

Heritage Happenings

Heritage Christian Reformed Church • 2857 S 11th Street • Kalamazoo MI 49009

Worship

Lent



This Lenten season, through the “Broken and Beautiful” sermon series, we will meet some of those who had an encounter with Jesus while he was “on the move” and learn in fresh ways the hope and grace we find in the coming of our King.

Profession of Faith: We are privileged this morning to hear Cassidy Bruinwood make her public profession of faith in the morning service.

Our Lenten Visual Art: the pitcher with towel from which red, blue and gold spill out reminds me of The Last Supper, when Jesus donned a towel and illustrated servant hood by washing his disciples feet.

The *color red* signifies his shed blood; the *color blue*, the river of life which is eternal and flows out from the throne of God (Revelation); and the *color gold* the light of the world, which has come to illuminate us, and spill out from our brokenness when we allow it to fill our hearts and minds.

In the midst of the colors and what they symbolize, are cracked clay pots which represent our humanity, and a series of seven candles, which represent each Sunday of Lent as well as Good Friday and Easter. In a stark reversal of the advent wreath, these candles will be put out one at a time with the center candle, the Christ candle, the last to be extinguished at our Good Friday service as a picture of Jesus’ death and the severe penalty of our sin...darkness.

Thanks be to a God big enough to not toss us out or disqualify us because of brokenness, but rather spill His blood because He loves us, fill us with light that shines through the cracks and holes, and gives us eternal life to look forward to. We can, indeed, be both broken *and* beautiful in His care.

Amy Blackledge... Worship Director

Holy Week Worship: The events framed by Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem and his resurrection are some of the most dramatic and important of the entire scriptural narrative. These days feature the drama of the triumphal entry, last supper, trial, crucifixion and resurrection. Join us here as we mark Jesus’ journey to the cross and the way by which the broken are made beautiful!

April 17 ~ Palm Sunday. We are also privileged to witness the baptism of Teagan Matthew, son of Matt & Amanda Miller.

April 22 ~ Good Friday: Join us at 7:00pm as we remember and reflect on the suffering, crucifixion and death of Jesus on the cross

April 24 ~ Easter Sunday! Join us as we celebrate the defining event for all of history and eternity!

Special Note: There is no evening service on Sunday, April 24.

Help Wanted: I’m looking for a small group of people that I can call on who would be willing to memorize short scripture texts or readings for use in our worship together. This might include the opportunity to be part of a drama team eventually, but that is not the entire point. The use of scripture in worship that is committed to memory is one of the most powerful tools we can utilize to draw ourselves and others into the presence of God. His Words, kept in our minds and hearts, and on our lips ~ it doesn’t get better than that. So, basically, you don’t need any experience, just an ability to memorize and a love of God! I am also looking for any drummers we may have in our congregation ~ has anyone ever played, or does anyone own bongos, congas, djembes, etc?

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Easter Lilies: In celebration of the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, you are invited to place an Easter lily in the sanctuary in memory of those who have left their earthly home to be with Christ in Heaven. Sign up at the table in the Narthex and place \$9.00 in the marked envelopes (also on table) in the offering. *The deadline to sign up is next Sunday, April 10, 2011.*



Prayer Guides: the *April edition* of the prayer guide of the CRC is available at the information center for those who wish to use this in your daily prayers.

Fellowship

Birthdays...

Lyndsay Berkenpas ~ April 4
 Dick VanDam ~ April 6
 Irene VanderBerg ~ April 7
 Henrietta Mentor ~ April 8
 Zachary Razenberg ~ April 8
 Marge Booden ~ April 9



Anniversaries...

Bob & Barb Razenberg ~ April 7



Save the Date: Ladies please mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 14 for our annual outing at Selkirk Lake in Shelbyville, Michigan. Please see Betty Vlietstra for more information.

Thank You

A Big Thank You goes out to our fabulous librarians, Dave & Carole Bickle. Thank you keeping our library organized & stocked with the latest books & dvds available. We appreciate all your hard work!



Ministry

Bibles...Bibles! Are there any extra Bibles around your house? There are many homes in the world without any! We are collecting ***Bibles for the Bible League***. They will repair and distribute them to people who are eager to receive them. There is a box in the Narthex for any Bibles you may have. Please search your home, closets, or bookcases for any Bibles you can spare. Thanks!



Ladies Fellowship: will meet at 9:45 am this Wednesday, April 6. This is our last meeting of the present season. Our Bible study will be based on Acts 19:1 and 19:8-41 (Lesson 8). We will also be collecting food for the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission. See you there!

Men's Bible Fellowship: See you around the table this Wednesday, April 6 at 7 am.



Easter Egg Hunt: The Outreach Team is planning a community Easter Egg Hunt again this year. It will be held on April 23, the Saturday before Easter. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be available soon. Please consider helping in this exciting ministry to our neighbors. More information coming soon!

Praise Team Update: Please note that we will meet on Wednesday April 13 from 6:30-8 pm and not Wednesday, April 6 due to Spring break.

Ladies Night Out: Ladies please come to the first Ladies Night Out of 2011 this ***Tuesday, April 5*** at 6:30 pm for appetizers & punch. Then Phase 10! (Invitations are on the table in the Narthex.)

Book Club News: On Monday, April 25 we will be discussing the book ***Winter Garden*** by Kristin Hannah. Everyone & anyone are welcome to join us! We will meet at 2 pm in the church library and will wrap it up around 3:30 pm.

Loaves & Fishes: *Wish list:*

April: *Cereal*

May: *Peanut Butter*

Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall



Evangelism & Missions

Letters to Missionaries

Greg & Sue Mejeur ~ Wayne DeYoung
 Tom Molenaar ~ Joseph Mutebi
 Angie Newell ~ Jimmy Lin

Envelopes are on the Missionary table outside the south door of the sanctuary for your use.

BE SURE TO PICK UP THE LATEST NEWS FROM FRANK SAWYER TODAY AT THE MISSIONARY TABLE!

Offerings and Tithes

PM	<i>Offering is always for the General Fund</i>	
April 3:	General Fund	Christian Education
	Loose Change	CRWRC Home Missions
Apr 10:	General Fund	Ministry Shares
	Loose Change	Benevolence Fund
Apr 17:	General Fund	Faith Promise
	Loose Change	K-zoo Christian Schls
Apr 24:	General Fund	Debt Reduction
	Loose Change	Heritage GEMS

Requested Announcements

People of the Passion ~ Pilate: Have you ever tried to pass the buck? During Jesus' journey to the cross, Pilate is the character in the story that plays the blame game. So what can we learn from Pilate today? Join the April 10 *Groundwork* conversation on Matthew 27:11-26. Find a local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

A Mother's Grief Observed: Learn how a mother dealt with the loss of a child killed in a drug-related crime and even created a ministry to help the incarcerated. Go to www.cbi.fm to listen to *Crossroad Connection* – a restorative justice ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute.

Bible News: Deborah: Who is your favorite Bible person? Meet an exciting Bible judge with a big problem on this week's Kids Corner. Then write to Kids Corner at Box 506, Worth IL 60482 or kids@kidscorner.net for your very own Bible study.

The Howard Hill Hustle: is a 5K Run/walk race and Kid's 1K Fun Run that will be held on Saturday, May 21st. This community event is an opportunity to encourage healthy family habits, share a fun day with your friends, neighbors, and family members, and support the Kalamazoo Christian Schools. There will be fabulous race giveaways, silent auction items, race photos, live music, and many fun kids activities. Register online at howardhillhustle.kcsa.org.

Huge Garage Sale will be held at *Wedgwood Christian Services* on Friday, April 15 from 9-5 & Saturday, April 16 from 9-noon. The sale will be held at Wedgwood in the Velting Activities Center at 3300 36th Street, SE, Kentwood. All proceeds from the sale will help support the ministry of Wedgwood to offer hope and healing to youth, adults, and families. If you have any items you would like to donate, please call Alison at 831-5621.

Save the date: Second Christian Reformed Church is again sponsoring a "*Cruise In*" in their church parking lot. Come and display your car, motor cycle, tractor, dune buggy, go cart, or *anything you have with wheels that you would like to show off*. This will take place Thursday, July 28 with a rain date of Thursday, August 4. More details will come later, but mark your calendars now and plan to be part of this special evening.

Rehoboth Christian Schools has a new and improved website...check it out at www.rcsnm.org.

Western Theological Seminary and CLC Network invite you to participate in this sought after training by Barbara J. Newman on *how to include people with disabilities into the life of the church*. The course is offered May 23-27 (8:30 am to 4:30 pm) to Western Seminary students for credit, as well as to the general public for auditing (\$150). If you want to come and learn (no credit), just pay \$75. Class size is limited, so register early by contacting Pat Dykhuis (for credit and audit) at pat@westernsem.edu or Judi Warner (learners) at jwarner@clcnetwork.org.

Just for kicks & giggles...



A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"



NURSERY April 3: Barb Razenberg & Teri Wagner

April 10: Heather Tuin & Glen Wagner

COFFEE SERVERS : April 3 & 10: Glen & Ruth Wagner, Teri Wagner, Bernie & Judy Zwart

April 17 & 24: Harold & Phyllis Triezenberg, Bill & Kathy Cobern, Dave & Carol Bonselaar

HEARTLAND HEALTHCARE CENTER (Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approx 30 minutes)

April 3: Simon Tuin & Judy Wieringa

April 10: Gary Broekhuizen & Mike Baljeu

If you can't speak or play on the date you are scheduled, please trade with someone else on the list.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY ~ April: Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY ~ jloele@juno.com




SERVICE MINISTRY ~ April: Betty Vlietstra

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY ~April 3: Lisa Shannon
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

April 10: Pat Schewe



Calendar of Events...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Lent/Communion 9:30 am Pastor Simon "A Blind Man with 20/20 Vision" Mark 10:46-52 Spring Break ~ No Sunday School 5 pm Pastor Simon "A Picture is Not Always Worth a Thousand Words" Lord's Day 35	4	5 Ladies Night Out 6:30 pm Deacons Meeting 7 pm	6 Men's Bible Fellowship 7 am Ladies Fellowship 9:45 am	7	8	9
10 Lent 9:30 Pastor Simon "Broken and Poured Out" Mark 14:10-11 Spring Break - No Sunday School 5 pm Pastor Simon "Out of the Heart the Mouth Speaks" Lord's Day 36	11	12 Coffee Break 9:30 am Administrative Board Meeting 9:30 am	13 Praise Team Practice 6:30 - 8 pm (Note date change!)	14 G.R.O.W. 9:30 - 11 am	15	16
17  9:30 Pastor Simon "The Betrayers" Mark 14:12-31 Baptism of Teagan Miller 10:50 Sunday School 5 pm Rev. Henry DeVries	18	19 Coffee Break 9:30 am	20 P.U.S.H. 7 pm	21 G.R.O.W. 9:30 - 11 am	22 Good Friday Service 7 pm 	23 Easter Egg Hunt
24  9:30 Pastor Simon "From Tragedy to Triumph" Mark 5:21-23, 35-43 10:50 Celebration Sunday Practice	25 Book Club 2-4 pm	26 Elders Meeting 3 pm	27	28 G.R.O.W. 9:30 - 11 am	29	30

Newsletter articles need to be submitted by Wednesday at noon. Call, leave a note, or e-mail your announcement to churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

Cancellations All meetings will be cancelled on days when school is cancelled because of weather conditions unless a church committee or organization calls their members to inform them to the contrary. Announcements regarding worship services will be announced on WWMT channel 3, WOODYTV channel 8 and WOTV channel 4. **Office Hours** Tuesday through Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm

Newsletter DEADLINE