

August 9, 2026
10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Joel Bootsma
Musicians: Monica Mudde



We welcome all who join us this morning. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Calvin Christian School – Unity Campus**. 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: mounthopecommunitycrc.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 in your children before the service. The nursery is located as soon as you enter the Fellowship Hall, on the left.
Sunday School is finished until September. There are colouring activities for the children at the Sanctuary entrance, and the younger children are welcome to attend the nursery before or during the service.

Church Family

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.
None

Henk De Groot passed away on Sunday, July 26th. We pray for **Ann, Marlene, Shae, Joshua, and Justin** as they mourn the passing of their husband, father, and Pake. The visitation took place here at the church on Tuesday, August 4th and the memorial service was held on Wednesday, August 5th.

Order of Service

Welcome & Announcements - Verse of the Month: Ephesians 4:2 **Doug Nagtegaal**

GATHERING BY GOD’S PRESENCE

- * Opening Prayer
- * Opening Song: **LUYH #537 “Open the Eyes of My Heart”**
- * Call to Worship – Colossians 3: 1-4
- * God’s Greeting

GROUNDING IN GOD’S GRACE

- Time of Confession
- Words of Assurance
- Song: **LUYH #682 “Before the Throne of God Above”**
- Prayer: Church Family and Community
- Song: **LUYH #899 “Seek Ye First”**

GROWING IN GOD’S LOVE

- Scripture Reading: Matthew 11: 25 – 12: 14
- Sermon: “Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep”
- Song of Response: **LUYH #699 “Like a River Glorious”**

GOING TO SERVE

- Offerings: **Budget and Calvin Christian School – Unity Campus**
- * Sending – The Apostles’ Creed
- * Benediction
- * Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #933 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing.”**

Upcoming Events

Thursday, August 12
12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due
Sunday, August 16
10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma
Offering: Budget & HDCH

Scheduled Offerings

August 23 – Budget & Redeemer University
August 30 – Budget & unknown
September 6 – Budget & Christian School Assistance Fund
September 13 – Budget & Shalom Manor & Gardens

Volunteer Schedule

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

Date	August 9	August 16	August 23
Welcome	Doug Nagtegaal	Frank Buwalda	
Music	Monica Mudde	Linda Geerts	
Congregational Prayer			
Open / Close	Marlene Knevel	Buwalda's	Nagtegaal's
Coffee Duty	Len & Anita Moelker	Doug & Louise Dekker	
Sound	Frank Buwalda	Josh Knevel	Rebecca Bootsma
Streaming	Henk Van Tuyl	Rebecca Bootsma	Mark Demik
Projection	Henk Van Tuyl	Rebecca Bootsma	Marlene Knevel
Nursery	Marlene Knevel Louise Dekker	Trish Demik Rebecca Bootsma	

Announcements

August Verse of the Month: The new verse of the month is taken from Ephesians 4:2 and you will find a bookmark with the verse on it attached to this bulletin. **“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.”**

Community Announcements

SOCO Beach Project Update Read about our time with Adrian Jacobs as we explore "Peace with Deep Roots". Help us reach our summer fundraising goal of \$30,000! One more Sunday Night SOCO on August 9. Read all about it ~ newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-july-30-8577070>

CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Talking About Sin: Tell and Show” at www.kidscorner.net. What’s the best way to apologize? Explore the two-step approach: First, tell God you’re sorry and say it to the person you’ve hurt. Then get serious and show your “I’m sorry” by taking action. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at <https://kidscorner.net/app>

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The God of the Bible is radically curious. God was curious about taking formless things and creating something beautiful. God was curious on the first day as God spoke light into existence and gave darkness a place in creation. God was curious enough that creating sky, land, and oceans was life-giving and affirming in the world. God was curious enough to believe diversity in plants and animals was cool, creating them in a variety of dimensions, shapes, and colors. God’s curiosity led to the creation of two beacons in the sky to serve the earth. In the mind of God, curiosity was God’s radical bent of being in relationship, always moving toward life. This week reflect on what makes you curious about God, God’s world, and your world. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Calvin University

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 from October 8-10 and features top keynote speakers and parallel sessions dealing with each of these topics. For more information and register to join the conversation, visit: <https://calvin.edu/wisdomAI>

McMaster University Students: University is about more than classes. It’s about finding your people, asking big questions, growing in your faith, and making memories that last. **All Things Fellowship** is McMaster University's CRC Campus Ministry—a place to build authentic friendships, enjoy great food, explore faith, and have fun along the way. Whether you're in first year or finishing your degree, there's a place for you here. First **All Things Fellowship Night Thursday, Sept. 10th**. Join us for games, laughs, great conversations, and the chance to meet some incredible people as we kick off a new year together. **Welcome BBQ Sunday, Sept. 20th**. Come hungry, bring a friend, and enjoy an evening of food, community, and a glimpse of what All Things is all about. Follow us for updates, upcoming events, and encouragement throughout the year. Everyone is welcome. We'd love to meet you! Contact Dr. Michael D. Fallon <fallonm@mcmaster.ca> for more info or follow us on **Instagram** @allthingscrc_mcmaster