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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 9:30 AM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
 Thursday by 9:00 am. Call,
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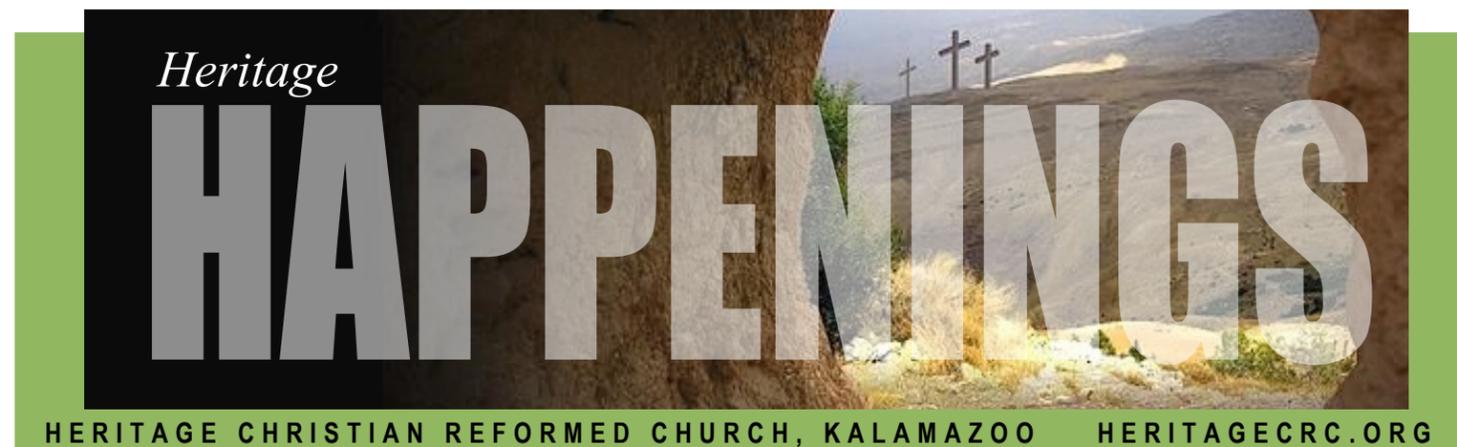
OFFICE HOURS:
 Wednesday: 8:00 am —1:00 pm
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Connecting with our Community
 Please continue to reach out via phone or e-mail to our church
 community.



Thank you for your faithful support through your tithes and of-
 ferings. If you mail your contributions, the mailbox is checked
 each day of the week.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	30	1	2	3	4	5
6 Communion 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Elizabeth & Zechariah: Ordinary People, Extraordinary God" Luke 1:5-25,57-80	7	8 7 pm Admin Board	9	10	11	12 10am-4pm Roshan Project Fund Raiser in the Fellowship Hall
13 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Mary: Ordinary Woman, Extraordinary God" Luke 1:26-56 Congregational Meeting after the morning service	14	15 7 pm Shepherding Elders	16	17	18	19 8 am Mobile Food Initiative
20 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Joseph: Ordinary Man, Extraordinary God" Matthew 1:18-25	21	22	23	24 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Service	25	26



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2020 Advent Series

Sermon Series: "A Remarkable Advent"
 Overfamiliarity can be dangerous. It's true of the story
 of Jesus' birth. Some have called it "The greatest story
 ever told." Yet instead of gasping in wonder, we
 tend to skim over the words and turn the page. Per-
 haps this year we need to un-familiarize ourselves
 with the Christmas story and hear it again as if for the
 first time. Join us for this Advent series and see how
 God works through ordinary people to do something
 extraordinary and why God still works this way
 through us. The series begins on December 6.



Celebrations...

Birthdays...
 Asghar Gill ~ December 3
 Carol Bonselaar ~ December 6
 Taylor Bruinwood ~ December 10



Anniversaries...
 Norbert & Hoy Hegelmann ~ December 7



Announcements

Safety Items

- Please wear a mask when entering and exiting the building. Masks may be removed when seated in the sanctuary.
- It is essential that 6 feet of physical distancing be observed when entering the church prior to the service and during the time of fellowship after the service.
- Please continue to enter the building at the front entrance or the Fellowship Hall.
- Hand sanitizer and masks are available at each entrance.

A Roshan Opportunity

Saturday, December 12, is being reserved in our Fellowship Hall for the display of 90 small paintings done by Sy Ellens. All proceeds from the sale of these works, reasonably priced from \$50 to \$150, will be donated to the building of the Roshan school in Pakistan. From 10 AM to 4PM, interested persons are invited to come as the CDC guidelines are observed. No food or drinks may be taken into the building. Updated information will be given if the guidelines are changed. Questions may be directed to Jan at 269-873-7282.

The **Coffee break** ladies are again requesting winter items for Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries. Items needed are winter coats and clothing for all ages, blankets, sleeping bags. There is a box in the foyer in which to put your donations.



What's Up in Worship



This Sunday, December 6, 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. Please be sure to pick up your communion cup before you enter the sanctuary, they are located in the baskets on the table in the lobby.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Come celebrate the birth of our Savior on Christmas Eve, December 24 at 6:30pm. Through music, song and the lighting of candles we will celebrate the coming of Jesus as the light of the world.

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.



Offering Schedule

- Dec. 6: General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Rose Arbor Hospice
- Dec. 13: General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
- Dec. 20: General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Kalamazoo Gospel Mission
- Dec. 24: World Renew
- Dec. 27: General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: Forgotten Man Ministries

Offerings (deposited for Nov. 29, 2020)

- Alternatives of Kalamazoo ~ \$15.00
- Building Fund ~ \$230.00
- Christian Education Assistance ~ \$140.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$2,045.00
- General Fund ~ \$7,981.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$230.00
- International Campus ~ \$152.00
- Jairo & Kelly Solano ~ \$10.00
- Kalamazoo Gospel Mission ~ \$50.00
- Kalamazoo Christian ~ \$10.00
- Loaves & Fishes ~ \$1,319.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$272.00
- Park Village Pines ~ \$10.00
- Wycliffe Bible Translators ~ \$108.00



Annual Congregational Meeting: The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 13, 2020 following the morning Worship Service to vote on a budget for 2021. A copy of the proposed budget for 2021 was placed in mailboxes. Extra copies are available at the Information Center. If you have any questions, please contact Donn Carlisle, council president, or Bob Razenberg, council VP/clerk.



The World Renew 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. You can find the catalogs in your church mailboxes.



Calvin Advent Series

The Calvin Institute of Christian Worship is presenting a series of weekly lessons and carols advent services online; it started November 29. Each service premieres at 7 p.m. EST Sunday evening on youtube; services may be viewed later if you wish. To listen, do a search on youtube.com and enter Healer of our every ill 2020 in the search box to locate and listen.

From the Deacons: Due to the current Covid 19 pandemic, the deacons have decided to not deliver flowers or cards to the homebound members of our congregation during this Christmas season. The deacons would like to request that members of the congregation send a Christmas card to these members to brighten up their holidays. Attached to this week's newsletter is a list with address's to send cards to. Please feel free to participate in this important ministry to our homebound members with an encouraging card, note, or letter. Thank you from the deacons.



Family Faith Formation Tip

In the Bible, the Greek term that is usually translated as "hospitality" means "love of strangers."

How might your home (whether it's a house, an apartment, a dorm room, or another place) become a space to practice the love of strangers?



Volunteer Schedule...

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY:
Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY:
prayerline@heritagecrc.org

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

- Dec 6 - Lisa Durian
- Dec 13 - LillieAnn Durian
- Dec 20 - Paul Booden

Prayer line Reminder: If your email address has changed, you wish to have your or a friend's email added to the Prayer Line, or you wish to no longer receive Prayer Line emails, please send an email request to: prayerline@heritagecrc.org or jerry.oel@yahoo.com