

# Heritage Happenings

Heritage Christian Reformed Church • 2857 S 11<sup>th</sup> Street • Kalamazoo MI 49009

## Worship



*Please note:* No evening worship on December 25.

**From our homes to yours**, we wish you a very blessed Christmas. May the joy of our Savior's birth be the reason you celebrate this year. *The Staff*

**Christmas & New Year Blessings:** As a family we extend to all of the members of Heritage Church the wishes of a very blessed Christmas and New Year! Thank you for all of your support toward us and for the privilege of serving Christ together.

*Pastor Simon, Heather, Connor & Ian*

## Fellowship

### Birthdays...

Amanda Miller ~ December 29

Melissa Gould ~ December 31



**Pastor Simon** will be out of the office Monday, the 26<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> visiting family. He will be back in the office Thursday, the 29<sup>th</sup>.

**For the week between Christmas and New Year's**, I will be in the office on Tuesday (27<sup>th</sup>) & Wednesday (28<sup>th</sup>) only. So if you have anything for the newsletter of January 1, please be sure to have it to me by the end of Tuesday at the latest. Thank you.

*Sue DeVries*

**I will be attending** classes at Western Theological Seminary in Holland January 2-15. As such, I'll be out of the office, but still planning our worship services, and available by email throughout these two weeks. Thanks to Irene VanderBerg who will fill in at the piano on Sunday, January 1 and January 15. I will return from school on the 8<sup>th</sup> to lead, but appreciates the break on the other two Sundays to attend to school and take a brief holiday with my daughters.

*Amy Blackledge*

**Coffee Server List:** for January 15 – June 10, 2012 can be found in mailboxes today!

## Thank you

**Thank you** to all who helped make the Christmas Dinner Project this past week a great success. Thank you to all who donated money, handed out fliers, gathered food, put boxes together, filled boxes, and made deliveries!! Thank you for sharing the love of Christ with our community.

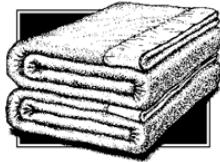
## Ministry

**Men's Bible Fellowship date change:** Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11 (not the 4<sup>th</sup>) at 7 am. See you there!

**Book Club News:** The Book Bag for Discussion has arrived and is in the library under the table. Please take a copy of Rick Bragg's book "All Over but the Shoutin'" and sign your name on the clipboard list. The books must be returned in the bag on Tuesday, January 24 which is the date of our discussion at 2 pm. Anyone is welcome to come!

## Evangelism & Missions

**Blankets, Mittens, Scarves, Hats & any winter items** are needed at the Kalamazoo Deacon's Conference. They are desperately in need of *blankets* for their clients this winter. The Coffee Break Ladies will be collecting them in the box in the Narthex. It's a good time to clean out those closets!



**Loaves & Fishes:** *Wish list:*

*December: Macaroni & Cheese*

*January: Canned Fruit & Vegetables*

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



## Emails or Letters to Missionaries

Florence Kowar ~ Rachel Brink  
Norm & Bonnie Langeland ~ Larry Sawyer  
Rick & Donna Lingbeek ~ David Heath

***Pick up a copy of the Sawyer's December Newsletter!***

*If you do not have a copy of our missionaries' email addresses, both their most current newsletter and email addresses are on the Missionary table right next to the mailboxes!*

## Offerings and Tithes

PM *Offering is always for the General Fund*

Dec 25:	General Fund	Debt Reduction
	Loose Change	Rose Arbor
Jan 1:	General Fund	Christian Educ. Assist.
	Loose Change	Forgotten Man
Jan 8:	General Fund	Christian Education
	Loose Change	K-zoo Chr Schools
Jan 15:	General Fund	Faith Promise
	Loose Change	Benevolence Fund

**Tithes & Offerings:** December 31, 2011 marks the end of the year for donations which will be included in the 2011 summary of financial gifts to Heritage Church. Contributions received no later than January 1 and dated December 31, 2011 will be included on your summary for 2011. In January the deacons will place this summary in the mailbox of each member for whom a report is available. If you have any questions, please contact one of the deacons.

**Budget envelopes** for 2012 can be found in mailboxes this morning. If you have any questions regarding these, please see a deacon.

### Offerings deposited for December 18...

Benevolence Fund ~ \$174.00  
Building Fund ~ \$25.00  
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$80.00  
Faith Promise ~ \$570.00  
General Fund ~ \$3,325.00  
Ministry Shares ~ \$295.00

## Requested Announcements

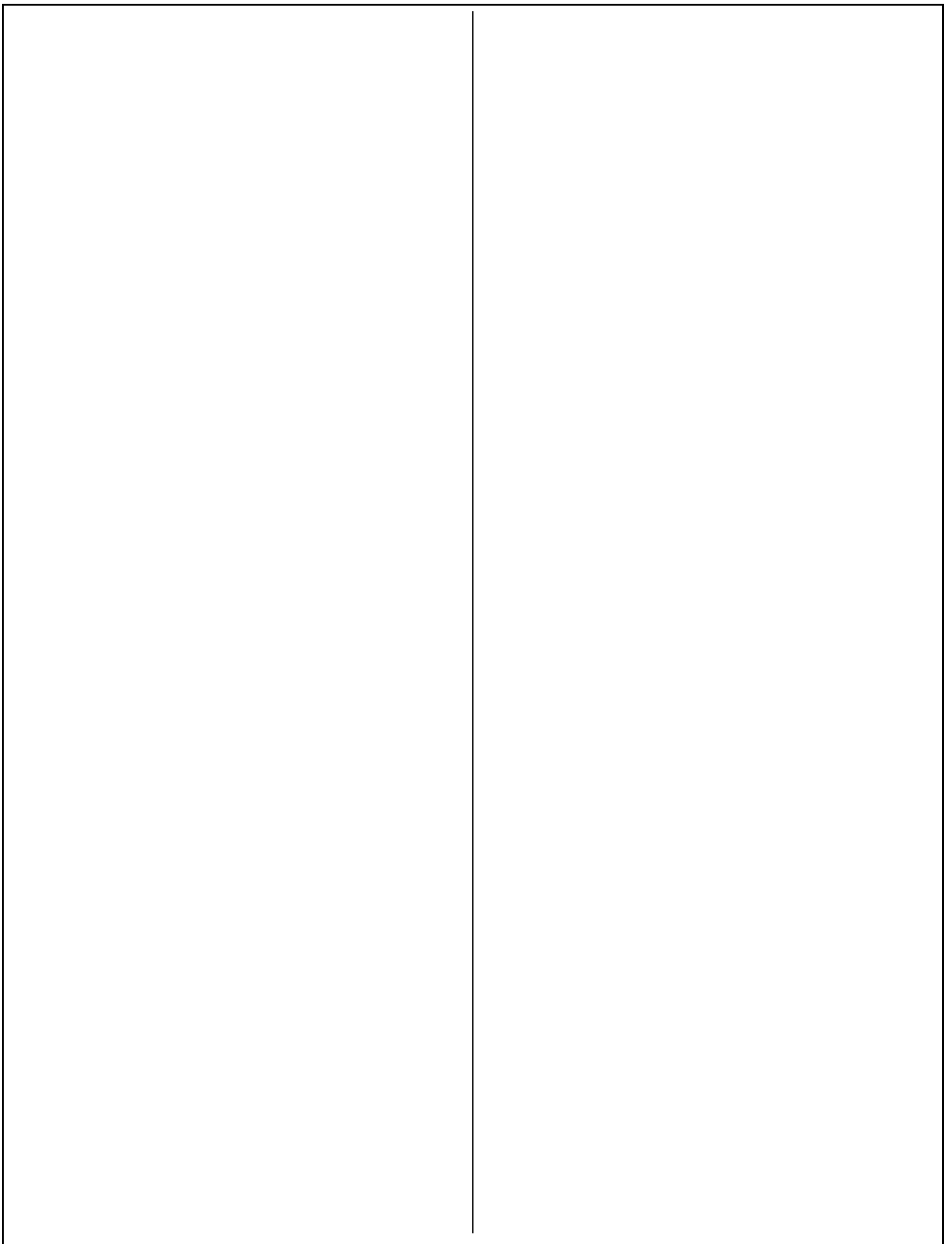
**Christmas at a Homeless Shelter:** Members of Holland Rescue Mission share how you can help someone who is down-and-out this Christmas. Go to [www.cbi.fm](http://www.cbi.fm) to listen to **Crossroad Connection** ~ a restorative justice ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute.

### Still looking for that one of a kind Christmas gift?

In this season, where we struggle to pick out that perfect gift for our spouse, skip fighting the crowds and give your loved one a gift that you both can enjoy for the rest of your lives: the gift of a tender, compassionate and loving marriage. Register now, for one of the upcoming worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends in Michigan. The next two weekends will be held at Geneva Shores in Holland, Michigan on February 10-12 and March 9-11. There is limited space so register early at [www.reformedme.org](http://www.reformedme.org). You're only a couple of clicks away from that perfect gift that will last a lifetime!



*Merry Christmas*



**NURSERY Dec 25:** Dorothy Broekhuizen & Glen Wagner

**Jan 1:** Carol Schewe & Teri Wagner

**COFFEE SERVERS: January 1 & 8:** Bruce & Ruth Fletcher, Gary & Dorothy Broekhuizen, Bill & Ruth Vroegop  
**Jan 15 & 22:** Vicki Kinens, Rick & Donna Lingbeek, Bob & Barb Razenberg

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

**Dec 25:** Harold Triezenberg & Phyllis Triezenberg

**Jan 1:** Simon Tuin & Donna Penning

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

**PRAYER LINE MINISTRY ~ December:** Glen Wagner/**January:** Judy Fletcher

**PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY ~** prayerline@heritagecrc.org

**SERVICE MINISTRY ~ December:** Betty Vlietstra/**January:** Heather Tuin



**MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY ~Dec 25:** Zach Razenberg **Jan 1:** Lisa Vlietstra **PM Gary Broekhuizen**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25  9:30 Pastor Simon "Mary: Real Love" Luke 2:1-7 & Matthew 1 No Sunday School No Evening Service	26	27 No Book Club Meeting... next meeting is January 24	28	29	30	31
1  9:30 am Pastor Simon "In the Beginning..." Isaiah 60:1-6 & John 1:1-5 No Sunday School 5 pm Pastor Simon "A New Year's Day Service"	2	3 Deacons Meeting 7 pm	4	5	6	7
8 9:30 am Pastor Simon "The State of the Church: Then Sings My Soul" Psalm 29 10:50 Sunday School 5 pm Pastor Simon	9	10	11 Men's Bible Fellowship (note date change) 7 am  Ladies Fellowship Bible Study 9:45 - 11 am	12 G.R.O.W. 9:30 - 11 am	13	14
15 9:30 am Pastor Simon "If Looks Could Kill" (What No One See Matters) Matthew 5:21-26 10:50 Sunday School 5 pm Joey DeKoekkoek	16	17 Elders Meeting 3 pm  Admin Board Meeting (note date change) 7 pm	18 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	19 G.R.O.W. 9:30 - 11 am	20	21

**Newsletter DEADLINE**

**Newsletter articles need to be submitted by Wednesday at noon.**

**Call, leave a note, or e-mail your announcement to [churchoffice@heritagecrc.org](mailto:churchoffice@heritagecrc.org).  
**Cancellations** A tornado watch or warning in effect 1 hour prior to a worship service or meeting will result in the worship service or meeting being cancelled. Announcements regarding worship services will be announced on WWMT channel 3, WOODTV Channel 8 and WOTV channel 4.**

**Office Hours** Tuesday - Wednesday: 9-2 pm & Thursday 9-Noon