod to design, organize, and implement programs that will assist the denomination, churches, and members in eliminating 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>.

Next week our offering is for World Renew – Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Every year, churches across Canada collaborate with World Renew and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to respond to God’s call to feed the hungry. In 2018, conflict continues to threaten the wellbeing of millions and one of the most essential needs – food – is not getting to those who need it most. World Renew is committed to changing this, and your gift next week will help make this possible. All donations made are eligible for

a match of up to 4:1 from the Canadian Government! For further information see the “Ending Hunger” newsletter in your church mailbox.

MISSIONARY CORNER

This past week we received a newsletter from Kim H with the following announcement:

“At the end of February 2018 I will be leaving my position with Resonate Global Mission (formerly CRWM). This decision was mutual, and staff at both organizations agree it is a good time to make the transition.

*I am deeply grateful for the financial support and prayers that many of you have provided over the last 8 years. **Thank you!** It has been a privilege to partner with you while serving and in the future I look forward to sharing and celebrating with you the expansion of God’s kingdom here in Guatemala.”* Help yourself to a copy of the newsletter for Kim’s entire letter available at the Information Centre.

As of February 1, John H has ended his time as Mission Director of the **Samaritan Foundation** in the Dominican Republic.

Over the next 2 months John will be traveling to the DR on an as needed basis to mentor to the new Mission directors to assure continuity and a seamless transition. The H family will be living in Dundas, Ontario.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Lent Devotional Activity: Lent in a Bag: Did you miss out on getting one of the Lent-in-a-bags last week? Still looking for a way to deepen your experience of Lent this year? Then pick up a copy of the Lent-in-a-bag devotional guide available at the Information Centre. Each devotional guide can be used by families or individuals over the 6 weeks leading up to Good Friday and Easter. While you may not have the bag items, you can easily find or adapt what you have in your own home to fit each devotion. Have a question? Ask Pastor Amanda.

Save the Date! Home Grown Faith: A Family Faith Formation Workshop - April 7 @ CCRC: *Are you a parent looking for ways to deepen and shape your child's faith life? Are you a ministry leader wondering how to support parents and families in cultivating strong faith in the home?* Then join us on Saturday, April 7 at Community CRC for a morning workshop focused on equipping families to grow faith in the home. Rev. Lesli van Milligen, a member of the CRCNA Faith Formation Team, will facilitate this interactive workshop. Parents, families, and ministry leaders from Community CRC, Waterloo CRC, and the Journey are invited to come! Mark your calendars: Saturday, April 7 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Childcare provided!** Online registration details coming soon. For questions please contact Pastor Amanda Bakale.

TODAY Booklets: The March/April 2018 edition of the Today Devotional Booklet is available at the Information Centre, on the shelves by the front doors. Please, help yourself to a copy.

Church Directory: The time has come to update the church directory. If you haven't reviewed your contact information yet, please take some time today and ensure that everything is correct. Follow the instructions posted in the gym wall.

Any questions or concerns? Contact Donna V in the church office (519) 743-9482 or office@ccrc.on.ca during church office hours.

The following ministries are looking for volunteers:

- The Worship Committee
 - Musicians
- The Worship Committee
 - Congregational Representative
- The Safe Church Team

Please check out the "Connect, Participate, Serve" bulletin board for more details. Prayerfully consider if you are able to give of your time and talents to become involved in one of these ministries.

Cadets (boys 7-13) will meet tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



Friendship meets this Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. at the church. This week, Derrick will be the storyteller, using session four, "We Give."



The Knifty Knitters: If you love to knit and/or crochet, please join us at the church on Tuesday, February 27 at 9:30 a.m. for another morning of caring through crafting. Visitors are always welcome



Council meets this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

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



GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour – Girls 7-13) will meet this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



Friday Night Dinner: March 2 @ 6-8pm: 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.

Student Impact High School Youth (Gr. 9 – 12)

Thanks to everyone for coming out to the Plant or Play night. It was great to spend some time relaxing, socializing and having fun together! Special thanks to Colour Paradise for hosting our terrarium building workshop!! There is no Student Impact this

Wednesday as the leaders will be meeting. Next meeting is March 7, see you then.

AOYC 2018 - The All Ontario Youth Convention is an



opportunity for high school-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 18-21. More info is available at allontario.com.

In order to get the Early-Bird rate, you must register on-line on the AOYC site **before March 1 (this coming Thursday)**. 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, 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. If you have any questions, please talk to a Student Impact leader or contact Steve or Michelle 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.

The Annual Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference will be held **THIS Saturday, March 3, 2018** from 9:00 - 3:30 at the Waterloo CRC. All are welcome! In light of the denominational Safe Church theme, this year's workshops will include workshops on human trafficking and how to create a safe and just community in light of the spate of recent allegations of sexual harassment. Other workshops will address the popular Netflix's series "13 Reasons Why" as well as how to have healthy boundaries in ministry relationships. All ministry leaders (pastors, elders, deacons, youth ministry leaders) and those involved with abuse awareness are urged to attend. For further information and registration visit www.wmott.ca/scc. Brochures are available at the Information Centre. Please help yourself.

Training Event on Ministry and Aging - A training event called "Aging: Challenges and Opportunities" will help pastors, elders, deacons, disability advocates, caregivers and others embrace the life God gives us as we age. Dr. Syd Hielema will keynote this event at Maranatha CRC, Woodstock ON, on **Saturday, April 21**. Sponsored by Disability Concerns, the keynote and workshop topics will include: growing in faith as we age; resources for ministry with older adults; caring for aging parents; aging and mental health. For more information and to register visit www.disabilityconference.org.

Lent Prayer Campaign for Indigenous Justice - The Christian Reformed Church has affirmed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. But what does that mean? This Lent, the CRC's Canadian Aboriginal Ministry Committee invites you to enter into the themes of the Declaration through prayer. This is our prayer this week: For Indigenous people exercising their rights to be peacemakers and builders of healthy communities, even and especially, in those times when those calls disrupt our complacency, we give thanks. Join with us this Lenten season to pray: crcna.org/DeclarationPrayers.

Easter Cheese and Peppermint Sale: Just in time for Easter, LHCS will be offering European Gouda cheese (Mild, Medium, Aged or Spiced) and King peppermints for sale! Other items include Hagelslag (chocolate sprinkles), Conimex Nasi or Bahmi Goreng and Honig Vegetable Soup! This is a delicious way to support our school. Completed order forms, along with payment, can be placed in the mail slots of Elaine A or Sharon M by **March 4th**. Alternatively, you may bring them directly to the school office by **March 7th**. Orders will be ready for pick up at the school kitchen on **March 28th** from 2:30pm - 4:00pm. Please make cheques payable to LHCS. Contact Elaine A or Sharon M if you have any questions.

