**CONGREGATIONAL ASSISTANCE PLAN (CAP):** Shalem Mental Health Network provides professional faith-based counselling services to our church through the CAP ministry. CAP usage is confidential and available to all congregants, at no cost for the first 6 sessions. To book an appt, or for more info, please call Shalem directly at: 905-528-0353, 1-866-347-0041, or text 289-335-3543, or email office@shalemnetwork.org.

**SHALEM MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK**

***Creating Our Way Back into Community***

A recent conversation highlighted the power of creative expression to support mental health, dignity, and connection for adults with disabilities or for those who see themselves on the margins. Experiences shared through the Images of God project and at Shalem's RE-create Outreach Studio confirm how art can be a source of transformation, hope and belonging. Art is a conduit for accessible and humanizing pathways to mental health, well-being and spiritual expression. In the Images of God project, the participants' responses and photos capture the theological heart of faith and their relationships with God. Art opens up spaces, enables us to see and understand through someone else's eyes and speaks in ways that words cannot always capture, allowing us to we create our way back to one another and into community.

**MID-AMERICA REFORMED SEMINARY**

**MID-AMERICA REFORMED SEMINARY'S** Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference returns October 2–3, 2026, at Bethel Church in Lansing, IL, with a focus on biblical hospitality. Join us for two days of teaching, panel discussions, and worship designed to equip your church to better welcome and enfold others into its life. Early Bird registration is open through May 31. Learn more and register today at midamerica.edu/cme/conference.

TEEN CHALLENGE

ONTARIO WOMEN'S CENTRE

**KING'S RIDING GOLF CLASSIC**

**JOIN US ON AUGUST 18TH, 2026**

**King's Riding Golf Club**
**14700 Bathurst St, King City, ON**

**Whether you're ready for the PGA or putt-putt is your specialty, your golf swing can make a difference! Join Teen Challenge Ontario Women's Centre Golf Classic. Every dollar raised directly supports women on their journey to overcome addiction. Grab your clubs and some friends to bring restoration and hope!**

**Register here!**

**For general inqurries contact us at owc.events@teenchallenge.ca**


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Jennings Creek Church Office Hours : **Wednesday 11-2:30; Thursday 9-3 & Friday 9-12:30**



# Jennings Creek
## CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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## This Issue

### LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE SCHEDULE: 2026

**Sunday, July 26, 2026**
**Sunday, September 20, 2026**
*Please join us. Everyone welcome*

### GROWING IN FAITH:

**Family & Faith Formation Night:** Thank you to all of our volunteers and participants for making these ministries successful. Truth Seekers, Club Kingdom Builders & Youth are have wrapped up for the year here at the church. They will start back up in the fall.

**Ladies Bible Study:** Coffee Break has wrapped up for the year. It will resume in the fall and run every Thursday at 9:30am; Nursery is available. (Sept. to May). Thank you to all of our leaders.

Precept Bible Study have wrapped up for the year. Classes will pick back up again in the fall. Milly Nokes is the leader.

**Odyssey** takes place every 4th Sunday of the month. Youth are released after the Sermon. Classes have wrapped up for the year and will start again in the fall.

***Something for everyone and everyone is welcome!***

### NEXT MONTH'S COUNCIL MEETING:

Next council meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6th, at 7:30pm. Council packets will be distributed on the Friday prior to the Council Meeting.

**Margaret (Maggie) Edney:** Graduating at Heritage Christian School Senior Kindergarten to Grade 1.

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Our other 2026 Graduates are featured on page 3...

*May you have courage to use your gifts in new ways and places.*

## Monthly Finance Updates

**OFFERING TOTAL RESULTS: JUNE 2026**

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| Church Ministry Budget | $24,145.83 |
| *Special Offerings* | |
| Kawaartha Mission | $115.00 |
| Heritage Christian School | $7,560.28 |
| W/R Mom's of Hope | $215.00 |
| Centre Community Church | $40.00 |
| Deacons | $585.00 |
| Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre | $2,011.86 |
| ReFrame Ministries | $6,187.42 |
| Resonate Global Mission | $190.00 |
| CRCNA Candidacy Committee | $435.00 |
| Indigenous Ministry | $745.00 |
| W/R Refugee Sunday | $519.00 |
| Deacons: Johnathan Fritz Camp | $800.00 |
| A Place Called Home | $100.00 |
| World Renew | $5,947.42 |
| CRCNA Ministry Shares | $2,973.71 |
| Sound & Visual Equipment Upgrade | $14,200.00 |
| Facility Rental Income | $600.00 |
| **TOTAL INCOME FOR JUNE** | **$67,370.52** |
| **YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL** | **$273,856.73** |

*This is the month in summary and includes Sunday morning Offerings, and May's PAR & GIVE App totals.*

## Church Family

**AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER:**

If you have something that you would like to share with the congregation, please submit to the church office. Deadline for contributions is the Wednesday (9:00am) prior to the end of the month. The Newsletter will be posted online on the 1st Sunday of the month to update everyone on what is going on in our church, community and beyond. There will be a limited amount of copies available on the Welcome Centre for those individuals that do not have internet and for guests.

**HERITAGE UPDATE:**

Gift card profits for the months of **June** was **$1848.87.**

If you would like to purchase gift cards or would like more information, please contact **Hank Bossema at 705-328-2061**.

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# News

**SUMMARY OF CLASSIS QUINTE – MAY 26, 2026**

Delegates and guests were welcomed by Pastor Ben VanStraten, and Pastor Brad Close opened the meeting with a word of prayer. Opening devotions were led by Gary VanderMeulen, who spoke on foundations – God's righteousness and justice is our foundation.

Rob Kloosterman led us through the treasurer's report, and the work of the treasurer was approved. We thanked Rob and Debbie Feddema (the new bookkeeper) for their good work.

Pastor Ryan Braam gave his report as chair of the CIC. Bill Groot-Nibbelink was thanked for his 2 terms of service on the CIC and John Batterink's work on the board of World Renew was recognized. Pastor Ryan explained that the CIC does the work of classis between meetings, and that one of the decisions made was to ask each church to submit numbers of council members, number of those affirming the covenant, and number of those who submitted a gravamen. These numbers were submitted on the credentials for this meeting.

**New roles were approved:** Pastor Josh Tuininga will serve on the CIC, Pastor Mark Jallim will serve on the Home Missions Committee, and Ron VanAuken will serve a second term on the Council of Delegates.

Pastor Tom Baird and Pastor Rita Klein-Geltink were both granted the status of minister emeritus.

**SUMMARY OF CLASSIS QUINTE – MAY 26, 2026**

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Pastor Elizabeth Guillaume-Koene was granted a release from ministry under Article 14B of the church order.

Gary VanderMeulen was granted a License to Exhort in Classis Quinte, and is available to the churches for preaching assignments.

The Classis Quinte Ministerial Leadership Team noted the following:

**1.** We celebrate Amanda Mason's graduation from Calvin Seminary. She will be presented as a candidate at synod.

**2.** Patrick Bigelow and Ryan Nirula continue in their studies.

**3.** Funding will be changing, from 100% of tuition plus small travel stipend. Classis will be changing the funding rate to cover 100% of tuition after Calvin's bursaries plus an amount for books.

**4.** A learning plan has been put into place for Nikita Abraham and Abigail Jallim.

Susan LaClear, director of candidacy for Calvin Seminary, spoke to classis regarding Leadership Development in the CRCNA. Many programs are offered in different formats and are a blessing our leadership.

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News

For updates, please go to www.calvinseminary.edu. Latest reports are also posted on the Classis Quinte website.

Pastor Shawn Brix, our regional pastor, encouraged the churches to care for their pastors.

**Love Your Pastor -** love their preaching, their spouses, their children, with your complaints, when you don't understand him, because God loves you, and pray for them.

Ryan Nirula presented the In Loco report regarding Grace CRC.

As the reporter of the In Loco committee, Ryan thanked Grace CRC for their willingness to meet. He then summarized the report, ending with the following recommendations:

The committee recommends that Classis request the following prior to the May Classis meeting:

**1.** Engagement with church visitors to assist in clarifying confessional posture and developing a time-bound plan

**2.** A clear statement from Grace CRC regarding whether council and pastor are able to affirm the confessions and synodical interpretations without reservation, or intend to enter the gravamen process

**3.** Identification of steps being taken toward participation in classis consistent with the Covenant for Officebearers

**4.** A defined timeline outlining anticipated steps toward resolution

Grace CRC was granted an extension to June 30, 2026.

Fellowship CRC of Port Perry was also granted a one year extension period of grace prayerfully discern the way forward.

Ron VanAuken reported on behalf of the Council of Delegates, who spoke about the church being family – sometimes you need to give and sometimes you need to receive.

**The Banner –** Chong was replaced by Lora Copley, and this needs to be ratified by Synod 2026.

Doing More with Less – the CRCNA is facing financial challenges, and to meet those challenges the COD recommends reducing the number of classis and having synod meet every other year.

The COD ponders our reason for being, and went through a SWOT analysis: strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats. What do we need to start doing, stop doing, do more, do less and do differently? What are the stresses on our staff, our members, our facilities, our financial resources? What do we want and what do we need?

Ron reminds us that the Council of Delegates is meant to be a channel of information – not just a place for reports and decision making.

Hank DeJong, from Redeemer University thanked classis for their support of Redeemer University. When generous donations, tuition has been kept under $10,000 for the 1100 students in attendance. Several new programs are created, notably in counselling and church leadership. Classis Quinte has 20 students attending! For more updates regarding Redeemer University, go to www.redeemer.ca. Reports are also posted on the Classis Quinte website.

We received the report from Calvin Seminary who celebrated 150 years of raising up leaders for the CRC. Looking forward, they are pleased to have a new MDiv curriculum (3 years/4 years), new Counseling degree, new Apprenticeship Model (Empower), new Commissioned Pastor Certificate, and a new Tuition Parity Initiative. These initiatives have made an impact! 412 students – largest enrollment in decades, 60 Canadian students, 85% of Canadians are online, 40% are CRCNA, 31 Countries.

Mrs. Heidi Blokland was voted in to serve on the board of Calvin Theological Seminary.

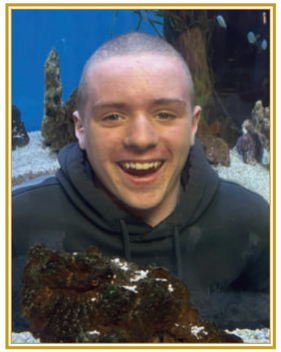
Full minutes are available at www.classisquinte.com.

## AVAILABLE RESOURCES

## CAN YOU HELP SEND ME TO CAMP?

**FUNDRAISER:** Johnathan is getting ready to attend camp. For 2 weeks in July he will enjoy activities with his friends that he has made over the past 11 yrs. This is the highlight of his summer. The cost is **$2350**. Would you help in raising funds to achieve this? Please see **Ernie or Kim Griffeon,** or talk to Johnathan.
Donations can also be made via the ***GIVE App*** via the "DEACONS: Johnathan Fritz Camp Fundraiser" or you can put it in the offering plate just please make sure it is clearly marked that it is for Johnathan Fritz Camp Fundraiser.

# OUR CLASS OF 2026 GRADUATES



**Blake Tamsma:** Graduating Grade 8 at Heritage Christian School. Moving on to St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School.

**Summer Bandstra:** Graduated as an RPN at Durham College in Oshawa. I will be bridging to an RN and have been accepted at Trent University in Peterborough, starting in September. I am excited to see what the future holds.

**Avery Page:** Avery graduated grade 12 from St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School. Avery has already started his apprenticeship with Equipment Ontario here in Lindsay for Heavy Equipment Technician.

**Faith Mulock:** Graduated from Lakehead University. Future Plans: Elementary School Teacher.

**Mya Tamsma:** Graduating grade 12 from St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School. Taking a gap year and working

**Taylor Pypker:** Graduating from The University of Toronto - Masters of Social Work Program. Working for the City of Kawartha Lakes as a Clinical Social Worker

**Mackenzie Greidanus:** I'm graduating grade 12 from St. Thomas Aquinas, and am going to Durham College in September for Photography.

**Taylor Thalen:** Graduated from the University of Ottawa with a Master of Science in Nursing. Starting the Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner program at Toronto Metropolitan University in September.