

Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
March 18, 2018



March 18, 2018
10:00 a.m.
Pastor John Medendorp
Elder-in-Charge: Adom P

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Song of Praise: PsH #8 vs. 1-4 *"Lord Our Lord Your Glorious Name"*
"Lamb of God"

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Song: *"Create In Me a Clean Heart"*

Assurance of Pardon

*Song: *"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"*

*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: PsH #282 *"Break Now the Bread of Life"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Mark 14: 12 - 26

Sermon: **"The Last Supper"**

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 #341 *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) FACE Fund (Financial Assistance for Christian Education)

Offertory Song: *"At the Cross"*

*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 Carel Geleyse

Pianist: Joyce D

[* *Please rise, in body or spirit*]

Praise and Prayer

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Opening Hymn: PsH #244 *"God Himself Is with Us"*

Confession of Faith: Belgic Confession, Article 24

Song of Response: PsH #264 *"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"*

Prayer and Share

Song: PsH #574 "O God, My Faithful God"

Offering: FACE Fund (Financial Assistance for Christian Education)

Hearing the Word

Song of Preparation: "Be Thou My Vision"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 4

Sermon: "Becoming More Like Jesus..."

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: PsH #568 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Congratulations to **Alex and Amanda B** (11) with the birth of a son. **Oliver John** was born on Monday, March 12 and all is well. Praise God for this gift of new life!

Belated *Congratulations* to **Leah H** (5) and **Symon M** who were united in marriage last Saturday, March 10. May God bless their marriage!

The **H family** (5) covets your prayers for **Reina's father, Dennis D**. Mr. D has been suffering from a brain tumor for some time, but after a fall this week is now in a coma and in palliative care at Hagersville Hospital. The family is praying that the Lord will be gracious and take him home soon. Pray for strength and God's peace and presence for all involved.

Our condolences are extended to **Agnes and John B** (7) with the passing away of Agnes' cousin-in-law, **Fred W**. Fred passed away suddenly on March 8 at the age of 75. A celebration of life service was held this past Monday, March 12, at the First CRC in Barrie. May the Lord comfort all who mourn.

If all went according to plan, **Cora S** (13) will have been discharged to her home after spending 3 weeks at St. Mary's Hospital. Pray for recovery and renewed energy and strength.

John & Anne D (13) are in their final week of volunteering with World Renew Disaster Response Services in Hammond, Louisiana. Pray for a productive week and safe travels on the way 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;
- 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 until alternative housing can be arranged;
- 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 celebrating a birthday in the coming week:



Mar 20 – Geralee H (14)

Mar 21 – Jake V (6)

Mar 23 – Sandra K (1)

Mar 24 – Barb T (13)

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

Congratulations to **Brad and Gloria L (9)** as they celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on March 19. May God continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Mar 25	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda Baptism: Jasmine G (6) Logan V
	6 p.m.	Communities meet
Mar 30	10 a.m.	Good Friday Service Pastor John Lord's Supper
Apr 1	10 a.m.	Easter Sunday Pastor Carel
	6 p.m.	No service

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Budget Contributions For March 11, 2018

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
Mar 11	\$6,645	\$12,758	(\$6,113)	
YTD	\$152,131	\$163,234	(\$11,103)	
Calvin Theological Seminary – Dig Program			\$	1,230
World Renew			\$	900
FACE Fund			\$	100
Daystar Native Outreach			\$	100
World Renew – Cdn Foodgrains Bank				20
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$	20
Race Relations				20

Our offering today is for the FACE fund. As a congregation we have a FACE Fund (Financial Assistance for Christian Education) to assist with tuition costs for those wishing to send their children to a Christ-based school. The fund is available for any approved elementary or secondary school. Please contact either the deacons or the church office in order to receive an application.

Next week our offering is for Woodland Christian High School. Woodland is a Christian community of learning dedicated to serving God in all that they do, as they enfold, engage and equip students for lives of Christian faith and service. Students are encouraged to discover their God given gifts and challenged to develop those gifts in a way that serves God.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Church Use: Community CRC is a very active church both on Sundays and during the week. Since there are many activities happening at the church for both ministry use and community rentals, **Please be sure to check with the church office before booking a meeting.** This is a courtesy to the other groups meeting at the church that are counting on a particular room or space and to ensure that the church is locked up properly at the end of the evening. It is also helpful to know who is in the building for emergency preparedness and for clean-up for the next day.

Vision/Mission/Discovery Trip: An exciting opportunity has arisen to travel to Guatemala to explore the work of World Renew and Resonate Global Mission. Hank

S and his colleagues in Guatemala have been busy putting together some ideas and itinerary for up to 15 people, *of all ages*, to come for a visit. Opportunity may also be made to visit former “HANDS” sites in Guatemala. The time frame for such a trip is either July, September or October of this year. This trip fits in well with the mission strategy of CCRC and you are encouraged to give it some thought as to whether this would be something for you to participate in. Even though it may be during school days, the trip to Guatemala offers opportunities for wonderful cultural, historical, and spiritual education. Guatemala – 2018! Consider it – yes, even those of you who are in high school! Further details will follow. If this is something that you would like to participate in please send a note to the church office.

Register Online! 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 and Karen DeBoer, members 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! **Childcare provided!** Mark your calendars: Saturday, April 7 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For questions please contact Pastor Amanda at

amanda@ccrc.on.ca. To join the workshop, go to ccrc.on.ca and register online by Wednesday, March 28.

Free Public Lecture @ Community CRC on April 6, at 7:30 p.m.! Waterloo Campus Ministry cordially invites you to hear Cardus' Social Cities Project director Milton Friesen deliver a talk called *"The Church as Institutional Citizen"*. The talk will explore questions such as: *What does it mean to think about our local church as an institutional citizen? What can we learn from current research and practice? What are the possibilities, dangers and challenges of this kind of institutional citizenship?* No special expertise necessary! This is a talk for anyone interested in how the church can be salt & light in the modern secular city. For more details, email Rev. Bork at bbork@wlu.ca www.cardus.ca/contributors/mfriesen/

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.



L.A.F.F. (Life After Fifty Five) meets this Tuesday, March 20 at the church. Coffee is at 10:15 a.m. with the meeting to start at 10:45. Pastor Bernie will be leading the group in Lesson #7 on Elijah. Lunch is provided and visitors are welcome.

Friendship meets this Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. at the church. This week, we start our new unit, "The Spirit Helps Us Believe" session one, "We are Baptized" with Pastor Bernie as the storyteller.

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.



**Teen Club
Grade 7 & 8**

Our next event is Friday, March 23. We will be at the church from 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. We'll have food. As in snacks. And drinks. We'll hang out and the leaders will have some themes or discussion topics to brainstorm with you guys. Bring a listening ear and your perspective. Can't wait to see what you have to say!

Student Impact (Gr. 9 – 12)

This Wednesday we have a night of good food, games and great conversation planned. Our Youth Elders will join us for the evening as we talk about the importance of sharing our stories. Why is it important to be able to reflect upon our own faith journey and share it with others? We will also have an opportunity to learn about our Youth Elders as they share some of their stories with us. There will also be green food. But we promise no spinach, green beans, or a single Brussel sprout will enter the building! Hope to see you out!

Parents: You should have received an email invitation this past week to come to a brainstorming session with Pastor Amanda during Student Impact (Wednesday evening from 7-9). Pastor Amanda will be talking about the future of the High School youth ministry here at Community. We need your input, suggestions and insight! We hope to see you. Any questions, please contact Pastor Amanda.

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 Widow's Offering - When the widow brings her small offering, Jesus teaches about generosity, sacrifice, and the heart of giving. But is there more? Join Groundwork as we study Mark 12:41-44 to see why

Jesus' response also renews God's call to be people filled with love with a heart for justice and mercy. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Get the FREE Banner App! - For real-time access to all the latest news and articles. Available for iPhone and Android at your app store. Search for "CRCNA Banner". Visit thebanner.org/ for more info.

Libertas Male Choir Concert - Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Join Libertas Male Choir for "Hands Across the Ocean" at Drayton Reformed Church, 74 Wellington St. S., Drayton, ON. The choir is directed by Martin Mans and will be accompanied by Andre Knevel on the organ and Liselotte Rokyta on the panflute, with soloist Amber Ruthart. For tickets, please visit www.libertasvoices.com.

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

Support for Training in Ministry: *Classis Huron* invites students from this Classis who are considering full time ministry within the CRC to apply for a forgivable loan. These students must be planning to attend seminary in the school year 2018-2019. For applications and further information, please contact Rev. Brian B by email: Current recipients must also make clear their intentions. Applications and further information is available at www.classishuron.ca under Forms and Mandates for the Classical Ministerial Leadership Team. The deadline for applications is **April 30, 2018**. As churches in Classis Huron, let us pray for God to raise up workers in His kingdom from our congregations. *“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Luke 10:2*

Journey to the Centre of the University--Guelph Campus Ministry Event: Whether you have a passion for campus ministry or just want to learn more about it, you're invited to an interactive exploration of Guelph's campus. Even current high school students are invited, because it's more than just another fundraising event! This is an opportunity for you to experience first-hand the fruit of your ongoing support of GCM through Classis Huron and church offerings, and a chance for you to learn more about other ways you can partner with our campus ministry. Our students have planned a fun-filled tour of campus, mixing elements of the Amazing Race with a photo scavenger hunt. You'll get a great taste of what campus life is like for our students. We're inviting interested ministry

supporters, and even current high school students, to meet our some our current students, staff, and faculty, as well as our many alumni. The interactive tour will start at Raithby House (University of Guelph) at 1:30pm, and it will be followed by a lovely reception from 3:00-5:00pm on Saturday, March 24th. We are hoping that everyone will register using Eventbrite or Facebook:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/journey-to-the-centre-of-the-university-tickets-43820583545?aff=efbeventtix>. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact our campus ministry staff team at gcm@uoguelph.ca.

