



In this church we understand that we are all  
broken people who are being restored through Jesus –  
the only One who can heal, forgive sins,  
and grow our relationship with the Father.

Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit fills us so fully  
with the love of Christ, that we continually  
encourage each other to learn more about  
God's truth, to grow deeper in our  
relationships, and to serve authentically  
wherever God leads us.

The desire of Smithville Christian Reformed Church, and of its members, is to welcome all who  
have a desire to grow in their relationship with God. Our prayer is that you find fellowship here,  
and feel God's presence as we worship together in our Father's house.

**A place for everyone.  Come as you are.**

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## OUR VALUES

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### **WE VALUE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST**

because He offers abundant life

### **WE VALUE GOD'S WORD**

because it is the truth that directs our lives, our homes, our communities, and our worship

### **WE VALUE PRAYER**

because it is the vital connection that keeps us in constant communication with God

### **WE VALUE WORSHIP**

because it is God's purpose for our lives

### **WE VALUE PEOPLE**

because everyone matters to God

### **WE VALUE SERVING**

because it is what Christ taught us to do

### **WE VALUE MISSIONAL LIVING**

because it is an obedient response to the Great Commission

## OUR HISTORY

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In January 1973, as a result of a growing church community at Riverside CRC in Wellandport, a Christian Reformed congregation was formed in the neighbouring community of Smithville. A group of 65 families, including Riverside families, as well as a few families from other surrounding Christian Reformed Churches, began gathering together in the gymnasium of the College Street Public School for Sunday morning worship services. By April of 1973, it was decided to add an afternoon service as well.

The consistory of the Riverside Christian Reformed Church requested Classis Hamilton for permission to institute the Christian Reformed Church of Smithville. At a congregational meeting on July 1, 1973, office bearers were chosen and a new congregation was officially formed.

In September of 1973 a planning committee was appointed to look into purchasing a parcel of land for a new church building. On June 2, 1975 the congregation assembled for a sod turning ceremony. The new church building was dedicated on April 23, 1976.

In the late 1980's and early 1990's after years of modest growth there was a reduction in members as some members left the CRC denomination. By the early 2000's, our congregation began experiencing growth once again, and this trend continued. It was a true blessing to our church community. Throughout our history Smithville CRC has been a church dedicated to biblical teaching, compassionate stewardship and community service.

In September of 2017, after 3 years of planning and fundraising, Smithville CRC celebrated another ground breaking ceremony for our new build. For one year we gathered for Sunday worship next door in the SCHS gymnasium.

In September of 2018 the congregation of Smithville Christian Reformed Church began worship in a new accessible facility, with adequate meeting and worship space for a growing church community. What a blessing.

## LOCAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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### **Cairn Christian School**

Cairn Christian School in Smithville is an independent JK-Grade 8 Christian School whose mission is to inspire students to love, learn, and lead together in God's world. We work diligently to ensure that our schools (we have a sister school in Stoney Creek) are excellent, inclusive, and integrally Christian in their approach. Our schools are happy to be places where Christians from over thirty different churches flesh out together what it means to serve God and each other in education. Our community character traits (Curiosity, Compassion, Collaboration, Perseverance, Integrity and Joy) outline how we are 'Connected in Christ' and strive to grow intellectually, physically, and spiritually. [cairnchristianschool.ca](http://cairnchristianschool.ca)



### **Smithville Christian High School**

Smithville Christian High School is an independent Christian school in the heart of the beautiful Niagara Region. Offering excellent, Christ-centred education to students in Grades 9 to 12, our core purpose is to train students to live as responsible disciples of Jesus Christ. We accomplish this purpose by shaping our instruction and relationships around our core values: Belong, Believe, and Succeed. [smithvillechristian.ca](http://smithvillechristian.ca)



### **Redeemer University**

Redeemer University is a private not-for-profit Christian liberal arts and sciences university located in Ancaster, Ontario. Redeemer is a degree granting institution with degree programs approved by the Province of Ontario. Redeemer's Bachelor of Education program is accredited by the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) and the Marketing BBA program is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Marketing Management of Ontario (CIMMO).

Redeemer has been preparing students to reflect the love of Jesus Christ in every career and calling for more than 40 years.

Redeemer students are being shaped by the Reformed Christian commitment to see faith woven through all aspects of learning and life. [redeemer.ca](http://redeemer.ca)

## OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

From infants to seniors, there are many opportunities to meet new people and make new friendships at this church. If you would like to learn more about any of the ministries we offer, please call or email the office for more information.



**Sons and Daughters** is a Sunday School program offered every Sunday morning. Children Age 3 to Grade 3 are dismissed partway through the service for an age-appropriate Bible lesson, games and activities!



**GEMS | Girls Grades 4 - 8** is a girls' club that meets the first three Wednesday evenings each month from 7 to 8:30 pm (Oct - April). Evenings include Bible study, singing, badge work, crafts, games, and special fun nights and events. It is an opportunity for the girls to meet in a fun environment and grow together, both socially and spiritually, with loving mentors who help them to understand their value in Christ and what it means to follow Him.



**Cadets | Boys Grades 4 - 8** is a boys' club that meets weekly on Monday evenings from 7 to 8:30 pm (Sept-April). Activities include Bible study, woodworking, kub-kar building and racing, gym nights, and an annual winter and summer camp out. Boys are challenged to grow in character and skills, and in what it means to live for Jesus by passionate leaders who seek to model Christ.



**Grades 9 - 12** It is important for our youth to be mentored by a group of leaders who are passionate about building relationships and modelling Christ as they engage. Teens are challenged at Youth to know God's Word, to put their faith into action, and to discover their God-given gifts and purpose. Activities, games, worship, small group Bible studies and service outings are enjoyed Sunday nights at the church from 7 - 9 pm. Extra events and social nights are planned throughout the year. Short-term mission opportunities are also offered. Youth can join anytime!



Join a vibrant group (**Ages 18 to 30**) that gathers every other Sunday evening, offering a unique blend of community, faith, and practical life skills. Our meetings are a dynamic mix, alternating between engaging social nights and enriching Bible study sessions. It's a fantastic opportunity to grow personally and spiritually. Don't miss out on the chance to connect, learn, and thrive with us!



**Quest for Faith** (Profession of Faith) is a class offered to anyone interested in learning more about the Christian Reformed faith, or in becoming a professing member of this church. If you are interested in taking this class, please connect with us and our Pastor will gladly set up a time to meet with you.



**Coffee Break Ladies Group** is a casual setting where women can make new friends, share a cup of coffee, and discover new insights from the Bible. No previous Bible knowledge is necessary. Coffee Break meets Tuesdays, beginning the 3rd week in September, from 9:30 - 11 am. Run concurrently to Coffee Break, **Mom-to-Mom Groups** offer Biblically-based parenting studies and discussion. Childcare is provided for the children of ladies attending these programs.



**Men's Life** is a place where men casually meet to share their faith and concerns, with Bible study and prayer. Men's Life meets bi-weekly on Saturday mornings from 8 - 9:30 am, from October-April. An empty chair is waiting for you!



**Seniors Group** is a great place for seniors to enjoy fellowship, Bible study and games. We meet Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 11:30 am. Special outings and activities are planned throughout the year. Newcomers are always welcome!





**COR13's** hope is to create a safe space for regular adult social connections; a place where individuals are warmly welcomed and enfolded. Various barriers may prevent individuals from experiencing a sense of community: lack of safe spaces, fear/anxiety, being under the autism spectrum or dealing with other intellectual disabilities, or being unable to drive. COR13 aims to break down these barriers and help participants experience the joy of belonging, and to see the incredible value each person has. Our love for one another is rooted in the deep love shown to us through Jesus Christ, as spoken of in 1 Corinthians 13. This group meets on certain Friday evenings.



**Sew & Share** is a ministry opportunity for those with a passion for sewing. Sewers are invited to use their skills in this creative group that meets monthly with the purpose of making specific projects for charity, blessing others with the love of Christ both locally and globally. Contact us to find out more.



Discover the amazing influence grandparents, and great-grandparents can have on the lives of their families. This group meets one Friday evening a month to share and discuss what it means to be an intentional grandparent for this generation and the generations to come.



**Alpha** is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question and is designed to create conversation. No two alpha's look the same - they run in coffee shops, churches, prisons, bars, universities, schools and homes. There is no pressure - no follow up - and no charge. It is an open and informal honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together.



**Friendship Ministries** is a safe place where individuals with intellectual disabilities can be mentored and experience God's love. Friendship ministry meets at Mountainview CRC in Grimsby on Thursday nights, from 7:30 - 9 pm.

## OUR COMMUNITY

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Smithville, Ontario (current population of 4,500) is a small, pleasant community located in the hub of the beautiful Niagara Peninsula.

Founded in 1787 on Twenty Mile Creek by United Empire Loyalists, Smithville has become the commercial and administrative hub of West Lincoln as part of the region of Niagara. A residential area with a commercial centre, it is surrounded by mixed farm land hosting poultry, dairy, crops and vineyards.

The Niagara Peninsula lies as a plain between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario and is bordered by the Niagara River which also serves as the Canada/USA border. The Niagara region enjoys all four seasons with moderated summers and winters (27 degrees Celsius to - 7.7 degrees Celsius) and with adequate rainfall. Plant and Wildlife are abundant amongst the local fields and forests.

Within close proximity are St Catharines, Hamilton and Toronto which are easily accessible within a 35 minute drive, as is the US border crossing at Buffalo NY. All provide transportation opportunities such as international airports, passenger rail and highway centres. These centres also provide wonderful employment, culture and shopping and further education options including:

## Arts/Theatre/Music

- Royal Botanical Gardens
- Art Gallery of Hamilton
- Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum
- National Ballet of Canada
- Toronto Symphony Orchestra
- Shaw Festival
- Niagara on the Lake -Niagara Wine Route
- Numerous town festivals
- Royal Ontario Museum
- Ontario Science Center
- Toronto Zoo
- Canadian Opera Company
- Incredible Live Theatre Companies
- Movie Theatres

## Sports:

- Smithville Arena for minor hockey
- Smithville Leisureplex - soccer, football & baseball fields
- CFL Hamilton Tigercats, Toronto Argonauts
- NFL Buffalo Bills
- NHL - Toronto Maple Leafs, Buffalo Sabres
- OHL - Niagara Ice Dogs
- MLB - Toronto Blue Jays
- NBA - Toronto Raptors

## Recreation:

- Bruce Trail hiking
- Golf Courses
- Niagara Falls Attractions
- Ontario Provincial Parks
- Ontario Cottage Country
- Canada's Wonderland

## Shopping:

- **Smithville:** Foodland, Home Hardware, Giant Tiger, Pharmacies, Banks (local)
- **Grimsby:** Canadian Tire, Sobeys, Canadian Superstore, Food Basics, Rona, The Dutch Shop, and so much more (12-15kms)
- **Hamilton and St. Catharines:** Limeridge Mall, Eastgate Square, Pen Centre, Walmart, Home Depot, Costco, etc. (25-30kms)

## Post-Secondary Education:

- Redeemer University College
- Brock University
- Mohawk College
- Niagara College
- McMaster University

## CURRENT SMITHVILLE CRC STAFF

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<b>Whitney Vanderberg</b>	<i>Communications Administrator</i>
<b>Caryn Tilstra</b>	<i>Office Administrator</i>
<b>Christa Feddema</b>	<i>Custodian</i>
<b>Jessica Posthumus</b>	<i>Ministry Coordinator</i>
<b>Terry Posthumus</b>	<i>Worship Coordinator</i>
<b>Carol Pot</b>	<i>Treasurer</i>