



Welcome

Clinton Christian Reformed Church

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Drawing In

Welcome/Call to Worship/God's Greeting
When We Walk With the Lord
Step by Step

Committing

Commitment & Dedication/Prayer
Cornerstone
Children's Prayer (ages 3—Grade 6 exit)
Prayers of the People

Listening

Ezra 4:1-24 (pg 463, lp 736)
Choice & Consequences
Lord I Need You
Lord's Supper

Applying

Offering: HCS Bursary
Speak, O Lord
God's Parting Blessing
Step by Step

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

Keeping in Prayer: Mary Guetter, Linie Haverkamp

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:

September 14: Helen Dykstra (82)
September 14: Carolyn Van Dorp
September 14: Cameron Vanderhaar
September 17: Martina Smith
September 19: Reanne MacDonald
September 20: Ralph Postma

Terry & Anne Kaastra have moved to 78869
Bluewater Hwy, Goderich, N7A 3X8. New
land line: 519 612 4040.

Sunday school resumes again today for
ages 3-Grade 6. Catechism will begin
shortly – more details to come. Please
watch the screen for cues to when your
children leave for Sunday school.

This Sunday we continue our journey through Ezra, and we look forward to celebrating the **Lord's Supper**.

Profession of Faith Exploration Group. An opportunity to explore your personal faith in relation to the faith of the church, and to consider public profession of faith as a member of the church. Led by Pastor Ray and launching **Wednesday, October 1, 7:30-9:00pm, at the church** – along with October 8 & 22, and November 5 & 12. Please contact Pastor Ray (519-993-3303 or pastor.ccrcc@tcc.on.ca) if you are interested or have questions.

Directory: Its that time of year we are updating the church directory. If you have moved or your phone has changed please let the office know. Not sure? Send the office an email with your correct info. Want to be added into the new directory—let the office know by September 29.

Knitting Club: Join us Wednesday's from 9-11:30am. New members welcome. Enjoy a cup of coffee with the volunteers from Soup & More around 10am. Hope to see you there!

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, September 20 @ 8AM with speaker Ward Hodgins. Come enjoy a time of fellowship together along with a delicious meal. Free will offering only.

Worship services begin at 10:00 am and are livestreamed

Inviting all boys in Grade 4 - Grade 8 to join us for a night of camping! **Date:** September 19-20. **Time:** Drop off between 5-6 pm Friday night. Pick up is between 12-1pm Saturday afternoon. **Location:** Counselor John's Campsite. **Registration:** Please email Bryan Kaastra at bryan@kaastra.ca to confirm your boy(s) are attending no later than **September 16**. There is no fee, however we need to know how much food we need for meals. Additional information including what the boys need to bring and where to be dropped off will be sent via email when you register your boy(s).

Attention GEMS & Cadets! We have an exciting opportunity just for you! Before our programs officially kick off again on October 9, we're inviting all boys and girls in Grades 4–8 to join the fun early by participating in a Scavenger Hunt—with a chance to win prizes! Pick up a Scavenger Hunt form in the church entrance or download it from the GEMS and Cadets Facebook pages. It's a great way to get a head start on the fun! We can't wait to welcome both new and returning members for another fun-filled year of learning, friendship, and adventure!

GEMS Leader Wanted: This year we are looking for one more leader to join our fun filled Thursday nights. At GEMS we gather with friends, explore Gods word through large group lessons, craft nights, fun nights and badge nights. As a new leader, you will be paired with a seasoned leader. If this interests you, please reach out to Holly Kroes.

Coupons: Coupons are available to be ordered by filling out the request form located by the entrances. This order of coupons is due Monday, September 22, 2025.

Full Council Report: Council met this past Tuesday and addressed several key items: Governance was tasked with drafting Terms of Reference for Full Council and reviewing the Terms of Reference for the Admin Team, Deacons, and Pastoral Elders. The proposed Council Code of Conduct was reviewed. Council considered correspondence received from council members. The hall monitor video was viewed. Minutes from the team meetings were reviewed. Delegates for the upcoming Classis meeting on September 24 are Lorraine DeRijk, Derek Rozendal, and Pastor Ray. Please keep the delegates in prayer as they prepare for this important meeting. Full Council plans to meet again in November.

Huron Christian School Auction: Mark your calendars for Saturday, November, 22, 2025 for the 38th Annual Auction in the school gym, with the silent auction beginning online on Thursday, November 20. **'Canvas Kickoff'** Advertising, financial contribution, and donations of items or services would be greatly appreciated to make this event a successful fundraiser for HCS. Do you have a special talent you could donate to the auction such as cooking, baking, lawn, or babysitting? Perhaps get together with friends and plan a fun evening for a group. Could you or your business donate an item, a service or an advertisement? What about donating a gift card from your favourite local business? Please send completed forms back to the school no later than **October 22, 2025**. If you have any questions, please contact auction@huronchristianschool.ca.

Giving & Supporting

TODAY: Huron Christian School Bursary Fund

NEXT WEEK: Resonate Global Mission

e-transfer to clintoncrctreasurer@tcc.on.ca (cause in memo);

cheque in offering or by mail; PAR (pre-authorized remittance is for the budget only)

KAIROS Blanket Exercise Mon. Sept. 29; 7-9pm at Huron Christian School, Clinton: Ten years ago the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) released its report with 94 Calls to Action. In 2021, Sept. 30 was officially recognized as a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. As Canadians and Christians we are challenged to engage with this reconciliation process. **Youth, parents and community members** are invited to participate in an evening of learning and engagement with active participation in a walk through history as Cindy Stover and Adrian Jacobs facilitate the KAIROS Blanket Exercise using a youth script to give perspective to the current complex realities. Here is a 2 minute promo video for the [Participating in the KAIROS Blanket Exercise](#) and additional details [KAIROS Blanket Exercise \(Canada\) | CRC Network](#).

Cindy Stover, Justice Mobilization Program Manager - Canada, Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) and **Adrian Jacobs**, CRCNA leader for Indigenous Justice and Reconciliation bring a Christ-follower's lens of seeking justice, truth and reconciliation in our Canadian context.

Please consider RSVPing to Sue Vander Kooij f(519-546-2558) or via the KAIROS Blanket Exercise - Truth and Reconciliation learning Facebook event (<https://www.facebook.com/share/1EmQjNeyie/>) for estimating the number of participants. All welcome whether RSVP'd or not. Donations at the door (cash) welcome but not required for participation.

Celebrate Recovery (CR): September is Recovery Month, and CR is all about seek God's help in an authentic and accountable community to recover from compulsive behaviours and addictions and deal with struggles and hurts. CR leaders understand your struggles, as they have experienced freedom from addictive and dysfunctional patterns in their own lives. ***Elgin Missionary Church (4192 Perth County Line 36, Stratford) offers CR every Monday night starting at 6:30.*** For more information on CR check them out online <https://www.celebraterecovery.ca/> or talk to Erica Delk -- call or text 226-222-7494.

Who's ready for some Youth hockey? We're putting together a **new youth hockey league** for players **ages 14–25 (born 2000–2011)**. It's **co-ed**, will be **Friday or Saturday** nights, open to **all skill levels**, and all about having a **fast, fun, and competitive time on the ice**. Teams will be built to keep things balanced—so whether you're a first-timer or a rink rat, you'll have a place to play. Want in? Or maybe you'd like to **coach, help organize, or even support the league?** Fill out the form <https://bit.ly/YouthHockey2025> or hit up Jonathan DeWeerd at jddw.bldg@gmail.com Let's make this happen. Who's game?

Hospital Beds: In partnership with Goderich Super Storage, Trinity CR Church has hospital beds available for those in need within our community. If you or someone you know could benefit from a free rental, please reach out to Dave! 519-525-9207

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - This week is Mission Emphasis Week in the Christian Reformed Church, a time to think about God's mission to restore and renew his broken creation through Jesus Christ (see Rev. 21:1–4). It is also a time to renew our participation in that mission by supporting missionaries nearby and far away and by creating our own descriptions of God's mission—a few sentences that describe what God is doing and why we are glad he's doing it. Practice sharing your sentences with one another, and then look for opportunities to share them with others! Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Groundwork: Be A Disciple of Jesus Christ - Many Christians have questions about following Jesus. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Timothy 4:7-8, 1 Peter 2:2-5, and 1 Timothy 2:1-3 to help us define discipleship, understand what this means for the lives of his disciples today, and discover the importance of community on our journey. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.