

Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
June 2, 2019



ASCENSION SUNDAY

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10:00 a.m.

Pastor John Medendorp

Elder-in-Charge: John D

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

Today we are pleased to welcome **Rev. Ralph Wigboldus**, who will be leading the service together with Rev. John Medendorp. Rev. Wigboldus is a pastor at Bethel CRC in Listowel, joining us today for the baptism of his grandson, Owen.

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"Living Hope"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"Build Your Kingdom Here"*

PsH #410 *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Institution

Prayer of Confession

The Promises of God

The Vows

The Baptism of Owen Rhys F

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Baptismal Prayer

Song of Response: *"Mighty to Save"*

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: *"I See the Lord"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

Sermon: **“Looking into the Sky”**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

*Song of Response: PsH #408 *“Rejoice the Lord is King”*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) Back to God Ministries International

Offertory Song: *“Lion of Judah”*

*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

Pastor Carel Geleyse

Pianist: Irene G.

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Praise and Prayer

Welcome

Opening Hymn: *“I Lift My Eyes Up”*

*God’s Greeting

*Song of Praise: PsH #409 *“Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 62

Song of Response: PsH #560 *"Like a River Glorious"*

Prayer and Share

Offering: Back to God Ministries International

Hearing the Word

Song of Preparation: *"Wait for the Lord"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Acts 1: 1-14

Sermon: **"Waiting..."**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: *"View the Present Through the Promise"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: PsH #412 vs. 1,5 *"Jesus Shall Reign"*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Congratulations to **Aioub G and Mairi T (6)** with the birth of a daughter. **Sarah G** was born on May 24, 2019 and all is well. Praise God for this gift of new life!

Our condolences are extended to **John and Sherrie M** and their children, **Amadore and Chiara (9)** with the passing away of John's mother, Ms. Jean M on Saturday May 18, 2019.

Our condolences are extended to **Don F (8)** with the sudden passing away of Don's brother, Paul on Friday, May 24. May the Lord comfort all who mourn.

Shannon B (2) had a small recurrence of cancer requiring surgery this past Wednesday. Reports are that things went well, for which we give thanks to the Lord. Pray for a good recovery.

Rob S, brother to **Alan and Sandy S (1)** is presently a patient at Hamilton General Hospital. He was admitted with rather serious throat issues. What makes it even more difficult is that it follows so closely on the heels of the loss of Rob and Al's parents, Arend and Olga S. Pray for a full recovery and for God's grace and peace for the entire family as they are confronted with yet another serious matter.

This weekend the **GEMS and Cadets** are camping. The GEMS are at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp (50 girls and 10 leaders) and the Cadets are camping at Wildwood Scouts Camp (35 boys and 25 men). Both groups will be coming home later today. We pray for safety, good memories and God's blessing on such opportunities.

The pastoral team is off on their annual retreat at Crieff Hills Retreat Center for the next 3 days (Monday – Wednesday). At the retreat the pastors will spend time setting personal goals as well as planning out the next season of ministry as per direction given by the Administrative Council and in line with the vision of CCRC.

This week Wednesday morning 6 members of our congregation will be leaving and travelling to **Manitoulin Island** to visit with Anthony and Barbara P and Daystar Native Ministries. **Laura D, Margaret O, Keith and Joanne O, Art T and Jane V** (all from Community 2) will be joined by two staff from Resonate Global Mission: Jessica B and Gillian B. The purpose of the trip is to learn about what is happening on the Island in terms of indigenous ministry, but also to discover or discern what our relationship or involvement with Daystar may look like for the future. The team will return to Kitchener late on Sunday. Pray for God’s guidance and wisdom as the team seeks to discern God’s will for our mission involvement on Manitoulin Island.

This week **Shannon C** (7), chaplain at Forest Heights Long Term Care Centre, will be attending the CRCNA Chaplain’s Conference held in Grand Rapids, MI on the campus of Calvin College. She was a recipient of funds from the leadership training fund of Classis Huron. If you want to know more about the conference (running from Thursday, June 6 to Saturday, June 8) see: www.crcna.org/chaplaincy/chaplains-training-2019.

Our bookkeeper, **Diana W**, will be away from the office this week Thursday, June 6 and will be back in the office on Tuesday, June 25.

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; **Mandy B** (7); **Gord F** (4); **Willemina G** (13) on the Palliative Unit at Freeport Hospital; **Gine K** (1); **Sandra K** (9); **Jenny W** (6); **Ralph and Willy 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; **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering with Resonate Global Mission in Guatemala;
- the staff and leadership at the Journey
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

Congratulations to **Paul and Sandra S** (14) as they celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary tomorrow, June 3, 2019.

UPCOMING SERVICES		
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June 9	10 a.m.	Pastor John Lord’s Supper
	6 p.m.	Pastor John
June 16	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda
	6 p.m.	Pastor John

Next Sunday, June 9, 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.

Next week our offering is for the Ontario Christian Gleaners. *"Ontario Christian Gleaners is an interdenominational Christian organization that seeks to visibly demonstrate God's love and grace by working with volunteers to collect, process, and distribute surplus agricultural produce for the relief of the hungry in overseas nations."*

OFFERING SCHEDULE

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

**Budget Contributions
For May 26, 2019**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
May 26	\$11,720	\$14,153	(\$2,433)	
YTD	\$309,135	\$377,219	(\$68,084)	
Woodland Christian High School			\$	2,929
Laurentian Hills Christian School			\$	2,000
The Benevolence Fund			\$	70
Back to God Ministries Int'l			\$	50
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$	40
World Renew			\$	15

**Council Meeting Highlights from
May 28, 2019**

Our offering today is for Back to God Ministries International. *"For nearly 80 years, Back to God Ministries International has claimed media to fulfill Christ's Great Commission to preach the Gospel and disciple believers. As the media ministry of the Christian Reformed Church of North America, Back to God Ministries International partners with other churches in North America and around the world to announce God's good news."*

- Jasper V visited with Council to update on the Cadets Ministry.
- Received an Office bearer nominations process update for Communities, Youth Elders, and Administrative Elders. Some follow up is required and will be completed soon.
- Received an update on the Staff & Community Review Ad-Hoc Committee and office bearer survey responses. A congregation survey is coming soon.
- Received staff and various ministry reports for information and action.
- Due to circumstances at the Classical level, Pastor Carel will now be attending Synod 2019 as the pastoral delegate for Classis Huron.
- Reviewed and approved the summer preaching schedule and Pastor's Retreat Agenda (June 3 – 5, 2019).
- Received an update on Manitoulin Island (Daystar Ministries) and Montreal (Mission Montreal and The Ministry to Seafarers) planned mission trips. 2 – 3 more participants welcomed for Montreal mission trip.

- Some current volunteers still have not taken Safe Church training or have a Police Record Check on file in church office. Council will follow-up to ensure compliance.

K family update: We received exciting news this week as a tentative arrival date of June 20th was provided by the Ds who are in contact with the K family in Africa. Also, permanent resident visas have been issued and we expect to get confirmation of the Ks arrival 10 days before they come. The refugee team has been very busy looking at apartments to find suitable housing, though there is still a good possibility that short term housing may be needed if we cannot find something quickly.

What can be done to help?

1. Please let us know if you are aware of any short term housing for the family. Or, would you be willing to host this family if needed?
2. Our preferred permanent location for the family is in the Fairway Mall area of Kitchener as it would be close to the Ds who have language and culture in common with the Ks. We would still welcome leads for potential accommodations.
3. We are looking for a 2nd driver who would be able to go to the airport on June 20th.
4. Once the permanent home is found we will be asking for a couple of people with trucks to pick up furniture and household items that have been collected and move them into the apartment.
5. Much prayer is needed to guide us in our preparations and for the K family as they prepare to travel to Canada. Contact Darlene B or Rob H if you can help.

Upcoming events involving members from CCRC (watch for further details about each):

June 13-20	Synod 2019
July 10-14	Montreal learning trip
July 13-19	SERVE Trip to Muskegon, Mi.
July 15-19	Vacation Bible School
July 26-28	GEMS Conference, Grand Rapids, Mi
Aug 5-10	All Ontario Camporee, Dunnville, ON

Do you sing harmony or play a musical instrument? Are you interested in playing or singing occasionally or regularly for Sunday services? Do you want to check out a weeknight practice to see what it’s like? Email Rachel V to learn more.

Attention Grade 12 Students: You are invited to meet with the Youth elders next **Sunday, June 9**. We would like to discuss youth at CCRC and your plans for September. We will leave the service shortly after the Bible message and meet in classroom 8. Snacks will be provided. We look forward to meeting with you.

Knifty Knitters: If you love to knit and/or  crochet, please join us at the church on Tuesday, June 4 at 9:30 a.m. for another morning of caring through crafting.

You’re Invited: Join the Knifty Knitters on Monday June 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the church to hear about the work being done in Zambia by Faith L (Founder of Faith’s Orphans Fund) and her team. The Knifty Knitters contribute to this organization by donating many blankets, sweaters, dresses, dolls and teddy

bears to the warehouse in Cambridge where it is shipped to Zambia. Faith will present an update and a slide show. Light refreshments will be served. For more information on this organization go to faithsorphanfund.org

The Deacons will be meeting this **Tuesday, June 4** at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the church.

Impact: Our year end social will be on **Friday June 7th at the church. 6:30-11 p.m.** We will be having a meal together (Chinese food) and playing lots of games. We will have gluten free and vegetarian options available. If there are other dietary restrictions, let us know and we will do our best to have alternatives. Please RSVP to Kathy R to let us know that you are coming. Hope to see you all there!

Friday Night Dinner: June 7 @ 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. Message Pastor Amanda 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.

Family Faith Formation Tip - Summer vacation is almost here, and this is a great time to develop some new family faith habits! How about a daily "Quiet Time with God" in the afternoon or whenever your patience runs thin? Download music from Rain for Roots (rainforroots.bandcamp.com), pile up some great Bible storybooks for your kids, and grab your Bible. End your time with a prayer for the rest of your day. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

MISCELLANEOUS

Woodland Christian High School would like to invite you to their **Spring Concert** on **Thursday, June 6, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. at the school (1058 Spitzig Road, Breslau). There will be performances by the Choir, Junior Band, Senior Band and the Jazz Band with music that will both inspire and entertain you. Admission is free.