Help Us Decorate our Christmas Tree: This year we would like to try something new. We are asking members of the congregation to bring in an ornament to hang on our tree we put up in the Sanctuary. This can be an ornament you pick out together as a family, or each individual family member can hang one up on their own. Our tree will be set up on **Sunday, November 29th**, and we would like for everyone to come that Sunday and hang their ornament up before the service begins. If you are unable to do it that day, a Sunday after that is ok as well. Once the Christmas season is finished, you are more than welcome to take your ornament back again if you so wish.

Community Announcements

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Ancaster: We are pleased to invite seniors and friends to the OWLS meeting on Wednesday, Nov.18, 2026. Our guest speaker will be Allan Romkema, well known to many of us as a literary contributor to Christian Courier. Allan will entertain us with readings from his collection, "Stories from Grace Manor." Please join us at 10 am in the Church Café. For more information, contact Mary Guldemond at 289-684-5611 or maryguld@icloud.com.

Hope Canadian Male Choir is excited to present their Christmas concert series 'Oh Come, All Ye Faithful' with 4 concerts December 2-5, 2026. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit their website www.hopecanadianmalechoir.com . Email hopecanchoir@gmail.com or call/text 226 338 5459.

Hamilton District Christian High (HDCH): If you are considering HDCH for a school year 27-28 student, inquiries and applications are welcome. Come for a visit! Contact Sandra (905-648-6655 x 122, sbaker@hdch.org)

Love God. Love Your Neighbour Appeal. Thank you for making the discipleship of HDCH teens possible with your donations. Give online - hdch.org/giving/ or contact Sandra, sbaker@hdch.org, 905–648-6655 x 122

CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries: **Kids Corner Devotions**: What Does It Mean to be Holy? - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "What Does It Mean to be Holy?" at www.kidscorner.net. This week, we talk about how holiness is God's amazing gift to help us shine God's light wherever we go. We don't have to be perfect to be holy. We just have to keep trying, loving, and trusting God. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at https://kidscorner.net/app

Groundwork: Prayer and Human Need - Jesus teaches and invites us to pray about our needs, to ask God for healing, protection, or provision. But what happens when an answer doesn't come? Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Matthew 6:5-8; Matthew 7:7-12; Mark 11:22-25; 2 Kings 19:14-16, 19; and 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 to explore what Scripture teaches about praying for our human needs and why we can approach God with honesty, confidence, and trust. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive: Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The Faith5 framework is a simple five-step faith formation practice that your family or household can do together. First, share your highs and lows of the day. Then read a Bible verse or story together. Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows, pray for one another's highs and lows, and bless one another. Try this practice with your family, spouse, or roommates this week. Check out Faith5.org for more. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

November 15, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Siebert Van Houten **Musician:** Bruce Vander Molen

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We welcome all who join us this morning and especially to **Rev. Siebert Van Houten** who will preach for us while Pastor Joel is on vacation**.** Our offerings are for the **Budget (maroon bag)** and **Diaconal Ministries (blue bag).** 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. **November 16 – Susan De Groot (83rd Birthday)**
November 22 – Casey Flokstra (82nd Birthday)
We pray for **Len and Anita Moelker** as they mourn the loss of **Clarence**, Anita's stepfather. The funeral took place on Friday. May God comfort them during this time of loss.

Pastor Joel Away: A reminder that Pastor Joel will be away on vacation until **November 22nd.** If you have a pastoral need during this time, it's best to connect with your district elder.

In Your Mailbox: You will find a copy of the new District List in your mailboxes today. Those who receive their bulletin by mail will get their copy that way. Please keep this list handy. If you have any questions, please let a member of Council know.

Order of Service

Welcome & Announcements - Verse of the Month: 2 Timothy 1:7 **Doug Nagtegaal**

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE
* God's Greeting & Opening Prayer
* Call to Worship
* Song of Praise: **LUYH #521 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

GROUNDED IN GOD'S GRACE
Time of Confession
Song of Confession: **LUYH #660 "Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer"**
Words of Assurance
Song: **LUYH #738 "Jesus, All for Jesus"**
Children Dismissed for Children's Ministry
Prayer: Church Family and Community **Henk Van Tuyl**

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE
Scripture Reading: Revelation 12:1-12
Message: "The Dragon at the Crib"
Song of Response: **LUYH #219 "Jesus Shall Reign"**

GOING TO SERVICE
Offerings: **Budget and Diaconal Ministries**
* Sending
* Benediction
* Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #930 "This Little Light of Mine"**

Scheduled Offerings

November 29 – Budget & Canadian Mental Health Association (Hamilton Branch)
December 6 – Budget & Christmas Hampers
December 13 – Budget & N2N (Hamilton)
December 20 – Budget & Sick Kids Canada

Upcoming Events
Monday, November 16
6:30 p.m. - GEMS
Tuesday, November 17
7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 18
7:30 p.m. – COA Meeting & Count
Thursday, November 19
12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due
No Home School this week
Friday, November 20
7:00 p.m. – Euchre – Buwalda's
Sunday, November 22
10:00 a.m. – Rev. Willemina Zwart
Offering: Budget & Indwell

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	November 15	November 22	November 29
Welcome	Doug Nagtegaal	Doug Dekker	Frank Buwalda
Music	Bruce Vander Molen	Walt Haveman	Olivia Guillaume
Cong Prayer	Henk Van Tuyl	Mark Demik	
Open / Close	Marlene Knevel	Doug & Eileen Nagtegaal	Frank & Sandi Buwalda
Coffee Duty	Alex & Maegan Demik	Doug & Louise Dekker	Len & Anita Moelker
Sound	Frank Buwalda	Josh Knevel	Frank Buwalda
Streaming	Jack Demik	Meagan Huinink	Mark Demik
Projection	Jack Demik	Louise Dekker	Marlene Knevel
Nursery	Marlene Knevel Maegan Demik	Anita Moelker Eileen Nagtegaal	Alyssa Tisch Louise Dekker
Sunday School	Eric Tisch	Eric Tisch	Eric Tisch

Announcements

Mark your Calendars: **Sunday, November 22 - 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m**. - Annual Mount Hope Christmas Tree Lighting **- some volunteers are needed to help the CST with setting up and service Hot Chocolate and Coffee at this festive event.** Please let Marlene Knevel know if you can help out.
Sunday, November 29 – First Sunday of Advent
Friday, December 11 - 7:00 p.m. - 3rd Annual Christmas Concert/Variety Event
We will need volunteers to help bake for this event, as well as musicians! ***If you are interested in performing please speak to Mark Demik or Marlene Knevel.*** This event has really become something we look forward to every year and is very well attended by our Mt. Hope Community.
Monday, December 14 - 6:30 p.m. – GEMS Annual Mother/Daughter Christmas Craft/Dessert Social
Thursday, December 24th - 6:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Friday, December 25th - 10:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Service

From the Deacons: Just a reminder, that when the collection bags come around the maroon one is for the Budget and the blue bag is for the cause for that Sunday.

Euchre Night: Our next euchre night will be **Friday, November 20** from **7:00 till 9:00 p.m.** at Frank and Sandi's house. Please let Anita, Len or Sandi know if you plan to attend so we can make sure we have four players at each table. Everyone is welcome! (We will not meet in December, but you can mark your calendar for the 22nd for the euchre night in January.)

Mission Services Christmas Tree: We will be setting up the tree for donations to Mission Services on **Sunday, November 29th** until **Sunday, December 13h**. Donations can be socks, hats, mittens, toiletries, non-perishable food items, toys and gift cards.