

Community Christian Reformed Church  
Kitchener, Ontario  
April 8, 2018

# EASTERTIDE



called to  
UNITY

**April 8, 2018**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor John Medendorp**

*Elder-in-Charge: Chris P*

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

## **Gathering and Greeting**

Gathering Song: *"Because He Lives (Amen)"*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

\*Songs of Praise: PsH #412 vs. 1,3,5 *"Jesus Shall Reign"*  
*"He Reigns"*

Profession of Faith of Thomas R

Congregational Welcome

Confession of Faith: *"I Am Not My Own"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church  
2) Christian School Foundation

Offertory: *"Christ is Risen"*

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"*

Belhar Confession, Article 2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Acts 10

Sermon: **"Finding Unity in Difference"**

Prayer of Application

## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

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

\*Song of Response: PsH #502 vs. 1-4 *"The Church's One Foundation"*

The Institution

The Teaching

Prayer of Confession

The Invitation

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

*"O Come to the Altar"*

*"Lead Me to the Cross"*

\*Response of Praise: *"We Will Glorify"*

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: *"Agnus Dei"*

**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](http://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*

**Shannon B** (7) underwent surgery at Grand River Hospital this past Tuesday as part of the treatment for her cancer. Praise God that things went well with the surgery!

**Jim & Barb R** (6) are currently volunteering with World Renew Disaster Response Services on a Needs Assessment team in Victoria County, Texas until **April 14** due to Hurricane Harvey in the fall of 2017. Please keep them 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;
- those dealing with depression and other forms of mental illness;
- those dealing with cancer, its treatment and effects;
- **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 **Anne D** (4) who celebrates her birthday on Wednesday, April 11. May God's richest blessings be hers in the coming year and as she celebrates her birthday!



*Congratulations* to **Bernie and Janette W** (13) as they celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary tomorrow, April 9. May God continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years to come.

**The updated church directory** will be printed this week. If you have any last minute changes they **MUST** to be in the office by the end of the day tomorrow.

### UPCOMING SERVICES

April 15	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda Friendship Participates
	6 p.m.	Pastor John
April 22	10 a.m.	Pastor John GEMS Participate Baptisms: Julia B (8) Jasmine G (6) Elliot H (6)
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet

**OFFERING SCHEDULE**

**Budget Contributions  
For Good Friday (March 30) and  
Easter Sunday (April 1)**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Apr 1	15,298	12,758	2,540
YTD	200,401	219,335	(18,934)
Resonate Global Mission			\$ 2,087
Ray of Hope			\$ 1,428
Woodland Christian High School			\$ 485
Cdn Foodgrains Bank			\$ 100
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$ 20

**Our offering today is for the Christian School Foundation.** *“The Christian School Foundation pulls together experts in financial planning, tax law and estate planning to offer a range of inspiration, information and services to donors and their advisors so that gifts to the Christian school movement are received and managed in a stewardly and God-honouring way. It also works with its member schools to ensure that the stories of God’s faithfulness and blessing are collected and shared.”*

**Next week our offering is for Friendship Ministries.** The mission of Friendship Ministries is to provide resources that support faith formation and congregational inclusion with individuals with intellectual disability. Their vision is for people with and without intellectual disability growing deeper in their relationship with God and with each other in community together.

**COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS**

**Coming Soon - Dive into Doctrine:** This year we’ll be exploring the Belhar Confession, written in South Africa in 1982 in response to Apartheid. Throughout this series, we will be inviting representatives from various ministries of the Christian Reformed Church in North America—including Aboriginal Ministries, the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee, the Office of Race Relations, and the Centre for Public Dialogue— to show us how the our church is actively working toward unity, reconciliation, and justice in our own context today. **Classes start on April 18 and will run for 5 weeks.** A signup sheet for those who are interested in attending is at the Information Centre today.

**Lost and Found:** This is the final day that the Lost and Found will be on display in the gym. Please take a minute to see if you or your children have left anything behind and take it home with you. After today, all items will be donated to the Perfect Find.

**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.

**Free:** The Property Committee is giving away the **8ft old wooden tables** that were in used in the gym for many years. If you would like one, please contact Jim S.

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



**The next L.A.F.F. /Seniors' Trip** is scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 2018. We plan to visit Dundurn Castle in the Hamilton/Burlington area and the Arboretum at the University of Guelph. Neither location should have any mobility concerns. There will be a coffee/tea break in the morning and maybe in the afternoon. When signing up. Please put your name on an envelope and enclose a cheque for \$60.00 per person. Any questions should be directed to Rinze V.

**Knifty Knitters:** If you love to knit and/or crochet, please join us at the church on Tuesday, April 10 at 9:30 a.m. for another morning of caring through crafting. Visitors are always welcome.



**Friendship** meets this Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. at the church. This week we will practice for Friendship Sunday, to be held at the church on April 15, in the morning service. This concludes our Friendship season until the fall. Thanks to all our mentors, opening leaders, storytellers, piano players, craft organizers and especially our coffee and snack providers. You have all contributed to making this a great season at Friendship!



**Consistory** will meet this Tuesday, April 10 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](mailto: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**

**Who:** Teen Clubbers

**What:** Bowling

**Where:** KINGPIN in Bingemans (425 Bingemans Centre Dr., Kitchener)

**When:** April 13 (Friday), 7:00-8:30

**Why:** Why not?

**How:** Carpool or get a ride with your mom and dad 😊

**How much:** \$10.00 per person

There will not be a permission form, but please do sign in with a leader who will be taking attendance again that evening (likely Megan W or Zach).

### **Student Impact (Gr. 9 – 12)**

**Student Impact - Date change!** Due to the Woodland play happening on April 13th, we are changing the date for our Year End Celebration to **Friday April 20th** from 7-9. No RSVP needed. Come as you are, bring a friend, and be prepared for lots of fun,

friends and fellowship. And Gaga ball. And pizza! See you then!

**AOYC 2018 - Last Call** - 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 Wilfred Laurier University May 18-21. More info is available at [allontario.com](http://allontario.com).

In order to get the CCRC bursary of \$50, you must register on-line on the AOYC site **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.

**Friday Night Bible Study:** Our next meeting will be held this Friday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of John and Tina B. Herman J will lead the discussion on Lesson #3 of Colossians. Please let Tina know whether or not you are able to join us.

<b>DENOMINATIONAL NEWS</b>
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**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.**

### **Calling all Friendship Leaders and Mentors!**

Please consider joining Friendship Ministries for an evening of learning and refreshing your skills as a leader and mentor. There are two opportunities to join us: April 18 in Guelph (New Life CRC) or April 19 in Hamilton (First CRC). Time is 5-9 pm for both evenings. This event is free and dinner is included. To RSVP, contact Heather D at [canada@friendship.org](mailto:canada@friendship.org). Want more details? Go to [friendship.org/events](http://friendship.org/events)

### **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](http://www.disabilityconference.org)

**Worship as Journey:** A Day of Learning and Renewal - is a conference for everyone interested in worship and music, sponsored by Worship Ministries of the Christian Reformed Church, the Presbyterian Church of Canada, the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, and Interlude. Featured presenters are Steve Bell ([stevebell.com](http://stevebell.com)) and Ken Medema ([Kenmedema.com](http://Kenmedema.com)) with many additional workshop leaders and an opportunity to join the choir for the evening concert. This event is April 28, 2018, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. conference (CA \$35) and 7 p.m.

Concert (free will offering) at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 26 Delisle Avenue, Toronto, ON.

See [tinyurl.com/WorshipAsJourney](http://tinyurl.com/WorshipAsJourney) for more event details and registration.

<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>
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**Save the Date** – Plans are underway for the Laurentian Hills Christian School (LHCS) Spring Auction on Saturday, April 21. The silent auction is from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. with the live auction to start at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! LHCS is located at 11 Laurentian Dr., Kitchener.