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November 15, 2026

Welcome

Adoration
- How Great Is The Greatness of God
- Welcome/Call to Worship/God's Greeting
- This is Amazing Grace
- O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

Conviction
- Lord's Supper
- Beneath the Cross of Jesus
- Children Exit (JR & SR Sunday school)
- Prayers of the People

Illumination
- 1 John 5:1-21
- *That You May Know*
- Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine

(Catechism exits during singing)

Commission
- Offering: Guelph Campus Ministries
- God's Parting Blessing
- We Receive Your Blessing

How will you apply today's message to your life?

Keeping in Prayer: Mary Guetter

How might you show your support?
- drop off a meal/snack
- support via church ministries
- visit/phone call/text
- Intentional prayer
- other

Birthdays this week:

15: Ross MacDonald (74); 17: Vienna Dykstra
18: Carolyn Rylaarsdam; Erica Delk
19 – Jack VanDorp; Easton Dykstra
20 – Hans Boonstoppel (84); 21 – Al Durrer

Offerings for October:

Birthday Fund $550;
Canadian Bible Society $1579.45;
Community Living $1621.20;
Deacons $2824.30; FOTOCAN $100;
Friends of the Community $4141.80;
General Fund $52555.93;
HCS Bursary $7328.91; Indwell $100;
Renovations $300; Soup & More $200;
Sunday School $65.25;
World Renew– Canadian Food Grains $500;
World Renew—General Fund $8478.91

This Sunday we complete our journey through 1 John and look forward to celebrating the **Lord's Supper** early in the service.

Next Sunday, November 22, we welcome **Pastor Ralph Koops** to lead us in worship and share the message.

Please continue to keep **Patty Goodburn** in prayer as she remains in hospital on oxygen and continues to be treated for a significant case of pneumonia.

Building & Renovation Proposal – Congregational Vote: This Sunday, professing members will have the opportunity to vote on the Building & Renovation Proposal. There are four options to choose from: Renovate, New Church, Either or Neither. If you are unable to attend church on Sunday, or would prefer not to cast your vote on Sunday, you may submit your vote by email to the church office at office@clintonchristianreformedchurch.ca. Please ensure your email vote is received by Tuesday, November 18. Thank you for taking the time to prayerfully consider the proposal and participate in this important decision for our church.

The Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24 @ 7:30PM we hope to see you there. Packages were emailed out earlier this week. There are also a few printed copies available by the Library.

Worship services begin at 10:00 am and are livestreamed

A special thank you to all who have contributed to the **Birthday Fund** during July to October. Your donations were used to fill 30 shoe boxes as well as the shipping cost. These boxes help Samaritans Purse demonstrate God's love as the strive to meet both physical needs of those receiving these gifts. Thank you for helping the Birthday Fund being part of this program.

Clinton Christmas Parade-Plan to join us! After a start-up meeting, it was decided the Clinton CRC will be entering a float into the Clinton Christmas Parade on Friday, December 4! Here's how can you get involved:
Float Setup: We'll be working on setting up the float on **Saturday, November 28, 2026 at 9:00AM at Anthony and Lorraine deRijk's farm.** Everyone is welcome to come and help!
Parade Day: The parade takes place on **Friday, December 5, 2026 at 7:00PM**. **Everyone is encouraged to join us in the parade!** More details about the meeting location will be provided in the next week's newsletter. Let's come together to celebrate the season and share the joy of Jesus with our community. We hope to see you there!

Save The Date! On Friday, April 2, 2027 there will be a Friends of the Orphans (FOTOCAN) Fundraiser Dutch Kale Supper at HCS. Please put it on your new 2027 calendar! We are looking for anyone who may have extra kale still in their garden and who could donate it to us. We would be happy to come and harvest it! If you have any kale or know anyone who does, could you please contact Nelly Hoogendoorn (519-525-2739) or Margot Uyl (519-860-9530). Thank you!

Full Council Report: Full Council met this past week and discussed several items, including the Building & Renovation proposal. In light of responses we have received over the past year, we reviewed our statement on "Living in Light of Synod's Decisions on Human Sexuality," and how well it is serving us as a church. We recognized some ambiguity due to compromises that did not provide the clarity and unity we hope for, but rather created deep concern and disappointment across the spectrum of convictions. Council adopted a motion affirming our commitment to remaining in the CRC and replaced the statement with a concise commitment to support the adopted CRC Synod's *Human Sexuality Report (HSR),* leading and teaching in line with its Scriptural convictions and pastoral care guidance. Other updates include: The budget was approved to be presented to the congregation; The Ministry Events Compensation and Ministries Finances Policies were adopted; Minutes from Council subgroups and ministry teams were accepted; and council approved the forming of an adhoc team to evaluate the current Council structure. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as Council provides leadership and direction for our church.

39th Annual Auction – Coming Soon! Mark your calendars for the **live auction** on **Saturday, November 21**, starting at **7:00 pm!** Please note that there will be **no online bidding** for the live auction. Silent auction bidding opens on **Thursday, November 19**, with item pickup during the live auction. Follow the link to access the online auction: https://event.auctria.com/2ba1cbea-2c59-4a4c-bce0-9ff002752e13/ If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us at auction@huronchristianschool.ca. We can't wait to see you there!

Kindergarten Registration – Huron Christian School: Registration is open for children born in 2022 or 2023 for the 2027/2028 school year! Join us Thursday, November 19, from 9:00–11:30 a.m. Families can meet the JK teacher and Principal, visit the classroom, tour the school, and meet with the local "Calling All Three Year Olds" program. To request a registration package and schedule an appointment, call **519-482-7851** or email **office@huronchristianschool.ca**.

Giving & Supporting

TODAY: Guelph Campus Ministry
NEXT WEEK: Resonate Global Mission

e-transfer to treasurer@clintonchristianreformedchurch.ca (cause in memo); cheque in offering or by mail;
PAR (pre-authorized remittance is for the budget only)

Office Hours this week:
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday
8:30PM—4:00PM

4th Annual Central Huron Community Christmas Dinner: Join us for a FREE Christmas dinner on **Friday, December 25, 2026**, at Libro Hall, Central Huron Community Complex. Social from **11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**, dinner served **12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Advance tickets required and available until December 4.** Contact 519-482-5270 or mmaloney@clintonraceway.com. Donations are welcome, with proceeds supporting school nutrition programs throughout Central Huron. **No takeout available.**

News from FOTOCan (Friends of the Orphans Canada): Two mission trips are planned for 2027: January 27–February 9 to the Dominican Republic and February 10–25 to Guatemala. The cost is $2,000 CAD ($1,800 CAD for active students), plus airfare, with a tax receipt issued for the registration fee. Thanks to a generous anonymous donation, three students currently enrolled in one or more FOTOCan classes (in-person or online) will have their participation fees and airfare covered. Applicants will be asked to write a short essay and fundraise up to $1,000 toward the country projects. Several work projects are planned for both locations, depending on funds raised. For more information or to apply, contact Ken Speers at kenspeers@icloud.com or 519-292-1226. All denominations are welcome to participate!

Hope Canadian Male Choir is excited to present their Christmas concert series 'Oh Come, All Ye Faithful' with 4 concerts December 2-5, 2026. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit their website www.hopecanadianmalechoir.com. Email hopecanchoir@gmail.com or call/text 226 338 5459

Classis Huron seeks nominations for the part-time paid positions of Stated Clerk of Classis and the Alternate. The clerk ensures accurate records/minutes of all classis proceedings and manages the various communications of classis from routine correspondence to official communications relative to ministerial credentials, congregational status, and overtures to synod. A stated clerk also ensures that the protocols and decisions of the classis conform to the Church Order of the CRCNA. Nominations must be submitted to the current Clerk of Classis by January 13, 2027, at classishuron@gmail.com.

Classis Huron is seeking nominations for the Classis Huron representative to the Council of Delegates (COD). This is the governing board of the Christian Reformed Church. As an ecclesiastical governance entity serving in the interim of synod (the broadest assembly), the COD provides governance by means of the authority delegated to it by synod and with its synodically elected membership representing classes. This appointment is for three years.
More information is accessible at Council of Delegates | Christian Reformed Church
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Kids Corner Devotions: What Does It Mean to be Holy? - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "What Does It Mean to be Holy?" at www.kidscorner.net. This week, we talk about how holiness is God's amazing gift to help us shine God's light wherever we go. We don't have to be perfect to be holy. We just have to keep trying, loving, and trusting God. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at https://kidscorner.net/app

Groundwork: Prayer and Human Need - Jesus teaches and invites us to pray about our needs, to ask God for healing, protection, or provision. But what happens when an answer doesn't come? Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Matthew 6:5-8; Matthew 7:7-12; Mark 11:22-25; 2 Kings 19:14-16, 19; and 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 to explore what Scripture teaches about praying for our human needs and why we can approach God with honesty, confidence, and trust. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The Faith5 framework is a simple five-step faith formation practice that your family or household can do together. First, share your highs and lows of the day. Then read a Bible verse or story together. Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows, pray for one another's highs and lows, and bless one another. Try this practice with your family, spouse, or roommates this week. Check out Faith5.org for more. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive