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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 for past sermons and our weekly newsletter and more!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			8	9	10	11
12 9:30 am Pastor Simon "My Unfailing Love Will Not Be Shaken" Isaiah 54:1-10 Congregational Meeting following the morning service	13	14 7 pm Admin Board	15 7 pm P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting	16 9:30 am GROW Group	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

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HAPPENINGS

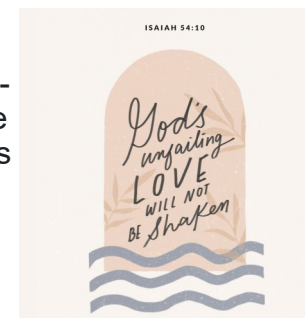
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What's up in Worship

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: "My Unfailing Love Will Not Be Shaken", Isaiah 54:1-10



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.



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.

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Melissa Piontek ~ December 18



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

Mobile Food Initiative is Saturday, December 18.

8 AM at Centerpoint Church.

See you there!



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.

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.

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. 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 December 6, 2021)

- Building Fund ~ \$205.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$215.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$210.00
- General Fund ~ \$13,770.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$175.00
- Hospice Care of Southwest ~ \$92.00
- International Campus ~ \$20.00
- Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries ~ \$480.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$275.00

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



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.



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

New Video: **Kids in Action** - Kids in Action host Simone meets Kyra, an accessibility leader at her school. She was part of a team that made renovations happen, and now her school is new and improved. kidscorner.net/kids-in-action/accessibility-leader. It's Kids in Action, putting on a hard hat and creating great spaces for all God's children. Please share this video and amplify the voices and stories in the disability community.

Advent: A Time of Joy - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. What has God done today that brought you joy? What makes you want to glorify and praise him? Look for God's blessings and anticipate that he will do something. He always does! 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: Ruth - When the trials and challenges of life drag on with no end in sight, it's easy to wonder if God cares, or if continued faithfulness is worth our effort. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Matthew 1:3-6, Ruth 1-4, Luke 16:10, and Micah 6:8 to discover how God uses the simple faithfulness of Ruth and Boaz to ensure the continuation of the Messiah's family tree. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Family Faith Formation Tip

Read Leviticus 19:33-34 and ponder or discuss the following question.

Leviticus 19 is full of commands for how to be holy. One of those commands is to love strangers (in this case people who are from other lands) as you love yourself. How do you live out this command?

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. 12 - LillieAnn Durian
Dec. 19 - Paul Booden
Dec. 24 - Gary Broekhuizen
Dec. 26 - Gary Broekhuizen

Coffee Servers:

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

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