

Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
November 18, 2018



"Go on up, you baldhead!"
they said. "Go on up, you
baldhead!"

ELISHA TURNED AROUND, LOOKED AT THEM,
AND CALLED DOWN A CURSE ON THEM.

-II Kings 2:23-24

November 18, 2018
10:00 a.m.
Pastor John Medendorp
Elder-in-Charge: Eugene B

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"Great Are You Lord"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Song of Praise: *"Yesterday, Today, and Forever"*

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Thanksgiving: PsH #8 vs. 1, 3, 4 *"Lord Our Lord Your Glorious Name"*

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: *"Be Still (For the Presence)"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: II Kings 2: 19-25

Sermon: **"Bowls, Baldies, and Bears – O My!"**

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 #495 *"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"*

Prayers of the People

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

Offertory Song: *"Build Your Kingdom Here"*

*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
Pastor Carel Geleyense
Pianist: Karen N

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Praise and Prayer

Welcome

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: PsH #150 *"Hallelu the Lord Our God"*

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40: 18-31

Song of Response: PsH #185 *"I Will Extol You, O My God"*

Prayer and Share

Offering: The Face Fund (Financial Assistance for Christian Education)

Hearing the Word

Song of Preparation: PsH 249 *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 8: 10-30

Sermon: **“Will God Really Dwell on Earth?”**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: *“Our God Is an Awesome God”*, PsH #483 *“How Great Thou Art”*

*God’s Parting Blessing

*Doxology: PsH #630 *“Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God”*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Lynda J (14) is making steady progress in her recovery. She has spent considerable time in the ICU at Grand River Hospital but hopes to leave that unit sometime this weekend. Lynda and her family wish to thank everyone for their prayers and thoughts during this time and also a special thank you to those in Community 14 who helped clean up her yard. Please continue to remember Lynda in your prayers. May the Lord be gracious and grant her a complete recovery.

John and Anne D (13) left this past week for North Carolina for involvement with Word Renew – Disaster Response Services. Pray for safety, good health, a meaningful experience with opportunities to touch and give hope to hurting people in this relief ministry.

Consistory met this past Tuesday, November 13 and welcomed the following members to our fellowship:

Nick and Rachel V and their daughter, Vivian (8) from Maitland River Community Church of Wingham.

Braam and Nadine K (2) and their children Michiel and Christien from the Reformed Church, Bellville East, South Africa.

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 and Shirley F (2); Gine K (1); Sandra K (9); Arend and Olga S (11); Jenny W (6); Ralph 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;
- the staff and leadership at **the Journey** as they discern God's future for their congregation;
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

Thank you: My family and I would like to extend our grateful appreciation to the congregation for being so supportive these past few months since you learned of my brother Gary's diagnosis and since his passing on October 23rd, 2018. Your heartfelt prayers, supportive visits and calls, kind messages, and thoughtful cards have been a source of comfort in this very sad and difficult time. Thank you for being there for us.

Warmly,
Brenda A, Paul, Brett, & Shannon M (13)

Congratulations to **Hank S** who celebrates his birthday on Thursday, November 22. May he experience God's richest blessings in the coming year and as he celebrates his birthday!



STAFF INFORMATION

A Note from the M: As we look forward to welcoming our son sometime in the next few weeks, we thank you for your prayers. I (Pastor John) will be taking 5 weeks of leave following the birth and we are looking forward to spending some time together as

family and adapting to new rhythms. We appreciate the offer of meals, however please be aware that I have some serious food allergies. Jodi V will be coordinating meals on behalf of our Community. If you are planning to bring a dinner please talk to her about which foods are safe. Thanks again for your kindness and community at this exciting time in our lives. Pastor John & Ashley

Pastor Amanda has returned from maternity leave and for the month of November, she will be working half-time with a return to full-time work on **Monday, December 3**. Pastor Amanda, Brian, Rosie, and Jakob are so deeply grateful for all the love, encouragement, cards, meals, and gifts over the past few months. Thank you all!

This is the final week that **Pastor Betsy** will working at Community CRC. She will be preaching for the last time this coming Sunday, November 25.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Nov 25	10 a.m.	Pastor Betsy/Pastor Carel Baptisms: Eden F (9) Zara S (11)
	p.m.	Communities Meet
Dec 2	10 a.m.	Pastor John
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Budget Contributions For November 11, 2018

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Nov 11	\$9,845	\$12,758	(\$2,914)
YTD	\$629,846	\$752,379	(\$122,533)
Back to God Ministries Int'l		\$	1,404
World Renew		\$	120
World Renew – World Hunger		\$	100
Waterloo Campus Ministry		\$	20
Disability Concerns		\$	20
Resonate Global Mission		\$	20

Our offering today is for 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 the Benevolence Fund. This fund is used by the deacons to financially assist those within our church and the community when a need arises or help is requested.

Vouchers: Current vouchers are valid until Dec 31, 2018. Please keep this date in mind when ordering voucher purchases. Vouchers purchased AFTER Sunday December 2 will have 2019 expiry date.

Purchases can be made in the usual way using your budget envelope. At year end, if you still have 2018 vouchers, they can be

exchanged for 2019 vouchers. If you have any questions, please contact Karen V.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

The Fall Congregational meeting is scheduled for **Friday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m.** at the church. Agendas are available in your church mailbox this morning. Extra copies are available at the Information Centre. The 2019 Budget will be presented along with ministry updates. Come out and hear the latest updates from CCRC.

Council Meeting Highlights – Monday, November 12, 2018

- Reviewed the revised draft 2019 budget and approved for presentation to, and approval of congregation.
- Reviewed and discussed various ministry meeting minutes, reports, and recommendations.
- Approved Darlene B as CCRC representative on Waterloo Campus Ministry Board.
- Discussed some church property issues with respect to upcoming surrounding development.
- Next meeting is Tuesday November 27, 2018.

CRC Canadian National Gathering May 24 – 26, 2019 in Edmonton, Alberta: The CRCNA in Canada is hosting a national gathering workshop at King's University in Edmonton, Alberta from May 24 – 26, 2019 for a time of celebration, discerning, and envisioning the bold next steps of the CRC in Canada over the next 5 – 10 years locally, regionally, and nationally. Any member of Community CRC

who can represent the ministry, outreach, and culture of CCRC, and feels inclined to be nominated to represent us at this gathering, should forward their name to Harry O (clerk@ccrc.on.ca) as soon as possible. Potential nominees should be involved in local or regional ministry and reflect the diversity of the people and ministries of CCRC. Final selection of the 12 attendees from Classis Huron will be made by representatives from Classis. If this exciting opportunity interests you, please let me know as soon as possible.


The Bridge App: Our denomination has launched an app entitled “The Bridge App” which is now available and running for Community CRC. The purpose of this app is to increase communication within our local church and the greater denomination. Features available on the app initially are the “Today” devotional, an electronic Bible and our church directory.


You can download the app from The App Store or the Play Store immediately and set up a user account for authorization. As with all new technology there are a few glitches that are being worked on by the denomination and our church. Please be patient as changes may be made.

Treasurer: The Board of Stewards is looking for a member of the congregation to fill the position of Church Treasurer. An accounting designation is preferred for this position but the board will also consider candidates with a strong financial understanding and background. Please contact Chris d if you are interested in helping out in this capacity.

Advent Help: The Visual Arts Team is looking for help with decorating and the setting up of Christmas trees for Advent. We are hoping to set up on **Monday, November 26th** starting at 9:30 a.m. If you can help that would be much appreciated!!! Come for as long as you are able. Thanks in advance for your help!!! Please contact Annette S.

Cadets (a club for boys ages 7 – 13) will meet **NOT** meet this week. They meet again on November 26.

Friendship News: We begin Unit 2 of  teaching this Tuesday. Manuals are available from Pastor Bernie. Mentors, please return Unit 1 manuals. Minnie Herfst will be our story teller. Please keep in mind small gift ideas (\$5) for our Christmas gift exchange on December 4.

Knifty Knitters: If you love to knit and/or  crochet, please join us at the church **this Tuesday, November 20, at 9:30 a.m.** for a morning of caring through crafting.

Coffee Break meets this Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. 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

Impact Discipleship Groups: Discipleship groups are meeting this week to take a look at the challenging message of James 1. Meeting times and places are set up by the groups, so hopefully you already know where to go and when - but if not, get it touch with your Discipleship Group leader!

Stay tuned for information about the social activity on November 28.

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour a club for girls ages 7-13) will meet this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



Friday Night Bible Study: Our next gathering will be Dec 7, at 7:30pm, at the home of Bernie and Linda D. If anyone needs a copy of the study material please contact either Bernie or Linda. RSVP is you're coming please.

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

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 - Help kids become eager participants in your family's giving by inviting them to identify a ministry for your family to support together, either financially or through volunteering. For older children, suggest that they research local ministries to find one that connects with their own gifts and passions. For young children, give them a short list to choose

from. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Prepare Your Heart - Starting December 3, World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice will distribute free email devotionals during Advent in 2018. Don't let Christmas presents overtake the Christmas Presence. Sign up to receive reflections on this year's theme, Holy Impatience, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday through Christmas Day. The series will explore doing justice in a world that belongs to God, a world where so many are both celebrating glimpses of the kingdom and eagerly yearning for it. Go to crcna.org/advent to sign up today!

"Hold Me Tight": Couples Weekend Workshop, November 23 – 24, 2018 in Hamilton, ON. Are you looking to reconnect with your spouse? "Hold Me tight" is a weekend workshop designed around seven conversations based on the book of the same name. This workshop is appropriate for couples who want to connect more deeply, want to get "unstuck" from their patterns, or are in established or new relationships. As we are a CAP (Congregational Assistance Plan) **Church members and regular attenders have the opportunity to use their allotment of CAP resources to cover a significant portion of the workshop fee.** For more information and to register, contact Shalem Mental Health at 905.528.0353 or office@shalemnetwork.org or visit

www.shalemnetwork.org/events/hold-me-tight-couples-weekend-workshop

