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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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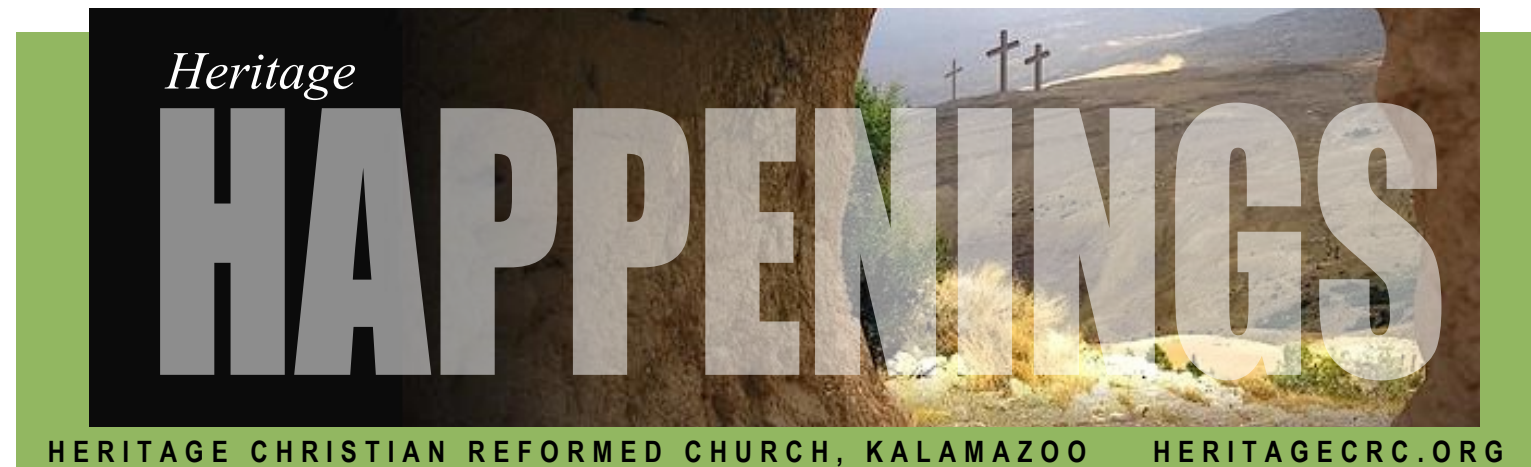
OFFICE HOURS:  
 Wednesday: 8:00 am —1:00 pm  
 Thursday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm

**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](http://www.heritagecrc.org) for past sermons and our weekly newsletter and more!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30 am Pastor Simon "Comfort, Comfort, My People" Isaiah 40:1-11		9:30 am Coffee Break		9:30 am GROW Group		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30 am Pastor Simon "My Unfailing Love Will Not Be Shaken" Isaiah 54:1-10  Congregational Meeting following the morning service		7 pm Admin Board	7 pm P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting	9:30 am GROW Group		8 am Mobile Food Initiative
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30 am Pastor Simon "No More Gloom" Isaiah 9:1-7		3:30 pm Shepherding Elders		9:30 am GROW Group	6:30 pm Christmas Eve Service	



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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. The series begins Sunday, November 28, 2021. This Sunday's sermon title: "Comfort, Comfort, My People", Isaiah 40:1-11



**This Sunday, December 5, is Communion Sunday.**  
 We invite all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God and confess Jesus as their Savior, to join us at the table of our Lord for Communion. Trays will be passed down each pew, if you prefer you can pick up prefilled cups in the lobby before the service.



**Celebrations...**

**Birthdays...**  
 Carol Bonselaar ~ December 6  
 Cheri Gavin ~ December 7  
 Taylor Bruinwood ~ December 10

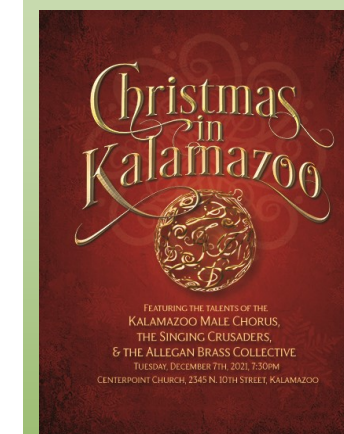


**Anniversaries...**  
 Norbert & Joy Hegelmann ~ December 7

**Ministry Opportunities**

**Coffee Break** meets this coming Tuesday, December 7, at 9:30 am. All ladies are welcome.

G.R.O.W. Group meets every Thursday at 9:30 am. All are welcome!



Please join us for a joint Christmas Concert with the Singing Crusaders, the Kalamazoo Mens Chorus and the Allegan Brass Collective. The concert will be Tuesday, December 7 at 7:30 pm, at Centerpoint Church, 2345 Tenth Street in Kalamazoo. The concert will include traditional and contemporary Christmas music.

### Council News

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 12, 2021 following the morning Worship Service to vote on a budget for 2022. A copy of the proposed budget was sent out via e-mail and extra copies are available at the Information Center. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Razenberg, council president, Donn Carlisle, council VP/clerk or Emma Schering, Administrative Deacon.

### 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.



### Crossroads Bible Ministry: Become a Mentor!

The Crossroads mentorship program connects people inside prisons with people on the outside, like you. As a Crossroads mentor, you will:

- Review students' Bible study lessons and offer encouraging comments
- Write uplifting and hope-filled letters to your students
- Pray for your students

You don't need to be a Bible expert to be a Crossroads mentor. If you have a little time in your schedule and a lot of love in your heart, you can make a difference in the life of someone in prison! To become a Crossroads mentor, simply request a welcome packet, fill out an application and complete the training process. For more information, call 1-800-668-2450 or go to <https://cpministries.org/mentor/become-a-mentor-home>.



### Offering Schedule

- Dec. 5: General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance  
Loose Change: Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan
- Dec. 12 General Fund & Ministry Shares  
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
- Dec. 19 General Fund & Faith Promise  
Loose Change: Kal. Christian Schools
- Dec. 26 General Fund & Building Fund  
Loose Change: Forgotten Man Ministries

### Offerings (deposited for November 28, 2021)

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$130.00
- Building Fund ~ \$180.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$50.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$2,240.00
- General Fund ~ \$10,110.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$340.00
- International Campus ~ \$128.20
- Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes ~ \$25.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$100.00
- Organ Fund ~ \$521.00

**FROM THE DEACONS:** Our Christmas project for this year is a collection of much needed items for the new Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries Women's and Children's Shelter which will open soon. A list has been put in your mailbox and can also be found on the round table in the narthex. There will be a box in the fellowship hall for you to place the items. If you prefer to give cash, please place your donation in the offering basket clearly marked KGM Women's Shelter. Thank you in advance for your generosity! The Heritage Deacons



**World Renew Gift Catalog** is available on the round table in the lobby. The Gift Catalog gives you the opportunity to choose how you want to support families around the world achieve sustainable, healthy lives. Whether it be a goat, a chicken, a handwashing station, or an empowerment training for at-risk youth, your gift could be just what someone needs to move forward with hope. With your gift, World Renew can equip the world's families and communities to journey out of hunger, poverty and illness.

### ReFrame Ministries

Advent: A Time of Peace - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). When we feel anxious about changes that are happening, we can pray for peace. And God, who knows us really well, will calm our anxiety and give us his peace. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content, including The Gifts of Kindness Advent Calendar and the KC parent blog too.

**Devotions for a Blue Christmas** - In the midst of hard times, find strength and encouragement through God's word. A set of fourteen encouraging Today devotions reassure you that even during the darkest of Christmas seasons, you're not alone. Receive this free email series and ebook when you subscribe to Today at [todaydevotional.com/bluechristmas](http://todaydevotional.com/bluechristmas)

**Groundwork:** Christmas Hope: Rahab - Do you ever question why God would want you in his family? Do you ever feel like you just don't belong or are too messed up to be worth saving? Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 1:5, Joshua 2, James 2:25-26, and Romans 5:8 to remember the depth and reach of God's grace and find hope in the story of Rahab. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### Family Faith Formation Tip

Read Genesis 18:1-8 and ponder or discuss the following question.

Have you ever been on the receiving end of lavish and heartfelt hospitality? What was it like? How did it make you feel?

[crcna.org/faithpracticesproject](http://crcna.org/faithpracticesproject)

### Volunteer Schedule...

**PRAYER LINE MINISTRY:**  
Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

**PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY:**  
[prayerline@heritagecrc.org](mailto:prayerline@heritagecrc.org)

**Service Ministry:**  
Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

**MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:**  
Dec. 5 - Lisa Durian  
Dec. 12 - LillieAnn Durian  
Dec. 19 - Paul Booden

**Coffee Servers:**  
Nov. 28 & Dec. 5 Cameron & Helen Brown  
Sue Mejeur

Dec. 12 & 19 Judy Fletcher & Asghar Gill  
Glen & Ruth Wagner