

HCCRC Newsletter March 3, 2022

If you have any announcements or requests to be placed in the newsletter, please send the request to: hccrc.office@gmail.com Announcements must be received by Thursday at noon to be placed in our newsletter.

This week we are thankful for a message from Bill Wensink on our YouTube channel and in person.

Text:

Message:

HCCRC on YouTube

If you cannot join us in person, please continue to find our services on our You Tube page or with the link posted on our Facebook page.

To find our You Tube page please follow this link: [HCCRC You Tube channel](#)

To find our Facebook page please go to: [HCCRC Facebook page](#)

Upcoming services:

March 6 – Lent I, Communion, Bill Wensink

March 13 – Bill Hoogland

March 20 – Classis, Hamilton Immanuel

Second Collections:

03/06/22	Indwell Simcoe
03/13/22	World ReNew
03/20/22	Holmes House Simcoe

Share Hope with People Around the World Struggling with Hunger - Over 800 million people globally go hungry on a daily basis. As a member of Canadian Foodgrains Bank, World Renew responds to the food needs of children, women, and men around the world who have been impacted by conflict, disaster, and food insecurity. In two weeks, join World Renew to discover how you can help share hope with those who struggle with food insecurity. Your gifts will be matched up to 4X by Canadian Foodgrains Bank. For more information go to: worldrenew.ca/food

There are offering boxes and a debit machine at the back of the church in which you may make your donations. There are envelopes beside the boxes, on which you may put your name in order to receive a donation receipt.

Donations for budget and second collections can be made by e-transfer to:

hccrcfinance@gmail.com or by cheque sent to Brian Paterson.

Special dates in our church family:

If any information is incorrect or missing, please notify Admin @ hccrc.office@gmail.com so our database can be updated.

Happy Anniversary to:

Roger and Sue Hogeveen – March 18

Happy Birthday to:

Rita Bax – March 5

Andrew Laidlaw – March 5

Dan Strobosser March 8

In our prayers:

This week in our prayers we are thankful that we have faithful volunteers who continue to make our worship services possible!

We pray for peace in our world. We pray for the people of the Ukraine, as they suffer greatly in the invasion of their country. Pray for the leaders of all nations to come together and find a peaceful resolution to this frightening situation.

Continue to pray for those among us who deal with many hardships. We think of Lenore, Alan and Dan, Gep and any others who are in difficult times.

Pray daily for our calling committee as they continue to search for a pastor to lead us.

Pray for and encourage our Council as they work to discern the path forward.

Give thanks that Covid seems to be lessening the severity of infection. Pray for those affected by this virus.

We give thanks for the seasons, and as we now experience a sampling of spring weather we look forward to the changing of the seasons.

We are now in the season of Lent, and at this time reflect and thank Jesus for coming to this world to save us. The suffering He endured cannot be imagined and we live because He lived!

Council Highlights:

Davis welcomed everyone and led devotions with reading from Ecclesiastes the passage about 'A time for everything' and prayer.

Previous minutes were approved.

The collection report for February will be sent out when it becomes available.

We thank Trudy Miedema for joining our Worship Committee, both Trudy and Heather are working hard to create meaningful worship for HCCRC.

The Classis Hamilton church visitors will be joining our meeting on April 5th.

The Calling Committee is meeting regularly and searching for a pastor to lead our church.

Our clerk/admin will be away from May 4th till May 18th or 19th, during which there will not be weekly newsletters.

Lenton services are being held each Wednesday at the Pentacostal church at 12:30. Everyone is welcome.

Council reminds our membership that if you have need of a visit or pray, you may feel free to contact any council member. As we are a small group Council feels there is no need to distinguish between districts and elder or deacon. Members are encouraged to reach out to any Council member if they have a need or concern.

At this time we have not received any nominations for Council members. Council will discuss next steps at our April council meeting.

The next Classis meeting will take place in June.

Helen closed our meeting with prayer.

It is that time of year again, Council asks that our membership consider nominations for Council members. Please pray about this need in our church. If you feel you know someone, or yourself, is being called to fill these vacancies, please either email (hccrc.office@gmail.com) or put a note in the clerk mailbox. This year we are in need of one elder and one deacon.

Our annual Spring membership meeting is tentatively scheduled for **April 25, 2022**. Please note that this date has changed from April 18th to the 24th! Please put this date in your calendars so that we can have a meaningful meeting with our church family.

Have you been heard? Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2022 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit crcna.org/survey/4855 to answer the survey questions **by March 31**.

TRIP dates from JCCS:

March 10 - TRIP	April 7 - TRIP
March 24TRIP	April 21 - TRIP

Lenton services are being held each Wednesday until Easter. They are all at the Highway Penecostal church beginning at 12:30. There will be no luncheon because of Covid

The HCCRC Council expects to welcome Pastor Ralph Koops and Mr Peter Bulthuis as classical church visitors on **April 5th, 2022**. Any members wishing to meet with the church visitors should let Davis Miedema know their intention and the substance of their concerns, and the Council will coordinate congregational time with the Church Visitors.

From Todd Bender at City Kidz:

We are so grateful for your recent donation to CityKidz. Thank you for helping us start a new year with the resources we need to serve precious children in the Hamilton community.

As we head into a new year filled with challenges and uncertainty, your support fills us with confidence: confidence that we will be able to continue reaching out to vulnerable children, confidence that we will find new and exciting ways to bring faith, hope and love into their lives, and confidence that their lives will be transformed.

Your gift will empower us to be adaptable and creative in meeting the ever-changing needs of our children and families as they navigate new challenges and pursue new opportunities.

Thank you for giving us a bright start in 2022. Thank you for believing in the limitless potential of our children and helping them achieve their big dreams

From Shalem Mental Health Network

On April 6, from 7:30-9:30 PM Shalem will be hosting a live zoom theatre event.

The performance is called "**Unmute**" (see poster below), designed to examine how domestic violence has played out during the pandemic for some people in our community. The play itself will be live but the audience will all be attending through an on-line zoom link. During the first half of the play the cast portrays a situation involving friendship and violence; and in the second half, a facilitator will invite the audience to add their input for possible solutions, with the hope of changing the story

that was acted out. A counsellor from the Assaulted Women's Helpline in Toronto will also be contributing to the dialogue in the 2nd half of the play, doing an intervention for us to witness. We hope this creative presentation can be an evening of learning and provide a helpful, experiential glimpse into the lives of some people impacted by domestic violence.

There is a nominal registration fee of \$5.00. If this would be of interest to you, please use this link to register:

<https://shalemnetwork.org/events/unmute-the-impact-of-a-pandemic-on-gender-based-violence>

Note that early registration is recommended as space will be limited given there will be a maximum number of participants who can be on the virtual platform at one time.

The Messenger newsletter from Shalom is attached to this newsletter.

The CRCNA Prayer Team invites all CRC members and leaders to join in a time of prayer for the CRC, the upcoming Synod, and our churches. The next online prayer gathering will take place on **Wednesday, March 9, at 11:00am EST**. Please use this [short Google form](#) to register and receive the Zoom link. (or type <https://forms.gle/fUxSXYQ3Es1RynFY7> into your browser to access the form). Join us as we come together with others from around the US and Canada for one hour before the throne of God with our praises and petitions.

Annual Day of Prayer March 9, 2022

Synod has designated the second Wednesday in March (March 9, 2022) as the Annual Day of Prayer. All CRC congregations are requested to take this opportunity to ask for God's blessing upon the world, our nations and communities, crops and industry, and the church worldwide.

WITNESS Preview Event:

Wednesday, April 6 from 7 – 9:30 p.m. at Mountainview CRC.

Being a witness for Christ isn't always easy. It can be intimidating, nerve-wracking, and even frustrating when we don't see the changes we're looking or hoping for. Sometimes, we just don't know what to say or do. Learn about the newly launched small group experience, **Witness**, from Resonate Global Mission, developed by Amy Schenkel. **Witness: Equipped to Share the Good News** is a self-guided course designed to equip you for sharing Christ's love with your neighbours. On April 6, Pastor Willemina Zwart, our Resonate Local Missional Leader, will introduce you to the small group materials as well as facilitate one of the sessions for you to experience firsthand! **Witness** includes videos, a small group discussion guide, and a personal journal that will help you reflect on what it means to be a witness for Christ and then to take practical steps to join God at work in your neighbourhood. **RSVP by April 3** at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/witness-preview-event-tickets-289724944107>

For more information, email wzwart@crcna.org.

Witness Promo video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMBt9IkQByM>

NewGround (formerly Operation Manna) - NewGround has been a program of Diaconal Ministries Canada for over 40 years! Some may remember NewGround by its former name: Operation Manna. Operation Manna (OM) started as a food and aid program in Korea, led by World Renew (then CRWRC) in the 1960's. This international partnership spread to other countries and as it grew, the recipients of the annual OM offering also began to vary. In 2001, Diaconal Ministries carried on with the program which was primarily focusing on equipping churches in local ministry in Canada. To better reflect the mission and mandate of the program, and to expand its reach, in 2018 Operation Manna became NewGround. NewGround continues to offer financial assistance, coaching and resources to churches and ministries to help them flourish and grow God's Kingdom in new and exciting ways! Find out more on our website today: diaconalministries.com/newground/

Attachments:
Shalom Newsletter "the messenger"