

Georgetown Christian Reformed Church

Celebrates 50 Years

Rooted in Christ - Growing in Faith



Trafalgar Rd. - 1987



Stewarttown Hall - 1957



55 Main St. North - 1962



Trafalgar Rd. - 1967



Trafalgar Rd. - 2004

GCRC Celebrates 50 years

One of the largest congregations in Halton Hills, the Georgetown Christian Reformed Church (GCRC), is joyfully marking its 50th anniversary this month.

Since 1957 the church, on Trafalgar Rd., north of Maple Ave., has grown into a caring and supportive congregation of more than 600 members that includes Christians of all ages. Many of the 98 people who formed the original congregation are still represented in the Church's membership today.

GCRC held its first service in the old Stewarttown Hall on January 27, 1957. The church later moved to a renovated dairy in downtown Georgetown and in 1967 to a new church on Trafalgar Rd. This building, having since undergone two expansions, is now one of the largest in Halton Hills with a seating capacity of over 600.

The two regular services held each Sunday (10 a.m. and 6 p.m.) are led by the lead pastor, Rev. Gary van Leeuwen or the associate pastor, Rev. Ted Bootsma.

GCRC offers a wide range of Christian educational ministries, including Cadets and GEMS for the youth; special services for groups of mentally and physically challenged adults and community programs such as Just Me and the Kids, a course for single parents and their children. Other programs at GCRC serve youth, young mothers and seniors. Bible study classes are ongoing.

Last year the church deacons hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for those who were alone or new to Georgetown. The deacons plan to make this an annual event.

Members of the congregation volunteer for a wide variety of local charities, clubs, and organizations. The church occasionally, as is the case presently, sponsors and aids in the settlement of refugee families in Georgetown. Martin Boomsma and Tom Schenk, long-standing members of the congregation, were both named Georgetown Citizens of the Year in recent years.

Nearly a thousand churches are part of the Christian Reformed Church network in North America. In Canada the denomination has more than 78,000 members from B.C. to Nova Scotia.

GCRC, located across from Jones Funeral Home, will hold a special 50th anniversary program on Saturday, May 19 and Sunday, May 20 - the Victoria Day weekend. Area residents are invited to attend these events:

- Saturday, May 19, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.: A "standup reception social" at Georgetown District Christian School (next to church). Followed by an hour-long program commemorating the anniversary at 7:30 p.m. in the church.
- Sunday, May 20: 10 a.m. A Special thanksgiving service at GCRC with refreshments being served afterwards in the fellowship hall.

For more information on GCRC and some of its denominational agencies check out the following websites: www.gcrc.on.ca and www.crcna.org



CIBC - The Manager & Staff of CIBC Main St.

Congratulations on your 50th.

JONES FUNERAL HOME

We wish you the very best, in the future. Congratulations.

ROYAL LE PAGE MEADOWTOWNE REALTY

Congratulations on fifty years of service to the congregation and the community. We encourage you in your continuing witness of the Reformed Faith in Halton Hills.

- Tony & Carol Walraven

GEORGETOWN CHORAL SOCIETY

Congratulations to Georgetown Christian Reformed Church on your 50th Anniversary. Thank you for the use of your beautiful Sanctuary

HOWELL PIPE & SUPPLY

We wish you Gods Blessing on your 50th Anniversary.

GEORGETOWN CHILDREN CHORUS

Happy 50th Anniversary! The fact that you're growing stronger every day is a result of your great faith and passion for your church. Thanks for allowing us to rehearse in your wonderful church and congratulations!

BENNETT VILLAGE

Congratulations on your 50th Anniversary.

INDEPENDENT & FREE PRESS

Congratulations and Best Wishes on the occasion of your 50th Anniversary.

GEORGETOWN MARKET PLACE

Congratulations on your 50th Anniversary.

GEORGETOWN NURSERY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Congratulations on your 50th Anniversary from all the children at Georgetown Nursery School.

KEATES-GEISSLER PIPE ORGANS

We would like to express our congratulations on your 50th Anniversary.

VERSTRATE TRAVEL & CRUISES

Aurora & St. Catherines wishes you Gods Blessings in the years to come.

ROBERTSON HALL INSURANCE

Best wishes and blessings from the staff of Robertson Hall Insurance to the Georgetown Christian Reformed Church.

GEORGETOWN TERMINAL WAREHOUSES

Congratulations Georgetown Christian Reformed Church on 50 years of faithful service in our community.

HOLLAND SHOP ACTON

Congratulations on your Golden Anniversary.