

June 21: Indigenous Ministry (Canada)
Deacons: Chad Lubbers and Wilf Allaer
June 28: World Renew
Deacons: Kaley Bergsma and Jeff DePooter

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING: Today, June 7 our offering supports **Mission Montreal**. Mission Montreal is a collaborative effort of Resonate Global Mission, Diaconal Ministries Canada, First CRC Montreal, Classis Eastern Canada, and a partner ministry called Christian Direction. At its heart, Mission Montreal is about equipping and deploying Christians and Christian leaders to engage their culture. Montreal is a city where less than 4 percent of residents attend church. Rather than start something new, the CRC is partnering with a successful Reformed ministry that is already at work and shares a similar Kingdom focus. Under the direction of an evangelical urban missiologist, Christian Direction is working in unreached areas of Montreal to bring the light of Christ.

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING: Next week, June 14 our offering will support a local foodbank; the **Knox Foodbank and Soup Pantry**. Days of operation are:
Knox Soup Cellar
Wednesdays @ 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Knox Cellar Pantry
Thursdays from 10:30 A.M to 11:30 A.M.

Please feel free to pass this information on to someone you feel may benefit from this wonderful service.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG: Right to Life Kent is putting on the Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign for Refuge Pregnancy Centre once again this year. Baby bottles are available in the church hallway for pickup. 100% of the donations from the bottles support the Refuge Pregnancy Centre in Chatham (www.refugechatham.ca). This fundraiser runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day, so **please return the filled bottles before or by June 21st**. Visit www.RefugeChatham.ca to learn more about Refuge's work, or www.LifeInMotionChatham.ca to learn more about how to be involved in our community through Right to Life Kent.



FAMILY CIRCLE: Continue to pray for all of our seniors, those who suffer illnesses, and those who are lonely or shut-in. May they feel God's presence in their lives and may He bring healing.

SAFE CHURCH: Council is seeking a new Safe Church Co-Ordinator. Please prayerfully consider serving in this role. For more information please speak to Diane Maguire or Wayne Vandendool.

COUNCIL MEETING: Council meets this Wednesday, June 10 at 7 pm.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;
THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE ON YOU AND
BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;
THE LORD TURN HIS FACE TOWARD YOU AND GIVE YOU
PEACE.

NUMBERS 6:4-26

Bill DePooter ~ June 9
Justin Dykema ~ June 9

LET THE MORNING
BRING ME WORD
OF YOUR
UNFAILING LOVE
FOR I HAVE PUT
MY TRUST IN YOU

PSALM 143:8



MITS BIT'S: Last week, local news reported Chatham Kent's approval of the new affordable housing project that will be located next door to the church. The multi-storey building will be located in the field to the right and rear of the church parking lot, if you're driving in.

I've spoken with a few people who are a little apprehensive about what this means for the church. I can relate with those emotions. Facing something new isn't an easy thing. Change never is. But this change is different. This is change that we don't have a say in. We don't get to choose it. This project *is* approved and it *will* move forward. So, like it or not, we will need to adapt.

But this is not necessarily a bad thing! In fact, I'd say that this 'forced' change is good for the church if we handle it properly. And how do we handle it properly? Pray that God will do great things through us for the greater community. Embrace the challenge and welcome people into our fold. Let go of our sense of preservation and let God work His wonder.

This is uncomfortable, I know. But perhaps that's the point. Comfort sometimes becomes a god in itself. In our 75th year, we find ourselves facing the challenge of watching up to 200 people moving in, right next door. Are we eager to see what God does? Or are we 'circling the wagons' with the hopes that we aren't affected?

75th ANNIVERSARY: Please keep the weekend of July 11 & 12 open for the **75th Anniversary Celebration of Wallaceburg CRC!**

We have an exciting weekend planned. Open house is from 1-4pm at the church (bouncy castles and facepainting, etc for kids included.) Catered supper is at 6pm, (tickets required) followed by a program in the sanctuary. Sunday morning will be a special celebration service.

Tickets are available!! Contact Erica Lubbers @519-360-0796 for details. Tickets are \$35 per adult & \$15 for children 11 and under. You can pay cash, cheque, or e-transfers to wrc75th@gmail.com. **Please note: the answer for the security question for e-transfers needs to be tickets. Get your tickets soon! Deadline to purchase tickets is June 29th.** Check out the Wallaceburg CRC Facebook page for updates and news.

CUSTODIAN: Council is looking for someone to fill in as Custodian while Jamie is on maternity leave beginning at the end of July. For more details, please speak with Wayne Vandendool or email the office.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip: This time of year is often filled with graduation celebrations and school transitions. Take time this week to pray for a specific young person in your congregation as they transition to a new school environment or workplace in the coming months. Consider reaching out to that young person to let them know you are praying for them in this season. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Reflecting a Lifetime of Blessings - As we look back on God's faithfulness throughout our lives, we often feel a nudge to "pay it forward." A gift in your will is a beautiful way to honour the journey God has led you on. Whether you wish to support justice, global mission, or local leadership, we can help you tailor a gift that reflects your passions. Explore your options with a free consultation from our partners at Christian Stewardship Services at info@csservices.ca or 1-800-267-8890.

Wisdom in the Age of AI Conference - How should Christians respond to Artificial Intelligence (AI) in church, education, business, healthcare, and the arts? The Wisdom in the Age of AI Conference will be held at Calvin University October 8-10 and features top keynote speakers and parallel sessions dealing with each of these topics. For more information and to register to join the conversation, visit: <https://calvin.edu/wisdomAI>



SPRING CONCERT: Come Join us! The Blue Water Vocal Ensemble will be performing here in the church on Saturday June 20th at 2:00pm. Director and Pianist Betty Knowles. There will be refreshments following the concert.

Groundwork: Hannah's Prayer and God's Big Answer - Sometimes the deepest prayers are the ones nobody hears but God. Join Groundwork as we begin a study on the book of 1 Samuel by examining 1 Samuel 1:1-2:10. Together, we'll see how Hannah's sorrow and private prayer becomes part of God's public plan for his people. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Kids Corner Devotions: Philip: Answering Questions - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Philip: Answering Questions" at www.kidscorner.net. Join Philip on an exciting adventure as he listens to God, meets an important traveler, and shares the amazing news about Jesus! Discover that even when life feels uncertain, God is always with us and can use us to help others in wonderful ways. Check out the KC Summertime Collection with lots of puzzles, games, and fun activities. Good for road trips or quiet time at home.

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**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

| DATE                               | 7- JUNE                 | 14 - JUNE               | 21- JUNE                | 28-JUNE                 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Sunday School Ages 3-5</b>      | Cassandra H             | Cassandra H             | Cassandra H             | Matt F<br>Summer F      |
| <b>Sunday School Grades 1-3</b>    | Tara F                  | Tara F                  | Tara F                  | Matt F<br>Summer F      |
| <b>Nursery</b>                     | Tonda G<br>Lisa D       | Amber L<br>Mikki M      | Alyssa L<br>Connor L    | Nursery un-<br>locked   |
| <b>Roamer</b>                      | Rob K                   | Bill D                  | Wayne D                 | Jim K                   |
| <b>Greeter</b>                     | Irene K<br>Tina F       | Matt & Tara             | Shawn & Beth            | Cyril & Alie            |
| <b>Coffee Set-up/<br/>Clean-up</b> | John & Erica            | Jim & Lucia             | Bernard &<br>Karlene    | Bill & Olga             |
| <b>Scripture Readers</b>           | John 8:12-20<br>Joyce D | John 10:1-11<br>Tonda G | John 6:26-59<br>Henry G | John 11:17-44<br>Rita H |
| <b>VIDEO</b>                       | Lauren                  | Larissa                 | Colin                   | Volunteer<br>needed     |
| <b>CAMERA</b>                      | Ashton                  | Colin                   | Weston                  | Volunteer<br>Needed     |
| <b>SOUND</b>                       | Jim                     | Casey                   | Jim                     | Casey                   |

