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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 9:30 AM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
 Thursday by 9:00 am. Call,
 leave a note, or e-mail to
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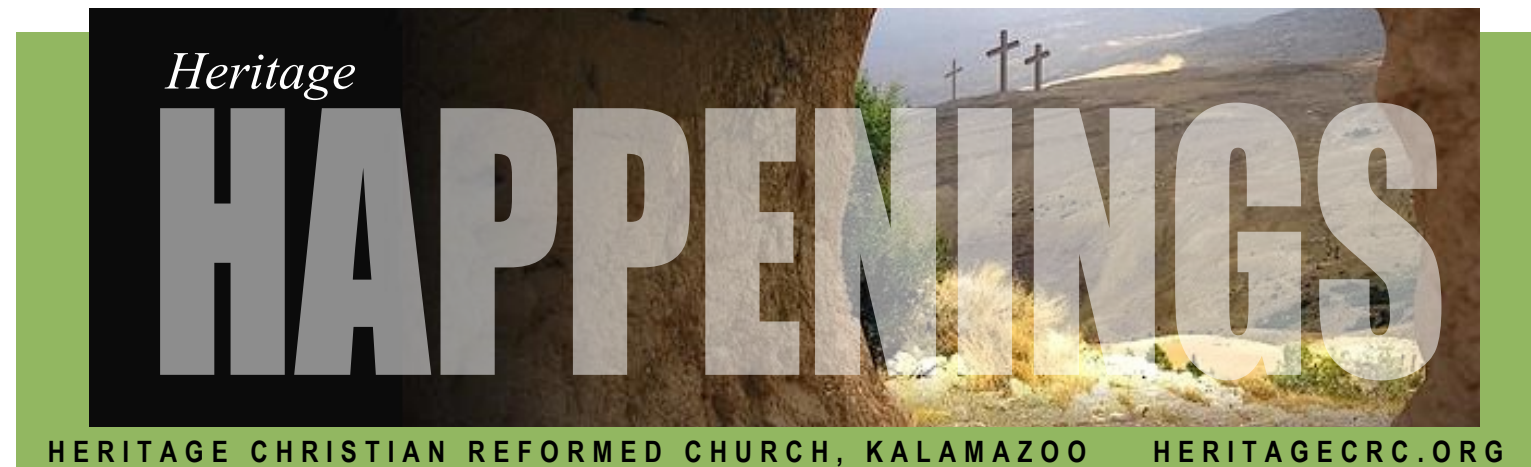
OFFICE HOURS:
 Wednesday: 8:15 am —1:00 pm
 Thursday: 8:15 am —12:15 pm

Connecting with our Community
 Please continue to reach out via phone or e-mail to our church
 community.



Find us on Facebook @ Heritage Christian Reformed Church.
 Look up our website at www.heritagecrc.org for past sermons
 and our weekly newsletter and more!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			15	16	17	18 8 am Mobile Food Initiative
19 9:30 am Pastor Simon "No More Gloom" Isaiah 9:1-7	20	21 3:30 pm Shepherding Elders	22	23	24 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 
26 9:30 am Pastor Simon "To Every Longing Heart" Luke 2:8-20, Matthew 11:28-29	27	28	29	30	31	1 2022
2 9:30 am Pastor Simon "In the Shadow of the Almighty" Psalm 91	3	4 9:30 am Coffee Break	5 8 am Men's Bible Study	6 9:30 am GROW Group	7	8

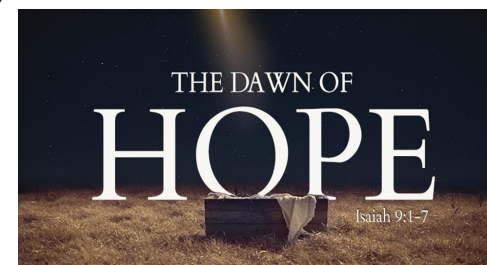


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What's up in Worship

Advent Sermon Series: The Weary World Rejoices ~
 For the church, the Christian calendar year begins with the season of Advent - a time of celebrating the first coming of Jesus while anticipating his return. Join us this Advent as we fix our focus on the promises in Isaiah and the hope, peace, love and joy Christ brings to a weary world. This Sunday's sermon title: "No More Gloom", Isaiah 9:1-7



Candlelight Service ~ Join us on Friday, December 24 at 6:30 pm for our annual Candlelight Service. Through the singing of carols and the lighting of candles we will journey together to Bethlehem and rejoice in all we have seen and heard. Come and celebrate the coming of Jesus as the light of the world.



Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Esther Manni ~ December 20
 Dorothy VanDenBerg ~ December 21
 Judy Fletcher ~ December 22



Today Booklets: The January/February booklets have arrived. Please pick up a copy outside the southeast sanctuary doors if you so desire a copy.

Severe Weather Cancellation: In the event of severe weather and Sunday services are cancelled, closing information will be posted on Channel 3 WWMT as well as WOODTV 8 at least 1-hour prior to the worship service start time. You can also sign up to receive text or email alerts from Channel 3, WWMT. Go to WWMT website. Click on School/ Business/ Church Closing Alerts. Then sign up to receive texts on your phone or email alerts for Heritage Christian Reformed Church.



Council News

December 31, 2021 marks the end of the year for financial gifts that will be included in the 2021 summary of tithes and offerings to Heritage Church. All contributions received and deposited after January 1, 2022 will be included on your summary for 2022. In January, the deacons will place this summary in the mailbox of each member for whom a report is available. Questions? Please contact one of the deacons.

Health Precautions: As we enter the Winter months, we encourage everyone to practice caution for the sake of everyone's health. If you have been in contact with someone who presents COVID-19 symptoms or if you display any of the symptoms, please stay home. Hand sanitizer is available at the Information Center in the lobby. Each individual is welcome to wear a mask if that makes them most comfortable. If you prefer to sit further apart from others in the sanctuary, extra space is available in the side sections. ~ from the Administrative Board

Video Recording

A video recording of the morning worship service will be posted to our church YouTube page either on Sunday or Monday. Here is the link to our YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCutET663hVzpPohBMiCXEQA>. If you haven't already done so, be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the notification bell to receive updates whenever a new video becomes available.

Mobile Food Initiative is Saturday, December 18.

8 AM at Centerpoint Church.



See you there!

Offering Schedule

- Dec. 19 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Kal. Christian Schools
- Dec. 26 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: Forgotten Man Ministries
- Jan. 2 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Rehoboth Chr. School
- Jan. 9 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Luke Society

Offerings (deposited for December 12, 2021)

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$254.00
- Building Fund ~ \$1,050.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$170.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$470.00
- General Fund ~ \$4,412.00
- KGM Women's Shelter ~ \$503.00
- Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes ~ \$100.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$385.00
- World Renew (CRWRC) ~ \$25.00



Shepherd's Center of Greater Kalamazoo: The mission of the Shepherd's Center is "to recruit seniors to help seniors age at home safely." They are in need of drivers for their Escort Transportation program. The requirements are a license, a vehicle, and a willingness to serve. For more information, e-mail at shephctrkal@sbcglobal.net or call them at 269-383-1122.



He is our Peace - Celebrate God's compassion made visible in His son, Jesus Christ, born to bring the world hope and salvation. Share God's love with a family experiencing poverty, hunger, and injustice this Christmas with a transformational gift: a goat, ducklings, or a handwashing station. Find these life-changing gifts and more in World Renew's 2021-2022 Gift Catalog at worldrenew.net/gifts, or call 1-888-WRLD-RNW.

ReFrame Ministries

Advent: A Time of Love - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Angels are cool. Did you ever wonder about angels? As you read the Christmas story, listen to the angels. Each time an angel speaks, notice that the angel describes Jesus and tells how God will change the world. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content, including The Gifts of Kindness Advent Calendar and the KC parent blog too.

Groundwork: Christmas Hope: Bathsheba - Our stories are filled with mistakes, missteps, and moments when our best simply is not enough. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 1:5-7 and 2 Samuel 11:1-12:25 to take an honest look at our brokenness, see the truth of God's abundant forgiveness, and celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas, through the story of Bathsheba. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Southern U.S. Tornado Response - **World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS)** is working with our partners and other disaster organizations to plan a response to the devastating tornadoes that hit six states in the southern U.S. on Friday, Dec. 11, 2021. Please pray for those who have lost loved ones and possessions. To volunteer with DRS in this and other responses, email cgibson@worldrenew.net. To give online for Dec. 11 tornado response, click Donate at worldrenew.net, call 800-552-7972.

Family Faith Formation Tip

Read Luke 14:12-14 and ponder or discuss the following question.

In this story, Jesus encourages us to offer hospitality to people who can not repay us. In your unique context, who might that be? How might you offer food, shelter, and protection to them?

crcna.org/faithpracticesproject

Volunteer Schedule...

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY:
Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY:
prayerline@heritagecrc.org

Service Ministry:
Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:
Dec. 19 - Paul Booden
Dec. 24 - Gary Broekhuizen
Dec. 26 - Gary Broekhuizen
Jan. 2 - Lisa Durian

Coffee Servers:
Dec. 12 & 19 Fred & Pam Gould
Glen & Ruth Wagner

Dec. 26 & Jan. 2 John & Kim Bruinwood
Judy Wieringa & Heather Tuin