

HCCRC Newsletter Feb 4, 2021

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 our message will be brought to you by Bill Wensink. The text is: 1

Samuel 4-6

"What Shall We Do With the Ark of the Lord".

(enjoy the 'story' and also ask yourself "What if we see the ark as our church or our faith?")

HCCRC on YouTube. Although there have been some issues with getting our services to livestream, we are working towards getting our system updated and simplified. Please be patient as we adapt to more new technology being used. 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](#)

Due to the provincial lockdown to curb the spread of COVID19:

The Ontario Government has implemented a province wide lock down to help curb the spread of COVID 19. Within these regulations' churches may still offer online/streaming services. HCCRC will **not** be offering in person services during this lockdown. We will continue, to the best of our ability, to post services on our You Tube channel. Please check your email and watch for updates in the weekly newsletters. In person services will resume when the restrictions are lifted and we are again allowed to hold services in person.

Upcoming services available online are as follows:

Feb 7 : Bill Wensink

Feb 14: Pastor Bill Hogland

Feb 21: Lent I Jarvis Classical Appointment

Feb 28: Lent II Kelly Sibthorpe

Second Collections:

02/07/21	Race Relations
02/14/21	Ontario Gleaners
02/21/21	Back to God Hour Ministries
02/28/21	Haldimand ability centre

Donations for budget and second collections can be made by e-transfer to: hccrcfinance@gmail.com or by cheque sent to Julie Paterson via Canada Post or dropped off at the Paterson home.

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 Birthday to:

Jason Healy – Feb 5
Tanya Hogeveen – Feb 11
Roman VanStempVoort (5) – Feb 12
Myra Hogeveen (8) – Feb 14
Harold VanderMeer – Feb 15
Margaret VanderMeer – Feb 15
Amanda Salverda – Feb 25

Happy Anniversary to:

Martin and Tracy Adema – Feb 6
Jake and Martha Elgersma – Feb 26

In our prayers:

Give thanks that George and Gep could move into their new home in Townsend. Pray also for healing for George as he recovers from knee replacement.

Continue to pray for healing and patience for Bill Heeg as he needs to be very careful for some time in order for his eye to heal completely.

Continue to pray for all those with special needs, Meta, Trixie, Jason, Reta and any others who may be dealing with physical difficulties. Pray also for Jason's mom, Mary, who hopes to undergo hip surgery Feb 17. Give thanks that Jason is healing well and is able to enter and exit his house without using the lift. He hopes to be able to have his other hip replaced at some time in the future.

Spring is on the way, the birds are singing, the sun is warm and creation is amazing. God's beauty shows in all the nature around us, if we but take the time to see it and marvel at the magnificence of nature.

Please update your directories with George and Gep's new address: unit 109, Brookview, 72 Towncentre Drive, Townsend.

Also please update the email address of Faye and Louis Dejong to: fm.dejong@icloud.com

Nomination of Office Bearers for HCCRC

Hagersville Community Christian Reformed Church will be choosing office bearers by lot. The clerk will receive nominations for Deacons and Elders until Feb 18, 2021 either by e-mailing hccrc.office@gmail.com or by placing a note in the clerk's mail box.

The practice of casting lots is one with biblical precedent. In Acts 1:23-25, when apostles needed to find a replacement for Judas, they proposed two men; this process involved discernment on the part of the people. Then they prayed that the Lord would show them who He had chosen, and they cast lots; this involved stepping back and letting God make the final decision.

Now is the time for members of HCCRC to become involved with this process. Please submit your nominations for the position of Deacons and /or Elders. Two Deacons and one Elders are needed (two nominees for each position).

JCCS TRIP dates:

Feb 11 & 25

Mar 11 & 25

Apr 8 & 22

May 6 & 20

June 3 & 17

The Haldimand Pregnancy Care & Family Centre annual report and February prayer calendar are attached to this newsletter.

Indigenous Christian Fellowship newsletter is attached to this newsletter

From Jeff Nevin at Indwell:

Dear Friends at Hagersville Community CRC,

When you look back on 2020, what's most remarkable to you, among all the challenges you've faced? For me—and for us at Indwell—I'd have to say it's people. Specifically, the resilience, creativity, and, most importantly, love that has been exemplified in so many ways over the last 12 months.

I'd like to take a moment and share with you just a few of the ways that you've overwhelmed us with your love and support.

Year-end giving snapshot

We're thrilled to share how you—our community—stepped up in 2020 to give towards permanent solutions for ending homelessness. In December alone, 740 households gave a combined total of \$535,000 towards our operating budget! And 180 of you gave to our ministry for the very first time. You've been such an encouragement to me, our board, and our entire staff team. Your care for our tenants—and those whom we're seeking to create homes for—is incredibly inspiring.

Stay tuned for more details in our annual report, coming out in a couple of months.

How you're helping Indwell carry out our mission in challenging times

Your gifts to our COVID-19 Tenant Support Fund continue to equip Indwell's program staff as they go the extra mile: Among many other things, our support staff have been vigilant in doing frequent wellness checks to support tenants who are lonely and unsettled.

Our kitchen staff deliver meals to tenants' doors so they can continue to have healthy, nutritious meals in the safety of their home.

Our facilities team continues to work hard with program staff in keeping everyone safe.

With generous funding from the Ministry of Health, community foundations (Oxford, London, Hamilton), and the City of Hamilton, we've been able to:

Supplement our nursing, housing support, and addictions support staff.

Purchase technology so tenants can connect with their professional and personal supports.

Enhance our cleaning and sanitizing protocols.

How you're fueling growth

Of course, caring for and supporting our existing tenants is only part of our mission; building more permanent affordable and supportive housing communities remains a top priority. The pandemic has underscored the housing crisis, bolstering an increased urgency among individuals like you, churches and community agencies, and all levels of government.

Conversations are happening, and local networks are actively promoting solutions in communities throughout Southern Ontario. We're thrilled to announce a new Indwell community is formally in development in St. Thomas; and we're actively exploring the feasibility of launching in Chatham! We look forward to updating you soon on the progress of these partnerships. You can read more about them [here](#).

I could go on, but I just want you to know how much we appreciate you. As we begin a new year, we are incredibly grateful and hopeful for the new opportunities that are ahead.

Thank you for being such a valued part of our community!

From Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Justice and Mercy: Proverbs 14:31 says, "He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God." Who in your community is needy? What might you do to show kindness to that person or group of people? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH BOOK DISCUSSION - Join CRC campus ministers Rick Mast and Mike Wagenman on the last day of Black History Month for a discussion of Jesus and the Disinherited by Howard Thurman, one of the great 20th century American preachers and co-founder of the first interracial/intercultural church in the USA. This is the book that Martin Luther King Jr. carried wherever he went in the cause for racial justice. We gather on Zoom at 8pm ET (5pm PT) Sunday, February 28. The Eventbrite registration link is at www.WesternCampusMinistry.ca

From Race Relations

Beyond Race Relations Sunday! - Churches throughout the CRCNA are observing Race Relations Sunday today. How can you learn more about the work of anti racism? Search the website: crcna.org/Race for great resources on ways to increase your individual commitment and competence in addressing racism and working to dismantle racism in all its forms.

From ReFrame Ministries

Focus on the Cross - Lenten Devotions - Lent is a season to focus on the hope of Jesus Christ. Receive a free Today devotional email series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Or download the ebook! Subscribe at todaydevotional.com/lent.

GROUNDWORK: RECONCILIATION - Re-establishing peace and justice after relationships are broken is hard. Join Groundwork as we study 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Matthew 5:9, 23-27; and Matthew 18:15-20 to better understand the spiritual discipline of reconciliation and how our reconciliation with God impacts our ability to reconcile with each other. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

TRUSTING GOD - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Trusting God can be difficult because most times we don't know exactly what he's doing. But what we do know is that God is loving, kind, good, and does things that are the best for us. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

Shalom Manor & Gardens Career Opportunities: Currently and in the future, we will have a number of opportunities for you to join the Shalom Manor & Gardens family as an employee, providing the best care possible to Shalom residents. Below is a list of ways you can become part of a great work team:

1. **Infection Control:** Part time temporary, 5AM- 1:30PM, 3 shifts one week, 4 shifts the next (including every other weekend, 2 week rotation) START IMMEDIATELY!
2. **RPNs Manor:** full and part time positions available. Nights 11PM-7AM full time perm: Week 1: Mon, Tues, Fri, Sat, Sun, Week 2: Wed & Thurs.
 - a. Evenings Temp Full time: Week 1 Wed, Thurs, Fri, Week 2: Mon, Sat & Sun.
 - b. Part time evening temp line of 2 days per week also available
3. **PSW's Manor:** part-time lines available along with casual positions. Minimum of 18.75 hours per week. Opportunity for full time work. Benefits available with part time positions

Please prayerfully consider one of these opportunities and should you wish to apply or have any questions, indicate the position you are interested in and e-mail hr@shalommanor.ca. *Looking forward to working with YOU!*

Attachments:

ICF newsletter

HPCFC annual report and Feb prayer calendar