Help Us Decorate our Christmas Tree: Reminder to bring in your ornaments next **Sunday**, **November 29th**, and hang it up on the tree 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

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.

Grace Community CRC,(70 Garner Rd East) in Ancaster invites you to two Christmas Concerts:
Monday December 7 at 7:45 pm. This annual concert features The Hosanna Choir, Herman den Holander director along with the CCS Senior Choir directed by Katrina Harsevoort. Admission is free. A freewill offering for the Music Program at CCS will take place during the program.
Thursday December 17 at 7:45pm - A Christmas Concert with the Salvation Army Meadowlands Corps Band under the direction of Ron Heintzmann along with organist John VanderLaan. An evening of music for Brass and Organ as well as the singing of your favourite Christmas Carols. Tickets are just $25 (cash) available at the door or you can reserve tickets by emailing John VanderLaan at john_vdl@hotmail.com. or call at 905.648.3170

CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries: **Kids Corner Devotions:** Thanksgiving Prayers - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Thanksgiving Prayers" at www.kidscorner.net. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 encourages us to "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." We're typically pretty good at thanking God for the "big" things in life, but it can be more difficult to remember to give thanks for our day-to-day blessings. How do we build a lifelong habit of thanks? Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at https://kidscorner.net/app
Groundwork: Prayer and Community - It is common to pray together as Christians. We pray in church, before meals, and with our Bible study groups. Why do we pray together and what difference does it make? Join Groundwork as we study Acts 2:42-47, Acts 4:23-31, Ephesians 6:18, Psalm 13:1-6, James 5:13-16, and Revelation 8:1-5 to why we pray communally and how corporate prayer can powerfully impact our faith. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In Liturgy of the Ordinary (IVP 2016), Tish Harrison Warren writes, "In my daily life I've developed habits of impatience—of speeding ahead, of trying to squeeze more into my cluttered day. How can I live as one who watches and waits for the coming kingdom when I can barely wait for water to boil?" As the Advent season draws near, how might you more fully embrace the discipline of waiting in your everyday home life? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

World Renew 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Launch - You are invited to join World Renew for the launch of this year's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign. This global virtual gathering will take place on **Tuesday, November 24** at **9:00 AM** EST. World Renew's 2026 theme, "Courageous Faith! Ensure Justice, Protect Survivors, and End Impunity" calls us to stand with others around the world working to end gender-based violence. Please register to attend this event: worldrenew.net/events

November 22, 2026 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Pastor Willemina Zwart **Musician:** Walt Haveman

We welcome all who join us this morning and especially to **Pastor Willemina Zwart** who will preach for us while Pastor Joel is on vacation**.** Our offerings are for the **Budget (maroon bag)** and **Indwell (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.

Contact Information:

Pastor Joel Bootsma: e-mail: pastor.mhccrc@rogers.com cell (text/call): 289-689-9620
Church office: 289-759-3076

Marlene Knevel - Administrator / Custodian: e-mail: office.mhccrc@rogers.com
Church Office: 289-759-3076

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 22 – Casey Flokstra (82nd Birthday)**
November 24 – Neil Roth (33rd Birthday) **November 25 – Corey Liddicoat (22nd Birthday)**

Council Meeting - November 17th Report: Shae opened with text and prayer. Mark presented the proposed budget for 2027 and discussions on that took place. Reports were received from Deacons, elders and all other committees. Joel is on holidays, so no pastoral report received. Congregational meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 9, 2026.** The homeless situation at the back of our church was discussed. Marlene states that it appears for now they may have relocated. Christmas concert is being planned for **Friday, December 11th.** More information to follow. Meeting adjourned.

Order of Service

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

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE
* Call to Worship
* God's Greeting
* Song of Praise: **LUYH #608 "Salvation Belongs to our God"**

GROUNDED IN GOD'S GRACE
Prayer of Confession (on screen)
Song of Confession: **LUYH #343 "Blessed Be Your Name"**
Words of Assurance
Song: **"Jesus, Strong and Kind"**
Children Dismissed for Children's Ministry
Prayer: Church Family and Community **Mark Demik**
Video – Soco Beach Project

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE
Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:1-15
Message: "When Grace Isn't Fair"
Song of Response: **LUYH #691 "Amazing Grace"**

GOING TO SERVICE
Offerings: **Budget and Indwell**
* Sending & Benediction
* Closing Song of Praise**: PsH #370 "The King of Glory Comes"**

Scheduled Offerings

December 6 – Budget & Christmas Hampers
December 13 – Budget & N2N (Hamilton)
December 20 – Budget & Sick Kids Canada
December 25 - Benevolence

Upcoming Events
Tuesday, November 24
7:00 p.m. – Consistory Meeting
Wednesday, November 25
7:00 p.m. – CST Meeting
Thursday, November 26
12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due
12:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Home School
Sunday, November 29
10:00 a.m. – Pastor Joel Bootsma
Offering: Budget & Canadian Mental Health Association (Hamilton Chapter)

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 22	November 29	December 6
Welcome	Doug Dekker	Frank Buwalda	Sandi Buwalda
Music	Walt Haveman	Olivia Guillaume	Olivia Guillaume
Cong Prayer	Mark Demik		Mark Demik
Open / Close	Doug & Eileen Nagtegaal	Frank & Sandi Buwalda	Shae Knevel
Coffee Duty	Doug & Louise Dekker	Len & Anita Moelker	John & Trish Demik
Sound	Josh Knevel	Frank Buwalda	Rebecca Bootsma
Streaming	Meagan Huinink	Mark Demik	Henk Van Tuyl
Projection	Louise Dekker	Marlene Knevel	Henk Van Tuyl
Nursery	Anita Moelker	Alyssa Tisch	Kathy Turkstra
	Eileen Nagtegaal	Louise Dekker	Shae Knevel
Sunday School	Eric Tisch	Eric Tisch	Maegan Demik

Announcements

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.

Community Christmas Tree Lighting: Reminder that the Annual Mt. Hope Christmas Tree Lighting will take place **today** at **3:30 p.m.** at the property on the corner of Homestead and Airport Road. We hope that you can join us. Any help with setting up, serving and cleaning up would be appreciated by the Community Service Team.

Friday, December 11 - 7:00 p.m. - **3rd Annual Christmas Concert & Cafe/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. A baking sign up sheet will be set up next week and sent out via email.

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

Congregational Meeting: Council will be hosting a Congregational Meeting on **Wednesday December 9th, at 7:30 pm.** Council will be giving various updates, as well as review and approve the 2027 Church Budget. Please make time to attend this important meeting. 2027 Budgets will be emailed to members of the congregation for review before the meeting and those who do not have email will find a copy in your mailbox or it will be mailed to you. If you require a paper copy, there will be some at the Welcome Station on Sunday.