



HAGERSVILLE COMMUNITY  
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

God is building through our church a community of people that shares  
the good news of life in Jesus Christ,  
worships God with adoration, praise, confession and prayer, accepts and  
encourages one another,  
and nurtures all to a relationship with Jesus Christ.

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**December 18, 2011**

**A WARM WELCOME** to all this morning. Today we welcome Pastor Stephen Terpstra from Mt Hamilton CRC to lead us in worship this morning.

**GUESTS AMONG US** are invited to sign the Guest Book, located on the Welcome Center.

**CHILDREN AGED 0-3** are welcome in our Nursery and Age 3-5 for Sunday School following the Children's Message.

Prelude

**Welcome & Announcements**

Opening Song: "*O Come, O Come Immanuel*"<sup>d</sup>

\*Call to Worship:

We greet one another

\*Song of Worship: "*All Earth is Waiting*"

Opening Prayer

Song of response: "*While We are Waiting Come*"

**OUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST**

Prayer Confession:

Assurance of Pardon:

Guide to the New Life: Galatians 5:22-25

Song of Dedication: "*Beautiful Saviour*" (*All of My Days*)

**WEEK 4: JESUS, OUR PEACE**

**Colossians 1:21-23**

**Lighting of the Advent Candles** (*Prophecy from Isaiah 11*)

**Song:** "*He Came Down*"<sup>SNC 92</sup> (hope, light, life, peace)

**Children's Message**

**Prayer of Blessing**

**Scripture Reading:** *Ruth 2, Colossians 1:19-22*

**Message:** "Jesus our Peace"

\***Song of Response:** "When Peace Like a River"

**WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING**

**Prayers of God's People**

Offerings: Budget & Operation Manna

Offertory Prayer

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

\***Confession of Faith:** HC Q&A #1

\*Closing Words and Blessing

\*Closing Song: "*Soon and Very Soon*"



**SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY:** Elder Nick VanderHeide will be leading us in Worship.

**OFFERINGS NEXT WEEK:** The Haldimand Pregnancy Care Centre offers friendship and understanding, as well as practical help and support to young unwed mothers in a safe and relaxed setting. For more information, please visit [www.haldimandpcc.org](http://www.haldimandpcc.org).

**NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE:** We will be joining together with our brothers/sisters from Simcoe Immanuel and Jarvis Ebenezer for a combined New Year's Eve Worship service at Jarvis Ebenezer CRC at 7:00 pm on December 31, 2011. Pastor Jeff VanderMeer will be leading the service.



## WITHIN OUR FELLOWSHIP

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY** for Helen Torensma, Harold VanderMeer, Trixie Wonder, Dan Strobosser and our missionary Alicia Hamming Navarrete (World Missions Nehemiah Centre, Nicaragua and Mike Fennema & family in Laos.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** This past Thursday Derek & Paula Salverda were blessed with a baby girl. Her name is Ella. A welcome sister for Rylan and Gavin. Everyone is doing very well!

**Interim Pastor:** Pastor Ralph Koops will begin preaching on January 8, 2012. After the service we will enjoy homemade soup prepared by wonderful volunteers. He will be preaching two times per month and doing visits on Monday's. Please contact Jake Elgersma if you would like a visit.

**CAROLING:** Come on out and do some caroling! A group will be meeting here at HCCRC at 6:30 pm on Christmas Eve to do some caroling around town. We would love to have you join us - the more the merrier! There will be refreshments here at the church afterwards. For more details, please contact Meta Griffioen.

**BANNERS:** Worship Committee is in need of Banners to be hung in the front of the church. We are in need of a variety of "Themed" Banners. We need a Baptism, Fruit of the Spirit; Mother's Day; Father's Day; The Seasons; Advent (Hope, Love, Joy, Peace); Creation etc. Are you gifted at making Banners? If not would you be willing to purchase a Banner? Please contact Nancy Kraay or Henrietta Heeg.

**CHRISTMAS INVITATIONS:** In your mailboxes there are 2 invitations. We encourage you to hand them out to neighbours or friends.

**YOUTH GROUP & CATECHISM FOR GRADE 9-12:** Jarvis Ebenezer is inviting all youth in Grade's 9-12 to attend their Thursday evening youth group meetings on Thursday's from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. The time is divided between Catechism and Youth Group. HCCRC Council encourages youth in this age group to attend these meetings.

**COUNCIL HIGHLIGHT CORRECTION: Small Groups** for married couples will begin Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 pm-8:00 pm at Hagersville CRC. This group will be led by Hilary VanderHeide and Natalie Stam. It is a 6 week Video series "**Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage**" with Mark Gungor's hilarious marriage tips and insights. Improve your marriage and reduce marital problems with Mark Gungor's exclusive advice. He is one of the most sought-out speakers on love and marriage, explores the underlying dynamics of male/female relationships, combing

striking clarity and practical solutions to common relationship woes. Mark's humor makes his teaching enjoyable, effective and memorable, helping husbands and wives remember these insights and immediately put them to work.

**2011 VIDEO PICTURES OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** That time again! We are almost done another year of memories in our church and we would like to share all of them with the church. The video of pictures from our church for 2011 will be shown on Sunday Jan 8<sup>th</sup>/12. We will need pictures of the new babies that were born this year and weddings that took place in 2011, as well as memorials. Plus pictures from couples who have had a BIG anniversary and pictures from people who have celebrated a BIG birthday for the year of 2011. Also all pictures of new families/members that have joined our church this year—if you are one of them—please send in a picture! **Sunday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>** is when I need the pictures by. If possible digital pictures **only** please (either emailed to me, burned on a cd, or your camera with the USB cable)—digital pictures are a lot easier to deal with—if you can't give me a digital picture—please drop off a picture and/or your digital source into Crystal Van Groningen's mail slot by **Sunday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>**, otherwise you can email the picture to [ecvg0710@yahoo.com](mailto:ecvg0710@yahoo.com) –no later than Dec.25th. Thanks very much!!



**SKATING/HOCKEY FOR THE ISAIAH FUND:** Please join us on Tuesday, December 27 at the Morgan Firestone Arena (Ancaster Community Centre, 385 Jerseyville Rd. W.) from 2:30-4:30pm for a fun hour of family skating and then an hour of hockey on the new ice pad! There will also be plenty of refreshments. All funds raised go to the Isaiah Fund, the Van Dijk's ministry mainly in Sierra Leone.

**CHICKENS FOR CHRISTMAS:** Please find a brochure and order form for gift cards in the lobby by the kitchen window and send it to us, or call or email your order to 905-304-6146 or [cvandijk@cvmcanada.org](mailto:cvandijk@cvmcanada.org).

**WELLINGTON ORPHANAGE:** For \$35 a month, you can make a huge difference in the life of a child in Sierra Leone. For information call Anna 905-304-6146 or email Anna [cavandijk@cogeco.ca](mailto:cavandijk@cogeco.ca).

**CHRISTIAN HORIZONS** is a non-profit, faith-based charitable organization that serves the person with exceptional needs. We are currently seeking individuals and or families to participate in our Family Home Program. This program models foster care where you invite an individual with developmental disabilities to share your home as well as offer care and support. The rewards of providing such care are immeasurable. For more informations, please contact Evelyn Schilstra, Family Home Coordinator, at 905-385-8908 or [hamiltonfh@christian-horizons.org](mailto:hamiltonfh@christian-horizons.org)

**WORLD MISSIONS** - Interested in nursing, public health, or youth ministry? Volunteer with Christian Reformed World Missions this summer on a team of North American and Filipino young adults leading workshops on HIV and AIDS prevention in schools, churches, and other settings throughout the Philippines. Up to six North American young adults are needed. For more information, visit [www.crwm.org/summer](http://www.crwm.org/summer)

**FAITH ALIVE CHRISTMAS SALE** - Save on great gift ideas including God Loves Me Storybook sets for children, "Seeking God's Face" by Philip F. Reinders, "Honest to God" by James C. Schaap, and "150" by Kevin Adams. Plus get FREE shipping on orders of \$25 or more! Sale ends December 21. Visit [FaithAliveResources.org/Gift](http://FaithAliveResources.org/Gift) or call 800-333-8300 to order.

**GROUNDWORK** - Facts and the First Christmas, Part 1: Christmas is one of the happiest times of the year. But did it really happen the way the Bible says it did? Historian Dr. Paul Maier joins Dave Bast to separate fact from fantasy as we explore the story of the first Christmas. Join the December 18th Groundwork conversation, based on Luke 2. Find a local radio station or listen online at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com).

**KIDS CORNER** - Beyond Belief: What if you had been there the night Jesus was born? Join Liz on the road to Bethlehem on this week's Kids Corner. Then contact Kids Corner at P.O. Box 5070, Burlington ON L7R3Y8, or go to [kids@kidscorner.net](mailto:kids@kidscorner.net) for your very own Bible study.

**POSITION OPENING** - The Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) has an opening for a part-time Canadian Advancement Representative for Christian Reformed Home Missions. To represent and help accomplish Christian Reformed Home Missions advancement goals in Canada. For consideration visit [www.crcna.org/jobs](http://www.crcna.org/jobs) submit a cover letter and current resume with your on-line application, by Dec. 14.

**VOLUNTEER WITH THE CRC!** - Some of the current opportunities include an Accountant and an Information Technology & Website Volunteer both in Nigeria with CRWRC, as well two opportunities with World Missions in the Dominican Republic where they are looking for a Christian Reformed School Volunteer as well as a Theological Educator to assist in some short term training, administration and mentoring. For further information on these opportunities or to see what else is available, please visit [www.crcna.org/servicelink](http://www.crcna.org/servicelink) or contact us at [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org).

**December 18, 2011**

Mother of the Month-Hilary VanderHeide  
Hilary VanderHeide, Nicole Eggink, Stephanie Petracca  
Steve & Theresa Petracca  
Bill Heeg  
Henny Arends  
Ray & Janice Miles  
Ditta Rauwerda & Trish Bouwma  
1. HCCRC Budget 2. Operation Manna

**December 25, 2011**

**NURSERY**  
**GREETERS** Brian & Julie Paterson  
**AUDIO** Andrew Heeg  
**VISUAL** Janice Miles  
**USHERS** Roger Hogeveen, Jason Healy  
**LIBRARY** Trudy Miedema, Grace Strobosser  
**OFFERINGS** 1. HCCRC Budget  
2. Haldimand Pregnancy Centre

**January 1, 2012**

Mother of the Month-Natalie Stam  
**NURSERY** Julie Paterson, Nancy Kraay, Beth Douwes  
**GREETERS** Steve & Teresa Petracca  
**AUDIO** Trevor Hogeveen  
**VISUAL** Chris Bill  
**USHERS** Darren & Katie Kraay  
**LIBRARY** Tracy Adema, Sharon Hogeveen  
**OFFERINGS** 1. HCCRC Budget  
2.

**THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b>	7:00 pm	Bible Study – The Treasure Principle
<b>Monday</b>	7:30 pm	Search Committee
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 pm	Elders Meeting

**GREETERS:** Please turn the percolator on 20 minutes before the service to avoid any noise from the percolator interrupting the service - Thanks!

**NURSERY:** If you are unable to be in the nursery when you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement to take your spot - It is important for the children as well as the other volunteers that there are enough caregivers in the Nursery on Sunday mornings.