

## HCCRC Newsletter Nov 3, 2022

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

### **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:**

Nov 6 – Kelly Sibthorpe with a message titled “Made for More-Living Life to the Fullest”:  
One day, Jesus called the Twelve together, granting them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, doing extraordinary things for the Kingdom. Jesus empowered them to flourish.. to live into their discipleship possibilities! With such power and authority the disciples became aware of the potential to use such gifts rightly or wrongly. A personal discovery of their being both "STRONG and weak" at the same time was Jesus' goal of discipleship. What does it mean to flourish in personal and community life. how do I use power and authority as God wills? Am I supposed to be both strong and weak at the same time? Let's risk discovering all we're meant to be in God's glorious kingdom.

Nov 13 – Bill Wensink

Nov 20 – Ben Cousineau

Nov 27 – Jack Kerkhof

### **From our Calling Committee:**

Pastor Steven Eckersley, from Cornwall ON will be visiting our church for a meet and greet on Oct 22 and will be sharing a message with us on Oct 23. Please mark your calendars and join us on Oct 22 at 10:00am for a time to meet and visit with Pastor Eckersley and his wife.

### **Second Collections:**

Nov 6	World Renew (World Hunger)
Nov 13	Deacon's Fund
Nov 20	Samaritan's Purse (Operation Christmas Child)
Nov 27	Refugees of Hope

Nov 6: World Renew invites our church to join them for the World Hunger Campaign: Hunger for Good. One in ten people do not have enough to eat—that's over 800 million people. With the help from our church's giving, families around the world will know God's compassion and find freedom from hunger. Learn more at their website: [worldrenew.ca](http://worldrenew.ca) (CDN).

**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](mailto:hccrcfinance@gmail.com) or by cheque sent to Pieter Wonder.

**The Deacons** thank you for your donations of non-perishable items for the foodbank

**Special dates in our church family:**

Happy Anniversary to:

Harold and Margaret VanderMeer – Nov 17

November birthdays:

Lori Heeg – Nov 7

Trish Bouwma – Nov 11

Davis Miedema – Nov 23

Trudy Miedema -Nov 30

**In our prayers:**

What wonderful autumn weather we have been blessed with! Thanks be to God for the sunshine and the rain, the spectacular colours we enjoy each fall and the harvest from our fields.

This week in our prayers, let us pray for guidance and clarity in our upcoming decision, at our Membership meeting, in calling Pastor Steven Eckersley.

Pray for our council, and give thanks for our calling committee in introducing Pastor Steve to us. As we approach the Advent season, pray that we may keep our hearts and minds, not on the worldly traditions, but on Jesus and the love, peace and joy he brought to the world.

Pray for those among us who are ill, suffer chronic pain, deal with living with cancer, suffer from depression/anxiety or other mental illness. We think of Julie, Trixie, Helen, Reta, Jesse and Noah.

Pray for the ability to give generously to those less fortunate, we are blessed to have a foodbank in Hagersville, and the need is great. Pray that this community may be able to help those who need help in whatever way we can.

We give thanks that we have pastors each week to lead our services, and volunteers to make our worship meaningful.

**Annual Fall Congregational/Membership meeting** will take place on **Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this important meeting!

**Council meeting highlights:**

Davis welcomed everyone to our meeting.

Ron opened with reading from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Davis has been in contact with Pastor Steve Eckersley. He is interested in a position at HCCRC.

Council had a discussion and unanimously passed a motion to present Pastor Steve to the congregation at the Congregational Meeting on Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, to vote on a motion to extend a call to Pastor Steve for a part time position as Pastor. There will be time for comments and questions before the vote is held.

Jake and Davis attended the Oct Classis meeting and reported that it was a good meeting.

As we will not be having a Christmas Eve service this year, we will be having a Christmas day service with special readings and songs. Tracy Adema will be leading the music ministry for this service.

Aleena VanstempVoort will be presented for baptism on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, with Pastor Bill Wensink officiating.

The transfer of membership of Tara Heeg, to the NRC in Norwich was approved.  
Mutual Encouragement took place.  
Our next council meeting will take place Dec 6  
Helen closed our meeting with prayer.

## October 2022 COLLECTION REPORT

Budget Received	6,170.00
Budgeted Amount for the Month	9,064.58
OTHER OFFERINGS	
Hagersville Food Bank	190.00
New Ground Operation Manna	400.00
JCCS Tuition Help Fund	470.00
World Renew World Hunger	1,350.00
Refugees of Hope	500.00
Christian Gleaners	250.00
Total	2,660.00

**Prayer time** takes place on Sunday evenings. Please contact Davis if you would like to attend.

### **Coffee Break**

Our Coffee Break program meets Wed mornings at 9:30 am. Please contact Helen Torensma or Grace Strobosser for more information.

Randy and Alice Elgersman wish HCCRC a fond farewell as they settle into a new home in Panoka, Alberta. Their address is:  
6131 52 St close  
PO box 2-15  
Panoka Albera T4J 1E8

**Advent season is approaching and planning is happening for our worship services leading up to our Christmas Day service!** We are looking for people who would like to share a story, poem, or song (or anything else) at our Christmas day service. This service will not be a typical Sunday Service but rather a service of praise and song to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Please email [hccrc.office@gmail.com](mailto:hccrc.office@gmail.com) to offer a few minutes of your time to contribute to the service.

**Teen Challenge** will be joining us on Dec 11, 2022 and sharing experiences and information. We hope to have Soup Sunday with them as well.

**Jesse and Jenn Strobosser** have a blog to keep everyone updated on what is happening with Jesse. Here is a link to the blogs as they are posted: [JesseJenn blog](#)

### **SoCo Beach Project: Summer Young Adult Discipleship Experience**

As a partnering congregation of the SoCo Beach Project--THANK YOU! It is due to your support and prayers that we celebrate another successful summer. And believe it or not,

recruitment for next summer is underway. Are you or is someone you know a young adult (18 - 29) looking to dig deeper into the life of faith and what impact that has on their unfolding life story? Check out the SoCo Beach Project - an intentional Christian community experience from May - August located in Port Dover, Ontario. Applications are open for SoCo 2023- deadline is Jan. 16 '23. For more information or a deeper conversation about this experience, email Pastor Willemina Zwart: [info@southcoastbeachproject.org](mailto:info@southcoastbeachproject.org). Hear the reflections of last year's participants and check out the latest newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/d9ef464c8328/soco-update-post-summer-reflections>.

## Indigenous Ministry

**Place, Home & Land: An Evening of Storytelling** - Come to Meadowlands Fellowship CRC November 10th from 7-9pm for an evening of storytelling. The event will feature Indigenous, refugee, and settler stories on place, home, and land, and music from local singer-songwriters Elise Arsenaault, Ella Brinkman, and Jesse Hill. More info and RSVP at <https://www.redeemer.ca/events/act-five-place-home-land-an-evening-of-storytelling/>

**JCCS TRIP DATES:** Nov 17, Dec 1, Dec 8, Dec 15

**The JCCS Fall Auction** is just a week away from starting! The auction starts on **Monday, October 31 @ 9:00am** and ends on **Friday, November 4 @ 9:30pm**. Get ready for some serious bidding excitement as the week goes on. Click on the link to register and browse the 100+ items so far! [Auction Link](#). **Item pick up will be on Saturday, November 5 from 9-11am at JCCS**. Please join us there for coffee & treats (payment by donation). If you need any help registering or would like to see an emailed/hard copy of the auction catalogue, please contact Andrea VanBentham at 905-541-1522 or [fundraising@jdc.ca](mailto:fundraising@jdc.ca).

The **Buy Now Market** is also back as part of the online event. Order your homemade **soups, 2023 Calendars, poinsettias, Dutch sausage rolls, and more!** If you need help ordering or would like us to do it for you, please contact us to help!

Please find attached our poster for the Parkview Meadows Christmas Craft Bazaar that will be held at **the Ebenezer CRC at 56 Talbot Street in Jarvis**. The event will be held from **9am to 1pm**. We will have our Parkview Meadows Bus driving residents from the home to be able to participate in our event. We have many vendors and still have a few spots for tables with a cost of \$30. Parkview will have its bake sale and VanStratten Bakery goods along with Poinsettia for Christmas.

Hope to see you all there.

Please contact me if there are anyone interested in a table.

For the schools if there is anyone interested in volunteer hours for this event please contact me Michael Ciardullo

Manager

519-587-2448 Ext 419

[mciardullo@parkviewmeadows.ca](mailto:mciardullo@parkviewmeadows.ca)

## Gratitude from Safe Church:

Dear Hagersville Community CRC

Thank you so much for your financial support for Safe Church Ministry. Because of you, we have been able to increase awareness about abuse through our webinar series, books studies, and abuse prevention resources. Your support further provides support for regional Safe Church coordinators and safe church teams across the denomination. Finally, we have been able to provide counsel and resources to churches in order to help them respond to situations of abuse in ways that promote healing and justice. Your donations make all this possible. May God richly bless the ministry of your church in the year to come!

**On behalf of The Carpenteros and Friends**, a most sincere THANK YOU to all the sponsors, donors, guests and volunteers who helped to make for a successful return of the Building Hope for Honduras dinner. The event raised more than \$85,000 in support of community improvement projects through World Renew and our Honduran partners. Praise God!

**Indwell newsletter:** [Indwell newsletter](#)

**Attachments:**