Redeemer University: Due to an investigation by the Ontario government regarding OSAP and several private career colleges in Ontario, OSAP has been paused indefinitely for Redeemer Students. This affects many students and makes them unable to pay their tuition fees or housing balances. Redeemer has asked that we pray for students experiencing financial hardship, wisdom for university leadership and swift government resolution. They are also asking that we contact our location member of Parliament and Premier Doug Ford to advocate for the release of OSAP funding to provincial chartered, not-for-profit degree-granting institutions like Redeemer University.

CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Just Be With God - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Just Be With God" at www.kidscorner.net. In 1 Kings 19, the prophet Elijah felt scared and alone. He looked for God in a big wind, an earthquake, and a fire, but God wasn't in those loud things. Then Elijah felt a gentle breeze (1 Kings 19:12) and knew God was speaking. God often speaks in the quiet. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at https://kidscorner.net/app

Groundwork: Prayer and Discerning God's Will - God invites his people to communicate with him through prayer, a foundational discipline in the Christian life. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 16, Philippians 4:4-7, James 5:13-16, Psalm 143:7-10, Psalm 25:4-9, and Matthew 26:36-46 to understand how consistent prayer practice helps us listen to God's voice and discern his will for our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The Building Blocks of Faith are four statements that, when they become increasingly true for a person, indicate that his or her faith is growing: I belong to Jesus and to his body, the church. I know and understand the story of God's faithfulness, of which I am a part. I have hope, through Christ, in all of God's promises. I am called to work in God's kingdom, and I am equipped to do that work. What opportunities do the people in your household have to grow in each of these ways? For more on the Building Blocks check out the toolkit at crcna.org/FaithFormation/toolkits. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

World Renew

World Hunger Sunday - In a world where there is more than enough food to feed everyone, millions of people do not have enough to eat. Together, let's work to end world hunger for good. Join World Renew in sharing Christ's hope with families facing hunger by giving through today's offering. With your gifts, we can help provide the training and tools families need to journey away from hunger. Learn more and give at worldrenew.org/worldhunger.

Resonate Global Mission

Moving Forward in Faith - Registration closes on November 9 for Moving Forward in Faith Conference You don't want to miss this conference which begins Friday evening, November 13, and continues all day Saturday, November 14, in Oakville, ON. Come for all or part of it! With over 20 dynamic workshops, plenary sessions and times of worship and networking, you will be equipped with practical skills and spiritual insights to better serve your local community. Take advantage of group rates and the Young Adult Stream by visiting the event website now: www.resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-2026

October 25, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Joel Bootsma **Musician:** Marleah Wiersma

We welcome all who join us this morning. **Pastor Joel** will lead us in worship. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **World Renew – World Hunger.** 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

We think of all our members who are shut ins and in long-term care facilities who are unable to worship with us each week, some watch us faithfully online every week. Remember them with a card, visit or a phone call.

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.
October 31 – Kim Gradwell

Order of Service

Welcome & Announcements - Verse of the Month: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
Sandi Buwalda

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE
* Call to Worship
* Opening Song: **LUYH #532 "Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord"**
* Moment of Stillness / Silent Prayer
* God's Greeting
* Song of Praise: **LUYH #356 "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God"**

GROUNDED IN GOD'S GRACE
Time of Confession
Song of Confession: **LUYH #624 "Not What My Hands Have Done"**
Words of Assurance
Song: **"Happiness is the Lord"**
Children Dismissed for Children's Ministry

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE
Scripture Reading: Mark 10:46-52
Message: "Seeing Jesus – Bartimaeus"
Song of Response: **LUYH #691:1,2,4,5 "Amazing Grace"**
Prayer: Church Family and Community

GOING TO SERVICE
Offerings: **Budget and World Renew – World Hunger**
* Sending
* Benediction
* Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #965 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Scheduled Offerings

November 8 – Budget & Christians Against Poverty
November 15 – Budget & Diaconal Ministries
November 22 – Budget & Indwell
November 29 – Budget & Canadian Mental Health Association (Hamilton Branch)

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 27
9:00 a.m. – Hamilton Classis Meeting – Jarvis CRC
7:00 p.m**. –** Consistory Meeting
Wednesday, October 28
8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast
10:00 a.m. – Worship Team Meeting
Thursday, October 29
9:30 – noon – Home School
12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due
Sunday, November 1 Lord's Supper
10:00 a.m. – Pastor Joel Bootsma
Offering: Budget & Shalem Mental Health Network

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	October 25	November 1	November 8
Welcome	Sandi Buwalda	Anita Moelker	Shae Knevel
Music	Marleah Wiersma	Praise Team	Olivia Guillaume
Cong Prayer		Len Moelker	John Demik
Open / Close	Shae Knevel	Shae Knevel	Henk & Rita Van Tuyl
Coffee Duty	C. & K. Turkstra	Mark & Christina Demik	Neil & Kristen Roth
Sound	Frank Buwalda	Josh Knevel	Rebecca Bootsma
Streaming	Meagan Huinink	Rebecca Bootsma	Mark Demik
Projection	Louise Dekker	Rebecca Bootsma	Marlene Knevel
Nursery	Rebecca Bootsma Eileen Nagtegaal	Trish Demik Shae Knevel	Sandi Buwalda Kristen Roth
Sunday School	Trish Demik	Eric Tisch	Eric Tisch

Announcements

New Address: Please note the new address of **Luke & Meagan Huinink**: 27 Morgan Drive, Caledonia ON N3W 1H6

ReFrame Ministries Update: There is some good news about Kids Corner. They have launched the new Kids Corner Bible Devotions app! They have created a promotional video that explains what the app is about and what it can do. Check it out! You can find them at **https://kidscorner.net/app.** The app is available at the App Store and Google Play, search for Kids Corner Bible Devotions App.

Community Announcements

Join us at the **CCS Bazaar on Saturday, November 21, 2026, from 10:00 am** to **2:00 pm** at the West 5th Campus! **NEW** this year: The Café opens at **9:30 am**! Come enjoy a day of fellowship, community, and support for Christ-centred education. We welcome all families to attend! You can support the Bazaar through donations of **baked goods, handmade crafts, financial gifts, or silent auction items** (new items, gift cards, services, or experiences) and by attending this exciting event! To donate, email ccsbazaar@ccshamilton.ca. Be sure to preorder your chocolate letters, croquettes, bitterballen, and dutch cheese by November 9th by clicking HERE. Thank you for supporting CCS and helping our faith-filled community continue to grow!