

## HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

### Nursery

Today

### Usher

Today

### AV

### Coffee Clean Up

Today

### Scripture Readers

Today

### Children's Moment

### Elevator

### Little Lambs

Today

### Sunday School

### Offerings

Today

### Library

### Pastoral Prayer

Today

### Worship Leader



Our Church facility is equipped with an Induction Loop Assistive Listening System. See an Usher or a member of the Sound team for assistance



Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/EssexCRC](https://www.facebook.com/EssexCRC) Like us and keep informed with what is happening here!

### Church Office Hours

Tuesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

### Church Office Contact Information

519-776-5071

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From the Mat'ters – We need your milk bags for our mats. You can leave them in the grey box downstairs.



# ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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**Sunday May 10, 2020**

**Morning Worship 10:00 am**

**SUNDAY MAY 10, 2020**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

Our Church Family

**John O** brother **Casey O** has been diagnosed with cancer. Keep Casey and his family in prayer as they go forward with treatments. Also keep the extended family in prayer as they help each other during this time of physical distancing.

**Melissa, Jackson** and **Austin** were able to come home from the hospital. We thank God for his gift of children.

Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues, **Gail, Wilma** along with those who are in various nursing and retirement homes (**Pete & Betty, Cory, Diny, Nick Sr,** and **Anna**).

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

Congratulations to Amanda & Homer (Sunday). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

**All activities are cancelled for this week.**

**HUGE CADET YARD SALE – CHANGE OF DATE**

The cadets are planning to host a massive yard sale on the front yard of the church on **Saturday, July 11** which is the Essex town wide Yard Sale date.

What we need is YOUR STUFF! We need all of you to take a good look at your stuff to see what you would be willing to donate to our cause. We will take ANYTHING from artwork and armchairs to toys and tools.....baby clothes and bicycles to shoes and sports equipment.....books and board games to camping gear and cameras.

Anything will be accepted and any leftover items will be donated to the Mission Thrift Store in Windsor. Bring your items to church from now until the end of May and we will store it for the big day!!! Talk to any of the cadet leaders for details or to arrange a drop-off.

**FROM COUNCIL**

The Ontario Government has continued to advise people not to gather. **Therefore, Council has cancelled all our worship services and activities for the month of May.** Council wants to remind us to keep in contact with our church members and encourages all of us to keep safe. If you have any concerns or needs, please let your Community Elder know. Community lists are found in the Church Directory.

The April 2020 Banner is ready for pick up on the back table.

Weekly Offerings

Today's offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN** and **WORLD RENEW.**

Support Moms and Babies on Mother's Day - Today is Mother's Day and Maternal and Child Health Sunday with World Renew. Whether you are meeting in church or online due to social distancing, you can honour your mother with a gift that helps protect the health of mothers and babies in places of extreme poverty. Your gifts will help train local health volunteers who walk alongside new mothers at every stage to provide them with safety, care, and hope. You can also give online at [worldrenew.ca/mchsunday](http://worldrenew.ca/mchsunday)

May 17 offering is for Matthew House. This offering will help the Matthew House which is a Christian organization supported by churches and individuals of different denominations to help refugees who are fleeing for their lives and coming to Canada. They are not part of any government program and receive no subsidies directly from the government. Since the inception of Matthew House about 500 refugees have been helped to establish themselves. Please give generously to help this Windsor-based organization help others get a start in Canada.

**ATTENTION CONGREGATION**

We have the greatest news! We have twin baby boys joining our congregation. Congratulations Eric and Melissa. We would like to help out by having a diaper drive. Pampers would be appreciated. Not sure about buying diapers, that's okay. PC gift cards would be appreciated also. If you would like to help, please drop them off at the church on Tuesday mornings between 10:00 – 12:00 noon.

**COUNCIL REPORT**

Council met on Wednesday evening through Zoom. Zoom is a video conferencing website that allows everyone to meet from home online. During this time of physical distancing, Council will be using this service until they can meet in person.

Items discussed:

- Nominations of Elder and Deacon. More information will come when they have the nominations complete.
- Purchase of Zoom Pro. Council agrees to purchase Zoom Pro for future meetings.

**PLAN TO WATCH CANDIDATE STEVE VANDYK ON MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>**

Pastoral candidate Steve Vandyk, will be preaching at Essex virtually on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. The Search Committee encourages you to watch the sermon presented by Steve because we are considering calling him to Essex. Please pray for Steve and his wife Rosanne as he finishes out his schooling and is presented for ministry at Synod. If you have any further questions don't hesitate to contact: Ashley, Ben Jr., Dan, Gerry, Greg Y., or Sarah.

### **FAMILY FIRE**

Is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

### **PAR – PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE PROGRAM**

When the Pre-Authorized Remittance Program was established for our congregation the intent of the program was to allow donations to the Financial Ministry Plan of the church only. Some members have expressed a desire to be able to contribute to additional causes during the period when we are unable to be together on Sunday mornings. Effective as of the May 20<sup>th</sup> PAR Remittance, members who are enrolled in the PAR program will also be able to designate a second contribution amount that will be collected for Diaconal Causes. Please note that only one additional cause can be accommodated under this program. By designating funds to Diaconal Causes, the Deacons will be able to review needs monthly and forward funds accordingly. For those already enrolled in PAR who would like to contribute to Diaconal Causes as well, please e-mail Peter or call after 6:00 PM.

If you are interested in enrolling in the Pre-Authorized Remittance Program and want some additional details or help setting it up, please contact Peter.

### **PRAYER BOX**

Prayer requests can be placed in the box at the back of the church & they will be prayed for during the Tuesday morning prayer & Bible study time.

### **ONLINE RESOURCES FOR CHRISTIANS WITH INTERNAL STRUGGLES**

Christians aren't immune from ongoing mental and emotional struggles, and there are many ways to cope. Yet some Christians feel they've tried them all and aren't much better off. After moving past such struggles, I worked to create and share some online peer-designed learning aids that may help these believers. They aren't for everyone, but they might be right for you. Can you quote many Bible verses about issues like anxiety or discouragement but seem unable to turn your knowledge into meaningful change in real life? Are you solution-oriented and committed, but what you've tried hasn't improved your quality of life much? On this website you can explore many free resources related to internal change to experiment with on your own, or you can investigate a six-month online learning aid for anxiety designed to ease keep you from being overwhelmed as it builds skills, includes your Christian faith, and creates community with group participation. To access the free resources or apply for the online learning, visit [actinreallife.com](http://actinreallife.com) ~ Coba Veldkamp, Founder, ACT in Real Life

### **YOUR OPINION ON WORSHIP MATTERS!**

CRCNA in Canada seeks to answer the following question: "How do we, in the area of worship, address the needs of churches living within a broad range of cultural contexts, ie Eastern, Western, Central Canada etc.?" This is your chance to be heard, regardless of age, gender, membership or position in leadership. If you would like to have your unique voice heard, please email [survey@crcna.org](mailto:survey@crcna.org) with the subject line: Please send me a survey!

### **AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP**

Today is Mother's Day. For some it's a joyous occasion. For others, it's a reminder of grief. Whatever your experience, give thanks today for the women in your life (biological mothers, adoptive mothers, mentors, teachers, and others) who pointed you toward Jesus and helped you along your faith journey. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

### **GET THE BANNER BY EMAIL**

Stay connected with our weekly e-newsletter, the Banner Update, which delivers to you new online content for free. Signup at [www.thebanner.org/signup](http://www.thebanner.org/signup)

### **KEEP THE BANNER GOING!**

It's our annual appeal time. The Banner is delivered free in print and online to every household in the CRC, and this annual donation appeal makes it possible. If you haven't given to The Banner yet, please give online now at [www.thebanner.org/donate](http://www.thebanner.org/donate)