CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Justice and Mercy and Being Kind Like Jesus - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Justice and Mercy and Being Kind Like Jesus" at www.kidscorner.net. God's love and kindness for everyone show up in the Bible again and again. In Matthew 5:7, Jesus said, "God blesses those people who are merciful. They will be treated with mercy!" Is there someone who needs help or a friend? When we show mercy, we're acting like Jesus! Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at https://kidscorner.net/app

Groundwork: When Life Is Meaningless - Do you ever feel like you're spinning your wheels but not getting anywhere? Life can bring its share of discouragement. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Ecclesiastes 1-2 and 5:18-20 to glean wisdom for life from the Teacher and discuss why we can have hope even when life seems meaningless. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

CRC Communications

Let's Walk: York University Campus Prayer Walk - Walk the paths at York University alongside Toronto CRC Campus Ministry chaplains. Meet students, hear stories from the ground, and pray over the everyday spaces where young people explore faith, identity, and belonging. Gathering starts at Friends of Nations Church in Toronto. Longtime supporters and newcomers alike are invited to walk, pray, and see where God is at work on campus. Join us Saturday, October 3, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Register online: www.eventbrite.com/e/walk-with-us-york-university-crc-campus-ministry-tickets-1988849789258

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In the book Liturgy of the Ordinary (IVP 2016), Tish Harrison Warren writes, "We learn the craft of holiness day by day in the living of a particular life…we are part of God's big vision and mission—the redemption of all things—through the earthy craft of living out our vocation, hour by hour, task by task. I want to do the big work of the kingdom, but I have to learn to live it out in the small tasks before me." How might this insight change your perspective on the small tasks of your daily life? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Calvin Theological Seminary

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece - Join us April 2-12, 2027, as we travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

September 20, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Joel Bootsma **Musician**: Anne te Grotenhuis

We welcome all who join us this morning. **Pastor Joel** will lead us in worship. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Canadian Foodgrains Bank.** 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 provided for children aged 3-5, and from grades 1 – 4. They will be dismissed for their classes 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.

September 22 – Gus Van Ommeren (73rd Birthday); **September 24** – Doug & Louise Dekker – 38th Anniversary

Eileen Nagtegaal will be having knee replacement surgery on Monday. We pray the procedure and her recovery will go well. **John Flokstra** tripped and fell last week on an uneven sidewalk. He suffered from cuts on his face and his leg. His leg has become infected, and he is now on antibiotics. Please pray that he will make a quick recovery.

Order of Service

Welcome & Announcements - Verse of the Month: 1 Corinthians 15:58 **Doug Nagtegaal**

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE
* Opening Prayer
* Call to Worship
* Songs of Praise: **"Behold Our God" / LUYH #538:1,2,4 "Holy, Holy, Holy"**
* God's Greeting

GROUNDED IN GOD'S GRACE
Time of Confession
Song of Confession**: LUYH #309:1,2,4,5 "The Servant Song"**
Words of Assurance
Song: **"Living Hope"**
Children Dismissed for Children's Ministry

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE
Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:13-28 / Mark 8:27-38
Sermon: "Who Do You Say I Am?"
Song: **LUYH #739 "I Surrender All"**
Prayer: Church Family and Community

GOING TO SERVE
Offerings: **Budget and Canadian Foodgrains Bank**
* Sending – The Apostle's Creed
* Benediction
* Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #863:1,5,6 "Take My Life and Let It Be"**

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 22
7:00 p.m. – Consistory Meeting
Wednesday, September 23
8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast (Egg & I – Upper James Location)
Thursday, September 24
9:30 – noon – Home School
12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due
Sunday, September 27
10:00 a.m. – Pastor Joel Bootsma
Offering: Budget & N2N (Hamilton)

Scheduled Offerings

October 4 – Budget & Glanbrook Community Services
October 11 – Budget & Benevolence (Freewill Offering)
October 18 – Budget & Ontario Christian Gleaners
October 25 – Budget & World Renew World Hunger

Volunteer Schedule

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

Date	September 20	September 27	October 4
Welcome	Doug Nagtegaal	Anita Moelker	Frank Buwalda
Music	Anne te Grotenhuis	Olivia Guillaume	Praise Team
Congregational Prayer			Mark Demik
Open / Close	Nagtegaal's	Buwalda's	Shae Knevel
Coffee Duty	Alex & Maegan Demik	Doug & Louise Dekker	Len & Anita Moelker
Sound	Frank Buwalda	Josh Knevel	Rebecca Bootsma
Streaming	Mark Demik	Rebecca	Jack Demik
Projection	Marlene Knevel	Bootsma	Jack Demik
Nursery	Louise Dekker Kathy Turkstra	Maegan Demik Shae Knevel	Anita Moelker Kristen Roth

Announcements

Marlene on Vacation: Please note that Marlene will be away on vacation from **September 26 – October 4th**. Minimal work will be done in her absence.

Community Announcements

PRACTICAL SUPPORT FOR THOSE WITH DEMENTIA - SEPT 21:
Alzheimer's and dementia don't come with an instruction manual, but there are some simple strategies families and caregivers can use in everyday moments. Plan to attend an upcoming "Dementia Support Class" for caregivers and learn some basics to improve communication, support independence and stay connected with your loved one. Heather Luth, founder of By Your Side Dementia Partners, has 20 years of experience and will provide some practical tips and strategies to support you in your caregiving journey! Monday, SEPT 21 at 7:30 pm at Meadowlands Fellowship Church in Ancaster.