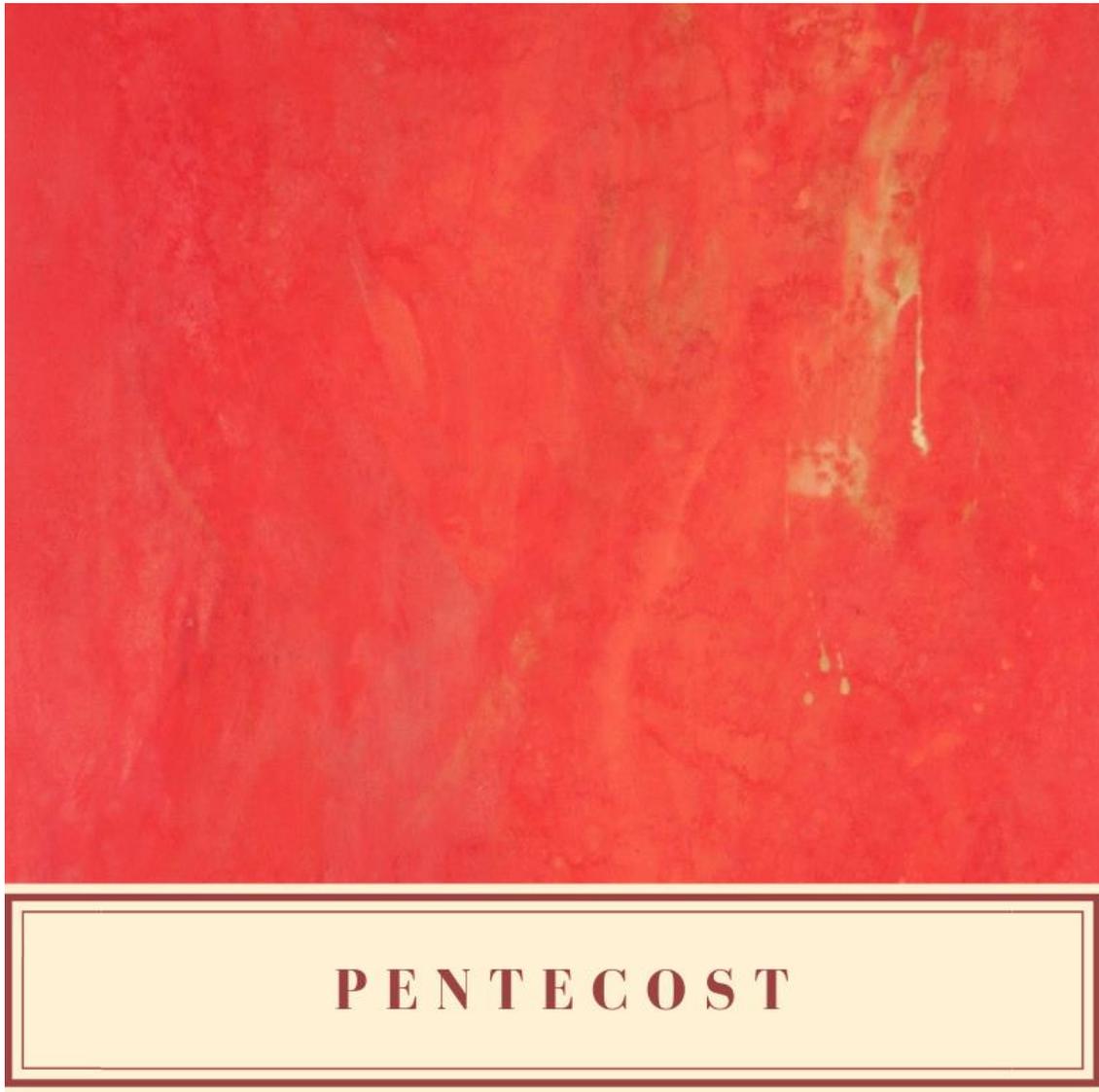


Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
June 9, 2019



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10:00 a.m.

Pastor John Medendorp

Elder-in-Charge: Steve F

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship: *"This is the Day"*

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Song of Praise: *"Behold Our God"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church

2) Ontario Christian Gleaners

Offertory Song: *"Shine, Jesus Shine"*

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 Still (For the Presence)"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Romans 8: 14-17

Sermon: **"The Spirit of Adoption"**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: PsH #440 *"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

Celebration of Lord's Supper

The Institution

The Teaching

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering: Ontario Christian Gleaners

Hearing the Word

Song of Preparation: PsH #424 *"Spirit of the Living God"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Genesis 11: 1-9

Sermon: **"Speaking in Tongues"**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: PsH #222 *"If I Speak a Foreign Tongue"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: PsH #635 *"Glory Be to the Father"*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Congratulations to **Paul G and Bethany D (5)** with the birth of a son. **Parker Scott** was born Friday, May 31 and all is well. Praise God for this gift of new life!

Frederika V (13) spent most of this past week as a patient at St Mary's Hospital due to yet another fall. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Synod 2019 will meet on the campus of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, from Friday, June 14, to Thursday, June 20. Among the delegates attending for Classis Huron are **Pastor Carel Geleynse** and **Deacon Jane V. Becca B** will also be attending as a young adult representative. Filling out the team from Classis Huron will be Pastor Victor Laarman from Collingwood CRC and Elder Albert H from the Palmerston CRC. The most recent edition of The Banner highlighted some of the issues that will be discussed. Please remember the meetings of

Synod in your prayers. For more information, go to crcna.org/synod.

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: **Brenda A (13)** (pray for strength and healing), **Willemina G (13)** at Freeport Hospital;
- 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 **John and Sonya L** (5) as they celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 15, 2019. May God continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years to come.

Thank you

Dear brothers and sisters in the Risen Christ. Thank you for the prayers of support, words of consolation, cards and for your presence at Dad's visitation and funeral. As Pastor John M of Covenant CRC (Mom's home church) affirmed in his message, only the faithfulness and love of God in Jesus Christ can answer the sadness that comes with Dad's death. Moreover, that faithfulness and love was manifest in many of you these past few years as Dad's dementia advanced and as you listened and offered comfort to me. Death is dealt a blow when the family of God grows closer in the practice of such love and I remain deeply thankful to the Father for you.

Greg L (9)

GEMS camping was able to happen last weekend thanks to two ladies stepping up to stay overnight and two ladies stepping up to come during the day. Camping for two nights was a lot of fun! We are able to have a fire both nights where we roasted hotdogs and marshmallows. During the day, the girls had a paint party and painted sunflowers, later they made slime, went on nature walks, and took part in a talent show. We saw lots of smiles everywhere we looked. Our amazing counsellors poured their hearts into these girls this weekend by staying up late, taking part in conversations, mediating differences, preparing meals, and engaging the girls in fun activities. Even though we were working

with the bare minimum of adults to children, they didn't complain. We couldn't have done it without them and their hard work.

Thank you ladies!

STAFF INFORMATION

Our bookkeeper, **Diana W**, is currently on vacation and will be back in the office on Tuesday, June 25.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Jun 16	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda Affirmation vote
	6 p.m.	Pastor John
Jun 23	10 a.m.	Pastor John Baptism: Pierce Edward S (2) Drawing of names
	6 p.m.	Pastor Amanda Lord's Supper

OFFERING SCHEDULE

**Budget Contributions
For June 2, 2019**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Jun 2	\$9,669	\$14,153	(\$4,484)
YTD	\$318,804	\$391,372	(\$72,568)
Back to God Ministries Int'l			\$ 1,356
Missionary Support			\$ 160
CCRC Refugee fund			\$ 100
Woodland Christian High School			\$ 100
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$ 40

Our offering today 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.”*

Next week our offering is for the Indigenous Ministry of the Christian Reformed Church. *“The Indigenous Ministry is made up of a national committee (Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee), three Urban Indigenous Ministries, and a Justice and Reconciliation Mobilizer, each using their strengths to support healing and reconciliation between Indigenous peoples and non-Indigenous people in Canada.”*

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

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

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

Mission Newsletter: In your mailboxes today you will find the latest news about all the mission activities at CCRC. You are encouraged to take some time to read it, consider how you may be involved, and give thanks to the Lord for the opportunities presented.

Nomination of Officebearers: The following people have been nominated for the office of elder:

As Pastoral Elder

Community #9 – Derrick G (1 needed)

As Youth Elders: Josh F, Megan W (2 are needed)

As Administrative Elders: Sarah D, Judy H, Alesha H, Chris S, Henry V, Dave W (3 elders needed)

For the office of Deacon:

Community #3 – Graham B, Mike K (1 deacon needed)

Community #4 – Martin P, Andy V (1 deacon needed)

Community #5 – Amy d, Peter O (1 deacon needed)

Community #7 – Annette Z (1 deacon needed)

Community #8 – Adrian B, Ed V (1 deacon needed)

Community #11 – Marianne B, Michelle F, Sid K (1 deacon needed)

Community #14 – Marjo M (1 deacon needed)

You will find a bio-sheet which gives you a brief introduction to the nominees in your mailboxes today. The affirmation vote will take place next Sunday, June 16, 2019

K family update: As we were recently informed, after waiting for a number of years, our newly sponsored refugee family is arriving! They are tentatively scheduled to be arriving on June 20 which is also World Refugee Day.

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 Kidane family as they prepare to travel to Canada. Contact Darlene B or Rob H if you can help.

Sunday School is coming to an end on **June 16**. Thank you to all the teachers, helpers, and Children's Worship volunteers who made this possible. For Sunday school to continue through the summer months for the younger children, **Parents are asked to sign up to lead a lesson** for 3 year olds, 4 year olds, or the drop-in room (children born in 2015 and older). There is a sign-up sheet on a bulletin board in the back hallway. Children born 2016 will remain in nursery until Sunday School starts again on September 22.

Vacation Bible School is approaching fast and we're looking to fill up our last volunteer spots. We're still need:

- Lead nursery
- Opening and Closing Leader (no singing skills necessary)
- Crew leaders (lead small groups of 6-8 children) Station helpers

Please look at the bulletin in the next couple weeks as we will have a list of items we will be looking for to help make this year a success. Please also remember to register your children online. It's gearing up to be a great program!

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.

The Property Committee is looking for members to join their team. If you are interested in taking care of the church building and property they'd love to hear from you. They are particularly interested in finding someone with strong administrative skills. If you're interested, please give Jim S a call or email.

WANTED! Do you love young kids? Do you have an hour and a half free on Wednesday mornings? Do you want to serve in a ministry but aren't sure what program to be involved in? Coffee Break needs **YOU!** We are looking to secure the following childcare positions for September 2019:

- Infant, Crawler and Toddler Nursery helpers

- Little Lambs class assistant (2.5-3 year olds)
- Story Hour class assistant (JK/SK age group)

Please consider blessing the women of the Coffee Break ministry while creating inter-generational relationships with our children by being available to help in one of these roles! If you have any questions, please contact Jen F.

You're Invited: Join the Knifty Knitters tomorrow, 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 faithorphansfund.org

Consistory meets this Tuesday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Friday Night Bible Study: We will be having our year end BBQ on June 14th/19 at 5:30 p.m. Anne D is hosting the BBQ on the terrace at her apartment. A notice has been emailed to all, please respond by June 12/19 to Joanne O or to Anne D.

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.

Register Today - Inspire 2019 will bring people from congregations across the continent for three days of worship, inspiration, connection, and encouragement. Register today and join us August 1-3 in Windsor, Ontario to connect with people in similar types of ministry or service, share your stories, discover new resources, and learn from others! Get the details and sign up at www.crcna.org/inspire.

World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) - In response to the flooding in Eastern Canada this season, World Renew is in daily contact with the NGO Alliance of Ontario and has engaged with our partner, Samaritan's Purse Canada (SPC), who have a Disaster Response Unit in Ottawa. SPC is coordinating work for World Renew DRS volunteers to help with clean-up efforts, the first step after a flood. Christian Reformed congregations in Eastern Ontario have been contacted about this service opportunity. After this initial recovery phase, we will assess with the local community if there is a need for other World Renew DRS services. We have also been in contact with SPC in Fredericton, New Brunswick, about recovery action there. For more information, or to support DRS, please visit worldrenew.net/drs

