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SUNDAY WORSHIP:
 @ 9:30 AM (Nursery provided)
 SUNDAY EVENING @ 5:00 PM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
 Thursday by 9:30 am. Call,
 leave a note, or e-mail to
 churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

OFFICE HOURS:
 Wednesday: 8:30 am—12:30 pm
 Thursday: 8:30—12 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

NURSERY

December 23: Kris Carlisle & Ruth Wagner
December 25: Dorothy Broekhuizen & Joyce Truscott
December 30: Gary Broekhuizen & LilliAnn Durian

COFFEE SERVERS

Dec 23/30: Dave & Kathy VanderMeer, Ken & Ellen Byle, Bonnie Colvin
Jan 6/13: Matt & Lisa Durian, Bob & Barb Razenberg, Bill & Ruth Vroegop

HALLMARK LIVING

(Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approximately 30 minutes)

December 23: Bill Vroegop & Judy Wieringa
December 30: Harold Triezenberg

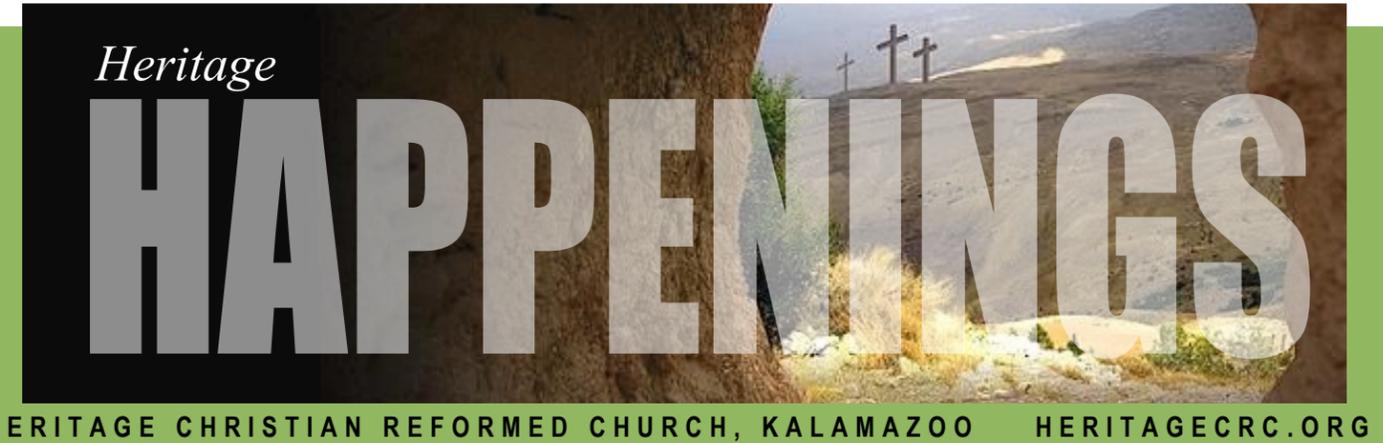
PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: December: Betty Vlietstra

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: Dec 23: Ferrel Stremler **Dec 30:** Ferrel Stremler
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Joy: The Lord Is With You" Luke 1:39-56 ~Congregational Meeting~ 5 pm Pastor Simon Candlelight Service	17	18 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Shepherding Elders 3 pm	19 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	20	21	22
23 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Love: That Changes the World" Luke 2:1-20 ~ No Evening Worship~	24	25 Christmas Day Worship 9:30 am "Peace on Earth?" Isaiah 9:6	26	27	28	29
30 9:30 am Rev. Dale Slings "The Bright Morning Star" Isaiah 9:2, Revelation 22:16 5 pm Pastor Simon "Prayer Service"	31	1 JANUARY 	2	3	4	5
6 COMMUNION 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Where is the King?" Matthew 2:1-12 5 pm Pastor Simon "Getting Away With Murder" Matthew 5:21-22	7	8	9	10	11	12



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What's up in Worship

Upcoming Sermon Series:

Sprinkled throughout the New Testament are several "one another" commands—love one another, serve one another, admonish one another, forgive one another, etc. With every command God describes what Jesus' disciples ought to look like as a biblically functioning community. Join us beginning Sunday, January 13 as we explore God's design for a Christ-centered community.



Celebrations

Birthdays

Amanda Miller ~ December 29

To our Heritage Church family:

Merry Christmas! On behalf of our family, we wish you a blessed Christmas and the joy of a faith-filled New Year. Thank you for the joy and privilege of belonging to a faithful community of Christ followers. We count ourselves blessed to be a part of this great church family! *Pastor Simon, Heather, Connor & Ian*

Office Hours: Pastor Simon is working away from the office December 26-29 so as to be able to travel to Ontario and spend time with extended family. If necessary, the best way to reach him is by way of e-mail: pastorsimon@heritagecrc.org. If a need should arise that needs immediate attention, please contact a shepherding elder.

Thank you

We want to thank you all for your prayer support, words of sympathy and expressions of love during the loss of our husband, dad and grandfather. A special thank you to Pastor Simon. We are richly blessed to be part of this amazing family of God.

The Razenberg & VanderMeer families

Ministry

Save the Date! Our next potluck will be on Sunday, January 20. Watch future newsletters for more information.

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

Hallmark Living Schedules for January—June, 2019 are in your mailboxes this morning.



Ministry continued...

TITHES & OFFERINGS

December 31, 2018 marks the end of the year for financial gifts that will be included in the 2018 summary of tithes and offerings to Heritage Church. All

contributions received after January 1, 2019 will be included on your summary for 2019. 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.

Dear Congregation: Council is grateful for both the attendance and discussion at the Congregational Meeting last Sunday. These are the results of the 69 ballots (both absentee and present) on the 3 issues:

#1-Change of Service Time:

42% yes, 58% no—FAILED

#2-Budget:

94% yes, 3% no, 3% abstain—PASSED

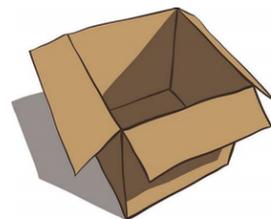
#3-Sale of Property

64% yes, 35% no, 1% abstain—PASSED

Regarding #3, Council's next meeting is January 22, 2019 at which time the property sale issue will be dealt with and thereafter reported to the entire congregation in a continuing basis. Again, Council is very thankful for the discussion and input on this matter, which will be useful during our upcoming deliberations. **Jerry Oele, Clerk**

It's That Time Again! The gals from Coffee Break are ready to collect winter things again for distribution to "new" homes. We need:

- ◆ Mittens
- ◆ Hats
- ◆ Scarves
- ◆ Jackets
- ◆ Vests
- ◆ Sweaters
- ◆ Sweatpants
- ◆ Sweatshirts
- ◆ Boots
- ◆ Blankets



Everything is appreciated! Please drop off items in large box in Narthex. Thank you.

Missions & Missionaries...

Loaves & Fishes wish list:

December: Canned Meat

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

Emails or Letters to Missionaries...

Bonnie Colvin ~ David Heath

Donn & Kris Carlisle ~ Jairo Solano

Roger & Jackie Croy ~ Joseph Mutebi

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 next to the mailboxes

Offering Schedule

Dec 23	General Fund: Building Fund Loose Change: Kzoo Gospel Mission
Dec 25	World Renew
Dec 30	General Fund Loose Change: Forgotten Man Minis
Jan 6:	TBA

Offerings (deposited for December 9 & 16)

Benevolence Fund ~ \$345.00
Building Fund ~ \$20.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$50.00
Faith Promise ~ \$621.00
General Fund ~ \$9,951.50
Kalamazoo Gospel Mission ~ \$1,295.77
Ministry Shares ~ \$361.00



Requested Announcements

2019 January Series—the award winning free liberal arts education delivered in 15 weekly, lunchtime lectures. This year the series begins on January 3 and continues weekdays through January 23 from 12:30 –1:30 pm EST with topics such as technology and faith, the church and disabilities, restorative justice, cancer research, the #metoo movement, and so much more, by top experts in their fields. Thousands in west Michigan will join us on Calvin College's campus; others will watch the live feed at more than 50 remote webcast sites (*Kalamazoo Christian High School is a remote webcast site*), while others listen online. For information about speakers, topics, remote sites, and listening options, go to www.calvin.edu/january.

Calvin Symposium on Worship—You are invited to register and attend the annual Calvin Symposium on Worship, January 24-26, 2019 at Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary. The three-day conference brings together a wide audience of artists, musicians, pastors, scholars, students, worship leaders and planners, and other interested worshipers. There are excellent rates for students and groups from churches. All worship services are free and open to the public. See worship.calvin.edu/symposium/ for complete information and the registration link.

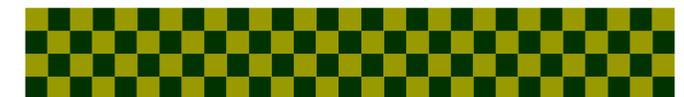
The Voices of Victory will be holding their annual Old Year's concert on Monday evening, December 31. Please note this year's concert location—the concert will be held at Grandville's First Reformed Church—3060 Wilson Avenue, Grandville, MI 49418 (across the street to the east of the Grandville Public Library). As in previous years, you are invited to come and go as you please at any time between 8 and 11 pm. Refreshments will be served. A freewill offering will be taken for Georgetown Harmony Homes. Join the Voices of Victory and their guests, the Sacred Harmonies quartet, and participate in joyful audience singing throughout the evening!

Winter Weather Cancellation: In the event of severe winter 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.



Classis Kalamazoo is seeking a Safe Church Ministry Coordinator. This is a stipend-position (1-3 hours per week) with three primary responsibilities: 1. Organize classis-wide Safe Church Ministry team meetings; 2. develop a collaborative working relationship with the classis; 3. connect with the Safe Church Ministry denominational staff. If interested, please contact Mike Koetje, chair of the Classical Interim Committee, at pastormike.koetje@gmail.com



Fascinating (?) Tidbits and Trivia:

Fish cough. Yep...that's the whole story. Fish cough...while underwater.

Sid the Monster: In a 2004 episode of Sesame Street, Cookie Monster shared a surprising bit of trivia: before he started eating cookies, he was name Sid.