

FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
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Guest Preacher: Rev. Bruce Adema
April 22, 2018

Welcome to Fellowship Church this morning. May we all experience the wonder of fellowship with God and with each other. This morning we are thinking about our responsibility to care for creation, and about our duty of care for refugees and other marginalized people. Creation is currently groaning, but with the Lord's help, that will be turned into songs of praise! Our preacher today is Pastor Bruce Adema from the Bethel, Waterdown CRC.

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Call to Worship
Please rise in body and spirit ...
Song of Praise: **"Beautiful One" LU 607**
Opening Prayer
Song of Praise: **"Shout To the Lord" LU 603**
God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting
Immigrant Apostles' Creed
Please be seated ...

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession & Lament
Assurance of Pardon
Song of Thanksgiving/Dedication: **"Here I Am To Worship" LU 567**

WE OFFER GIFTS AND PRAYERS

Offerings: 1. Church Fund (white envelope) 2. World Renew- Refugee Sunday (yellow envelope)
Children's Talk/Dismissal
Song: **"Jesu, Jesu" LU 299**
Outreach Update & Prayers of the People

GOD SPEAKS & WE RESPOND

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture: **Romans 8:18-25 (pages 1118-1119)**
Message: **"Longing for the Peaceable Kingdom"**
Prayer of Application
Please rise...
Song of Response: **"This Is My Father's World" LU 21**

WE LEAVE TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD

Closing Song: **"Will You Come And Follow Me/The Summons" LU 742**

Sunday Mornings

The Earth Day Community Cleanup of Bloordale Park will take place today after church. We will eat our bag lunches together before we head over to the park. Garbage/recycling bags and rubber gloves will be provided. Thank you for helping to clean our neighbourhood!

During our coffee social today the Korean Presbyterian Church (Our Sunday afternoon tenants) will hold a bake sale. The proceeds will go to help support a child they sponsor in Zimbabwe.

Next Sunday our preacher will be Rev. Lisa Vander Leek

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		2. World Renew – Refugee Sunday (yellow env.)
	Apr 29	2. Shalem Mental Health Network
	May 6	2. Operation Manna

April 22 – World Renew - Refugee Sunday

Today's collection is for World Renew - Refugee Sunday. For those who cannot return home, a second solution is for the refugee to create a new life in their country of asylum. However, if neither of these solutions is possible, refugees may be resettled to a third country, like Canada, the U.S, or many others. In the midst of a growing refugee crisis, we have a great opportunity and responsibility to reach out in love to people who have been forced from their countries due to persecution and war. Please give generously. Canada is unique among nations that welcome refugees. That's because it is the only country that allows sponsorship of refugees by private organizations. World Renew is one of the Canadian agencies that has been granted a sponsorship agreement by Citizenship and Immigration Canada. World Renew's sponsorship agreement allows CRC congregations in Canada to sponsor refugees. Contact World Renew Refugee office, at 1-800-730-3490 or go to worldrenew.org

April 29 – Shalem Mental Health Network

Next Sunday's second collection is for the **Shalem Mental Health Network** - Shalem (pronounced ShaLAME) is a beautiful Hebrew word which means "wholeness", "restoration" and "peace". In that spirit, they seek to come alongside those who are hurting and vulnerable. Shalem offers individual, couple and family counselling, as well as specialized therapy for children and youth. Please remember those who are hurting in our lives. For information go to www.shalemnetwork.org.

Calendar of Our Upcoming Events

ACTIVITY CALENDAR FOR MAY will be included in next Sunday's bulletin. Please contact the church office by noon on **Wednesday** if you have an event you would like included such as a Faithgroup Meeting.

COFFEE BREAK This past Wednesday we discussed if God does not withhold forgiveness from us, how can we withhold it from others if we truly love Him? A lively discussion was held as to how we can forgive those who have hurt us. This coming Wednesday we will discuss Lesson 4 "The Hidden Power of Forgiveness." Please join us. Coffee and snacks are ready for you at 9:30 a.m.

DIRECTORY We are currently updating our Church directory. If you have any changes to your address or telephone number or wish to have your email included please contact the church office by the end of the month.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Those involved in Music Ministry at Fellowship will meet for Music Night practices in April on Thursday April 26, 7pm in the Sanctuary. May Dates are the 10th and 24th. Please PYOM (print-your-own-music) or come early to MYOP (make-your-own-photocopies)! We love new members! If you like singing, or making music, please join us. Speak to Emily Harrison (Worship Coordinator) after the service, or email emily_harrison@fellowshipchurchto.org

Council & Committee News

COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATION is looking for new members and volunteers. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Rod Dengerink or any other member of the committee.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: is planned for right after the service on Sunday, April 29th. We will be seeking your approval on the 2017 Financial Statements. As part of the congregational meeting, following the finance presentation, we will hold an extended ministry session. This will be an interactive session for the entire congregation, during which you will receive information and provide input on ministry opportunities to help us pursue our five directional statements. As programs, events and activities for the remainder of the calendar year will flow out of this session, your participation is needed. Please make every effort to be at this meeting. You can expect to be done by 12:45pm. (Please look for the agenda and financial statement in your mailslot.)

FROM THE MINISTRY DIRECTOR:

St. James Food Basket at 400 Burnhamthorpe has asked our congregation for the help of an energetic, responsible volunteer for 4 Wednesdays (May 9, 16, 30, June 6) to close the market for the day. Please speak to Mark for more information I am in the church office most weekday afternoons.
mark_broadus@fellowshipchurchto.org

FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE: We are pleased to announce that our search so far has been blessed with a number of responses. One of these was from Pastor Bruce Adema from the Bethel, Waterdown CRC, and he has consented to be our preacher today, April 22nd. We would therefore ask you to give your feedback after the service today to a member of your Search Committee which, as you know, consists of the following people: Bill van Geest, Jane Frost, Gera Gutenberg, Hank Kuntz, Evelyn Dengerink and Herman Praamsma. As we are journeying together, please continue to pray for discernment and wisdom!

Community Events

CALVIN PRISON INITIATIVE: Reforming Our Prisons through Education - (CPI). A partnership between Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary, CPI provides a Christian liberal arts education to inmates at Handlon Prison. Come hear the amazing story of how CPI has been bringing hope, dignity, and the opportunity for real accomplishment to these students in prison. Join us Thursday, May 3 (2:30-3:30pm) in Harmony Hall at Holland Christian Home, Brampton. RSVP by Monday, April 30 to 616-957-6037 or semevents@calvinseminary.edu

JOHN KNOX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL invites you to attend our combined Golf Tournament and Gala Dinner and Auction at Lionhead Golf and Country Club on May 12. Join us for a round of golf starting at 1:00pm and then stick around to enjoy a delicious dinner and put your bid on some fantastic auction items – doors open at 6:00pm. To register go online to our website www.bramptonjkcs.org. You can sign up for golf only, or just the Gala and Auction, or join us for both! For more information or to donate an item to our auction, please contact Christine Soultanidis at csoultanidis@bramptonjkcs.org or call the school 905-451-3236.

“LEARNING HOW TO GROW RESTORATIVE CHURCHES”: Conflicts within churches are real but we can deal with them in a way that deepens relationship, strengthens community, and builds our faith. Join us for a three day hands-on training, including support afterwards, on **“Learning How to Grow Restorative Churches”**. The training is offered through *Shalem Mental Health Network* and will be in Ajax, ON on April 27, 28 and May 12, 2018. If you attend a CAP church, you are eligible for a 10% discount on the training fee. For more information and to register for the training, visit: <http://shalemnetwork.org>, or call 905.528.0353 or toll free 866.347.0041

THE LIGHTHOUSE celebrates 50 years in 2018. **Today, April 22, 2018, at 6:30p.m.** The Lighthouse will host a celebration service at First CRC in Toronto (67 Taunton Road). You are invited to come and celebrate with The Lighthouse its first 50 years. There will be a time for reflection and sharing as well as a time of giving thanks and praise. For more information, please contact Rob at 416-535-6262 | 416-802-5943 or rob@lighthousecentre.ca

TEEN CHALLENGE GALA - Plan to join us on Thursday, April 26, 2018, for our 10th Anniversary Gala at Bellvue Manor in Vaughan, ON. Come hear the powerful testimonies of the Teen Challenge Ontario Women’s Choir & past graduates as we celebrate our Past, Present & Future. It will be a night to remember! Buy a ticket for yourself and a friend. For more information, go to www.tcga.ca/

TDCHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL Grandparents Day is Coming All grandparents and seniors are invited to TDChristian High School's annual Grandparents Day on Thursday, April 26, starting at 9. Enjoy refreshments, visit a class, be a part of our assembly and enjoy lunch with our students.

Upcoming High School Reunions

The Class of 2008 celebrates its 10 Year Reunion on Saturday May 5 at 7:30 pm in the TDChristian High School atrium. Tell your friends and enjoy getting together to share stories and see each other again! If you are part of the Class of ‘91, ‘92, ‘93, you are invited to a 25 Year Reunion also on Saturday, May 5 at 7:30 pm, in the TDChristian Commons. Check out the Facebook invitation and plan on coming out for a great evening of strolling down memory lane. Any questions about either reunion? Contact Patty Schuurman at schuurman@tdchristian.ca. Interested in a 40 Year Reunion? Contact William Groot (Class of ‘78) at groot@tdchristian.ca. Who knows what may happen?!

Guest and Member Information

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR is in the office weekdays from 9a.m. to noon p.m. **The bulletin deadline is noon on Thursday.** Church email: fellowshipcrcto@gmail.com. **OR 416-622-9647.**

ALLERGIES: Some of our members are highly allergic to peanuts and tree nuts, e.g. cashews, almonds, hazelnuts, pecans, etc. **Please don't bring peanuts, tree nuts or anything containing these items to the church. Thank you.** (For the benefit and peace of mind of those with allergies or food sensitivities please label any homemade item you bring to church.)

ANY CONCERNS WITH THE CHURCH BUILDING: Contact any member of the Committee of Administration.

CHILDREN: Kids Bulletins are available. Nursery is provided.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: for guests (or members who may have forgotten theirs) are available at the entrance beside the guest book.

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES are available. They are located on the shelf in the church office.

IF YOU ARE AWAY FROM CHURCH due to illness, vacation, etc. and you wish to have the bulletin emailed to you, please advise the Administrative Coordinator.

PASTORAL VISITORS are available to visit hospitalized members, shut-ins, and in emergency situations. This team can be contacted through either Margaret Antonides (416 – 233 – 0978) or Herman Praamsma (905 – 452 – 7183).

PRE- AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE (PAR): If you are interested in having your donation to the church fund/budget automatically deducted from your bank account, please pick up the PAR brochure/sign up form from the information rack. Please leave the completed form in the mail slot for D/J Kraan. **Do not send the form in yourself.** If you have any questions, please call Jan Kraan at 905-625-9510.

Miscellanea

LIGHTHOUSE NEEDS: We are always in need of egg cartons (cardboard only) and plastic bags to pack fresh foods for our food bank clients. It is a fun and easy way to help out our neighbours in need. Drop off your egg cartons and plastic bags today!

UPDATE FROM ST. JAMES FOOD BASKET: Second Harvest Deliveries: Over 6 months, from September, 2017 to February, 2018 Second Harvest delivered 59,845 pounds of food to St James Food Basket. At an average value of \$2.50 per pound, that's a donation valued at \$149,612! Second Harvest is a food-rescue organization; if we and other food banks did not take this food and give it out, then it would have ended up as garbage. So as well as providing food, we are helping the environment.

Student Food-Recipients on the Rise: Among our food-recipients, we have noticed an increase in people going to school. Of course, we have many people learning English at the Burnhamthorpe Adult Centre and at LINC on The West Mall. We also have many people taking high school credit courses at Burnhamthorpe Adult Centre in order to qualify for college programs. We have students attending Humber College, Seneca College, York University and several other colleges and training organizations. We work to accommodate everyone's schedule so that students can still pick up food while also attending school and taking care of a family.

Donations: Thank you for donating your Loblaws \$25 cards to us. We are very grateful and will spend them soon on feminine hygiene products.

www.crcna.org/Canada - The website for the Christian Reformed Church Ministry in Canada.

If you want to understand and be resourced for ministry in Canada, check out www.crcna.org/Canada. Join The Network (www.crcna.org/Network) to find blogs, discussion topics, ministry Q&A, church jobs, and much more!?

