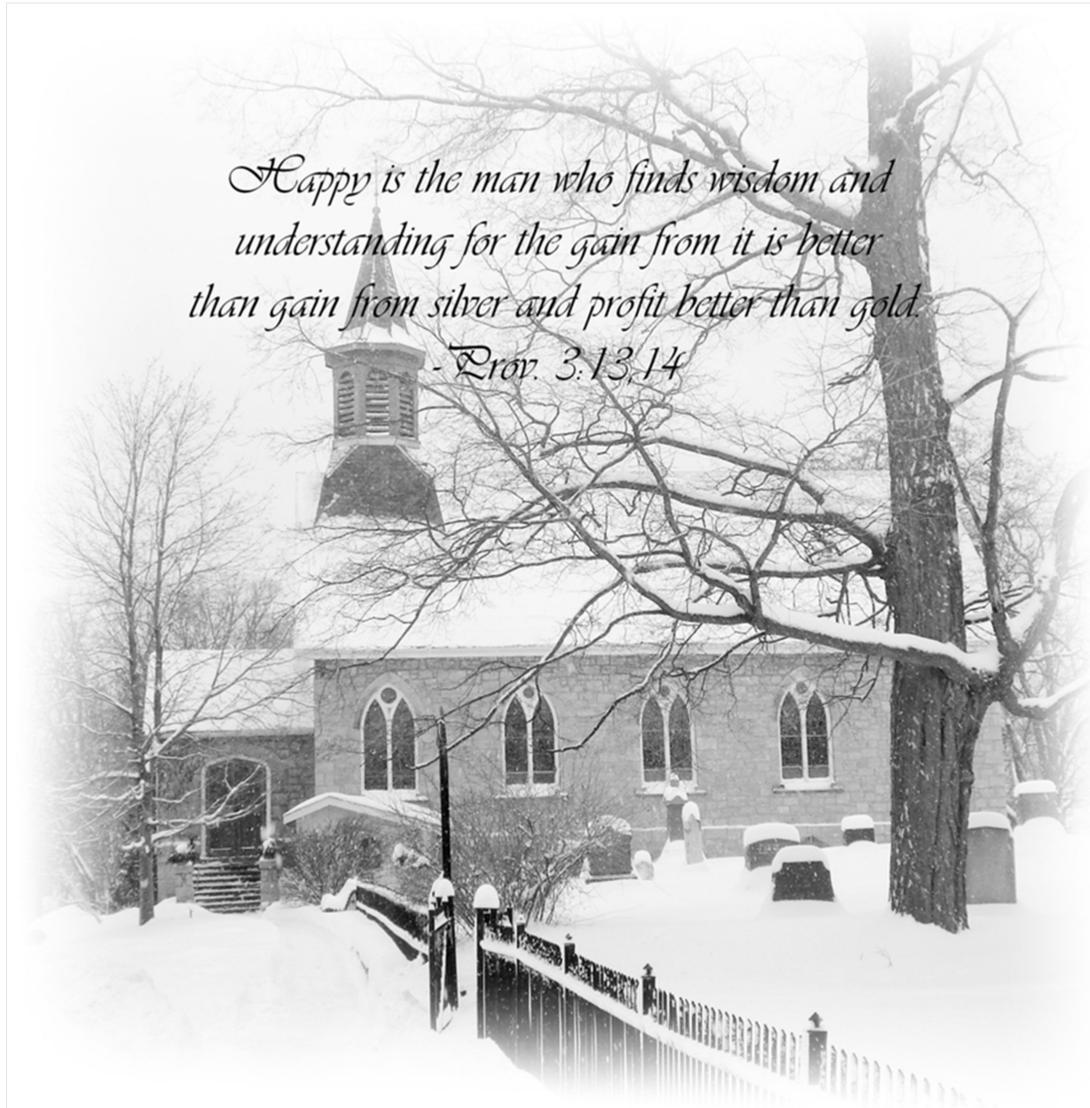


*Happy is the man who finds wisdom and  
understanding for the gain from it is better  
than gain from silver and profit better than gold.*

*- Prov. 3:13,14*



**Mt. Hope Community**

Christian Reformed Church

MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

January 4, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Pastor Joel Bootsma Music: Praise Team

( please stand if you are able)

Welcome & Announcements - Verse of the Month: Psalm 3:3 **Mark Demik**

**GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE**

\* God's Greeting & Opening Prayer

\* Song: **LUYH #526 "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"**

\* Call to Worship

\* Song of Praise: **LUYH #538: 1,3,4 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"**

**GROUNDING IN GRACE**

Time of Confession

Song of Confession: **LUYH #869 "Here I Am, Lord"**

Words of Assurance

Song: **LUYH #743 "O God, You Are My God"**

Children dismissed for Children's Ministry

**GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE**

Sermon: "Whose Story Do You Trust?"

\* Song of Response: **LUYH #770 "In Christ Alone"**

Prayer: Church Family and Community

**John Demik**

**GOING TO SERVE**

Offering: **Budget & Diaconal Ministries Canada**

\* Sending

\* Benediction

\* Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #947 "We Receive Your Blessing"**

**Thank you for joining us this morning!**

We welcome all who join us this morning in worship. **Pastor Joel Bootsma** will lead us in worship and **the Mt. Hope Praise Team** in music ministry. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Diaconal Ministries Canada**. You are reminded that you can also donate through the "Give" function on the Bridge App, as well as e-transfer to **accounting.mhccrc@rogers.com**. We hope that you will join us following the service in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

To view this service from home, you can do so by watching via livestream on our website: [mounthopcommunitycrc.org](http://mounthopcommunitycrc.org), or from our YouTube Channel: [Mount Hope Community Church](#). Those members who have the Bridge App, can view the service directly on the app, by using the "**YouTube**" icon on the main page.



We are accessible for those with hearing impairment. If you are hard of hearing, please go to the back sound booth and speak to an attendant for an assistive device or instructions on how to connect to the hearing loop.

## Children's Ministry

**Nursery** is available for children ages 0 - 3. Please sign your children in before the service. The nursery is located as soon as you enter the Fellowship Hall, on the left.

**Sunday School** is available weekly for children ages 3 years to 9 years old. Students will be dismissed to their classes during the service.

## Church Family

Our deepest condolences to the **Voorberg** family with the passing away of **Truus** last Sunday, December 28th. The funeral took place this week on Friday in our church. May God grant peace and comfort as we all mourn her loss. **Joan Elzinga** was admitted to Juravinski Hospital this week due to some falls and infections. We pray for healing for her.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries this week:** We congratulate the following members who will celebrate their birthdays or anniversaries this week. May you be blessed and have a special day with your family and friends:

**January 7 - Jack Demik**

**January 10 - Ellen Hunse**

**In Your Mailbox:** This morning you will find a copy of the new Church Directory in your mailboxes. There are some changes to make that happened after the publishing deadline. They are:

New Home # for C & K Turkstra - **289-866-8601**

New Cell for B Nagtegaal - **289-827-9994**

John & Ellen Hunse - 2705 Kingsway Dr. Unit 1 Kitchener N2C 2T1 John Cell #: **289-698-5196**

## Announcements

**Prayer Gathering:** We will meet together in prayer on **Tuesday, January 6th at 7:30 p.m.** in the church Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we lift up our world, our community and our church in prayer.

**Verse of the Month for January:** Psalm 3:3 will be our verse of the month for January. There is a bookmark with this verse on it in the bulletin that you can reference for the month. *“But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high.”*

## Community Announcements

**Youth Service:** Maranatha CRC in York is excited to host a Youth Service on **January 11 at 6pm!** Come join us for an uplifting evening of worship as we dig into God’s story, His people, and where *we* fit in today. After the service, stick around for some delicious baked treats. We’d love to see you there!

**The Young Adult Winter Retreat (YAWR)** is back again at Maranatha CRC, Woodstock! We would like to encourage all young adults ages 18-30 to join us for this weekend of faith-based discussions, service, fellowship, and funtivities! We are excited to announce that Pastor Harry Frielink from Covenant CRC in Barrie will be leading us in a series of discussions on the importance of Christian friendships. The retreat will take place from January 23 to 25, 2026, with the theme *“The Gift of Friendship.”* *Early bird registration is \$60. Registration opens December 1st, 2025. Don’t miss this chance to grow in faith, build lasting connections, and have fun! For more information or the registration link, follow us on Instagram (yawinterretreat), Facebook (Young Adult Winter Retreat), or email us at [ya.retreat.team@gmail.com](mailto:ya.retreat.team@gmail.com).*

**Family Outreach Ontario: Special Event:** Family Outreach Ontario invites you to an information evening on **Friday, January 16**, at Canadian Reformed Church of Dunnville, 109 Inman Rd, Dunnville, ON Our Executive Director, John Kowtecky, will present **An Overview of Addiction**. Please plan to attend and tell others about it as well. It will be an evening you will be sure to remember. A collection will be taken to cover our costs. **7:00 pm - Doors open, Refreshments/Meet & Greet; 7:30 - 9:00 pm Presentation and Q&A period followed by refreshments and opportunity for talk with Mr. Kowtecky or other Family Outreach members.**

**“NORTH OF SIXTY** will NOT meet in the month of January! Our next session will be held at Immanuel on **FEBRUARY 26 at 10:00 a.m.** when we will enjoy guest speaker and poet John Terpstra. Mark your calendars!

## CRC Announcements

### **ReFrame Ministries**

**Kids Corner Devotions:** New Year. New You. - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "New Year. New You." at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Start the new year with more than just fresh goals—let God's Spirit make you new from the inside out! His gifts of love, joy, peace, kindness, and more will help you shine like Jesus wherever you go. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

**Groundwork:** Reflecting the Light of the World - On Epiphany, we recall the moment when the star appeared and guided the Magi to Jesus. This event signifies the extension of God's family to include Gentiles. Study Titus 2:11-15, Isaiah 60:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16, and 2 Corinthians 4:1-9 with Groundwork to discover what to expect when we encounter the transformational light of Christ and how that light affects our discipleship as members of his family. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### **World Renew**

**Thank You for Giving!** - Thank you for sharing God's love with people experiencing need in the World Renew offering this season. Your gift is providing help and hope for families who are facing poverty, disaster, and crisis today. Do you want to give to show love to our global neighbours as we enter the New Year? You can go to [worldrenew.ca/gifts](http://worldrenew.ca/gifts) Thank you for renewing hope with us!

**Journey With Us in 2026** - Planning your 2026 travel? Looking for a trip with a purpose? Journey with us to see the transformative work of World Renew, while experiencing God in another country and growing in your faith. Consider Guatemala, Tanzania, Cambodia, or Nicaragua! To learn more, please visit: <https://worldrenew.ca/travel>

### **Thrive**

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - As one year ends and another begins, pause for a time of taking spiritual inventory with your family, friends, or on your own. Ask questions like these: Where did we see God this year? Where did we resist growth? Where do we feel God is calling us next? Consider writing a prayer of release and a prayer of commitment to guide your transition into the new year. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

# John 3:16

H W B D X Z B O T V Y Y A Z A I A  
F S O N O Q N E V A H Y F O Y R D  
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EVERLASTING BELIEVES WHOEVER WORLD  
LOVED LIFE HAVE ONLY  
GAVE HIM SON GOD  
FOR

## Volunteer Schedule

Date	January 4	January 11	January 18
<b>Welcome</b>	Mark Demik	Frank Buwalda	Sandi Buwalda
<b>Music</b>	Praise Team	Leah Lammers	Marleah Wiersma
<b>Congregational Prayer</b>	John Demik		
<b>Open / Close</b>	Shae-Lynn Knevel	Henk & Rita Van Tuyl	Doug & Eileen Nagtegaal
<b>Coffee Duty</b>	Doug & Louise Dekker	Len & Anita Moelker	Eric & Alyssa Tisch
<b>Sound</b>	Josh Knevel	Frank Buwalda	Rebecca Bootsma
<b>Streaming</b>	Rebecca Bootsma	Mark Demik	Mark Demik
<b>Overhead</b>	Rebecca Bootsma	Marlene Knevel	Mark Demik
<b>Nursery</b>	Alyssa Tisch Kristen Roth	Louise Dekker Trish Demik	Marlene Knevel Eileen Nagtegaal

If you are **unable** to fulfill one of your scheduled duties, we ask that you please find your own replacement. Thank you.

## Church Calendar

### **Tuesday, January 6**

7:30 p.m. - Prayer Gathering

### **Wednesday, January 7**

8:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast

Egg & I - Upper James

### **Thursday, January 8**

12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due

### **Sunday, January 11**

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offerings: Budget & Bible League Canada

### **SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS**

January 18 - Budget & Soco Beach Project

January 25 - Budget & Ministry to Seafarers

February 1 - Budget & ThereforeGo Ministries

February 8 - Budget & World Renew

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## Our Mission Statement

“To glorify God as a vibrant community of disciples that actively and joyfully serve one another and our community.”

## Vision: Grounded, Growing, Going

**Grounded:** Through our Reformed tradition, we are rooted in the nourishing soil of God’s Word and the saving grace of Christ

**Growing:** We are becoming more Christ like and Spirit filled as God works in our hearts and minds to grow closer to Him

**Going:** Out of gratitude to God for his work in us, we seek to bear fruit by being the hands and feet of Christ to each other and our community