



Duncan Christian Reformed Church

930 Trunk Road, Duncan, British Columbia, V9L 2S1

May 10, 2020



From Pastor Kevin

Sunday, May 10's Sermon will be found on the Church website www.duncancrc.org and on Pastor Kevin's Church Facebook page.

Pastor Kevin is posting regular videos of encouragement and devotions on our church's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/duncancrc/>. If you're not "on" Facebook, you can still visit the page and watch the videos. If you are on Facebook, please like and follow the page.

We also have a Facebook group where regular church attenders can communicate:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/duncancrcfamily>

From the Deacons

Offering

During this time when the Worship Services are cancelled, you can drop off your offerings or contributions to the office during business hours or you can mail them to the church.

Church Office is open this week, Monday - Friday, 9 - 12 noon.

Church Address is 930 Trunk Rd, Duncan, V9L 2S1

Give by e-Transfer

In addition to dropping off or mailing your offerings, we are now setup to receive your offerings through Interac ETransfer from your bank online.

Log in to your bank's online banking and navigate to the Send Interac e-Transfer area. Your first time using this method you will need to add giving@duncancrc.org as a new recipient. (You can leave the mobile phone number blank, and if it asks for a security question you can make up anything - we are setup for auto-deposit so the security question will not be used.) To designate a portion of your offering to a specific cause, note the amount for that cause(s) in the note with your transfer. Any undesignated funds will go to Church Ministries.

Offering for Sunday, May 10: Church Ministries and (World Renew Maternal and Child Health)
Write the cheque to Duncan CRC and the cause in the memo line.

Offering for Sunday, May 17: Church Ministries

Deacon Care

On behalf of the Deacons, we know we are living in troubling and unprecedented times. If you find yourself in need of any kind and would like / need some assistance, please contact your deacons. Phone Lawrence. Stay safe.

Offering for this Sunday, May 10

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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.



Thank you from Resonate Global Mission (World Missions & Home Missions)

Dear Congregation of Duncan CRC: Thank you for giving generously during this crisis. As coronavirus ravages our world, we see its effects in every context where your missionaries and church planters are at work—your gift comes at a critical time. Right now, you are helping missionaries, church planters, and other ministry leaders around the world respond. You are standing with them in declaring that gospel mission is essential. Your gift helps keep ministry going both here in North America and in countries overseas. Your ministry leaders depend on mission-minded people like you—they can't stay on the field without you! Thanks to your support, new Christians still have someone to walk alongside them during this crisis. Missional leaders have mentors and resources to adapt to the new needs in their communities. And people are hearing the message of the gospel, some of them for the first time. We are grateful that you are continuing to care for your ministry leaders. You can stay updated on how Resonate is responding to the coronavirus crisis and read stories of God at work on a special page on our website. Visit www.resonateglobalmission.org/covid19 for news, prayer requests, and more. Thank you for all you do!

In Christ, Kevin DeRaaf Acting Canada Director

Announcements

Cancelled at the Church:

Everything until further notice.

The Church Alarm will be set at 7 pm every evening and disarmed at 8 am every morning.
The Church Office will be open Monday - Friday of this week.

Today Devotionals

The Today Devotionals for May and June have not yet arrived at the Church.

The Banner

The latest Banner is at the Church and can be picked up when you enter by the Office door. 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

Church Family

Birthdays this Week:
Wednesday, May 13: Deen K, Reuben V
Thursday, May 14: Christine S
Saturday, May 16: Joyce D, Sandy V, Audrey V

Gifts & Tithes

Church Ministries	8,440.00
Cowichan Valley Hospice	75.00
Food Grains Bank	250.00
GEMS Fed.	55.00
Resonate Global Mission	5.00
World Renew	50.00
Diaconal Ministries "New Ground"	65.00

From CRC Communications

Excerpts from an online Banner Article

A yearning for community seems implanted deep within the human heart. Yet so much in modern society pushes us in the opposite direction. We worship individualism. Society is constructed as if “I” is at the center of everything.

A more serious philosophical foundation lies beneath all this. Since the Enlightenment, Western culture has been constructed around the rights of the individual. Political life, economic systems, and social arrangements begin with the primacy of the self. That’s where we start from, and we build from there.

You might be wondering if all this is bad. Of course not. None of us would want to give up the liberating advances of political systems that threw off the tyranny of the divine right of kings. The movement for human rights around the world has opened space to free millions from oppression. We’ve witnessed the punishing effects of collectivist economic systems. And anyone studying psychology knows the essential need for pathways of self-actualization in the journey toward emotional maturity.

Yet life that places the self solely at the center ultimately becomes self-destructive. That’s a theological truth, but one also evidenced sociologically, politically, economically, and psychologically.

Biblical wisdom has a different starting point. God’s saving work always moves toward creating a faithful community of God’s people. The inspiring stories of the Old Testament are framed around calling, liberating, and leading the people of Israel as a covenant community.

Jesus always called people not only to follow him, but to join with other disciples in doing so. On his last night with them before his crucifixion, he washed the feet of those closest to him, yearning for his love to bind them to one another. On the day of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Spirit came to create the community of God’s people as the body of Christ, the church. As the church’s emerging life is recorded in Acts and the epistles, this continuing story describes the work of God’s Spirit to form a community of those bound together as one in Christ’s love. Paul’s declaration in 1 Corinthians 12 that we are parts of one body and members of one another is as sharp a rebuke to the heresy of individualism that one can find.

Obviously one expects that the grace of God, through the ministry and sacraments of a local congregation, should meet the needs of the human heart. One wants congregational life to be fulfilling. But such fulfillment should come primarily not through the satisfaction of isolated, individual needs but through the transformation of one’s life to share and give as a member of God’s community of people.

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