

Heritage Happenings

Heritage Christian Reformed Church • 2857 S 11th Street • Kalamazoo MI 49009

Worship

We welcome to our pulpit this morning Larry Spalink, a missionary we support in Japan through Christian Reformed World Missions. This is Larry's last Sunday in the States for a time so we will commission Larry this morning as he leaves to share the Good News across the world. We also welcome Curt DeVries from Martin, Michigan as he leads us in worship this evening. May God bless both of these men in bringing God's Word to us.



GEMS Sunday is next Sunday, March 6. It is a special day set aside in worship services all across North America to recognize & celebrate the girls & women who serve in the GEMS ministry. Their theme for the year has been Feed the Fire;

contrasting the difference between lukewarm faith and passionate obedience. The theme verses are Revelation 3:15-16 and Romans 12:11. Join us next Sunday as we celebrate GEMS!

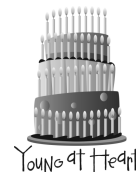
A Report on Medical Missions in Togo, West Africa: On Sunday morning, March 20, Todd & Jennifer DeKryger and family, will be worshipping with us and will be reporting on their work in Togo, West Africa. Todd is the son of Marilyn Stremmer and is known to many of you. After the service, they will show pictures and talk about their work in Togo & the new mission's hospital being built in northern Togo in the area to which they will return in September.

Nominations for Council Leadership: The council invites at this time nominations for those qualified and willing to serve as a shepherding or administrative elder or deacon. Nomination forms are available at the information center for your convenience. Please prayerfully consider who God is calling to help lead Heritage Church. *Deadline is March 20, 2011.*

Fellowship

Birthdays...

John Bruinwood ~ February 28
McKena Razenberg ~ February 28
Ken VanDenBerg ~ March 2



Thank You

Thank you...an enthusiastic thank you goes out to our Administrative Board here at Heritage CRC. Thank you Gary Broekhuizen, Marge Booden, Mike Baljeu, Grover Brussee, & Pastor Simon for all your time & effort behind the scenes.

Ministry

Branson here I come...I will be out of the office March 8-10, 2011 cheering on the Golden Eagles of Cornerstone University at the NAIA National Tournament. Therefore, there will be no newsletter on March 13. Please plan your announcements accordingly. *Thank you, Sue*

Men's Bible Fellowship: will gather around the tables in the Fellowship Hall once again this Wednesday, March 2 at 7 am. See you there!



Mark you calendars:
Daylight Savings time begins
Sunday, March 13!!!

Ladies Night Out: it will kick off THIS Tuesday, March 1st. Punch bowl & snacks will be served at 6:45 pm & then we will break out for playing cards. Hope to see you all there!

Praise Team Practice!
will be this Wednesday,
March 2 from 6:30-8 pm.
Falalala....



March Prayer Guides: pick up the latest prayer guide from the Christian Reformed Church at the information center today.

Loaves & Fishes: *Wish list:*

February: Pasta

March: 100% Fruit Juice

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



GEMS/Cadets Roller Skate Night... please join us on Wednesday, March 16 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Great Skate (10496 Portage Road, the corner of Portage & Oosterhout). Cost is \$4.75 per person which includes quad roller skate rental. Kids may bring their own in-line skates or roller skates as long as the wheels are clean. Concession is available.

Winter Clothing Drive! Thank you for helping! We have delivered 3 large loads of winter clothing to the Gospel Mission! Keep up the good work! It's still cold out and there are still many people in need!

Book Club News: Join the ladies in the library **TOMORROW** Monday, February 28 at 2 pm to discuss the book "Stealing Buddha's Dinner" by Bich Minh Nguyen. The book we will be reading for the March 28 meeting is "Tall Grass"



by Sandra Dallas.

Evangelism & Missions

Letters to Missionaries

Ann DeMaagd ~ David Heath
Scott & Heather Erbe ~ Rachel Brink
Ed & Karan Finch ~ Frank Sawyer

Envelopes are on the Missionary table outside the south door of the sanctuary for your use.

Food Resource Bank... have you seen the new sign up board? Daisy needs your help once again! Sign up today for a week or two or a whole month! Be sure to check out the new rates for March 2011 – February 2012.

Offerings and Tithes

PM *Offering is always for the General Fund*
Feb 27: General Fund Debt Reduction
Loose Change Benevolence Fund
Mar 6: General Fund Christian Education
Loose Change Park Village Pines
Mar 13: General Fund Ministry Shares

Loose Change Kuyper College
Mar 20: General Fund Faith Promise
Loose Change Hospice of Kzoo

Offerings deposited for Sunday, February 20...

Christian Education Assistance ~ \$50.00
Christian School International ~ \$5.00
Faith Promise ~ \$330.00
General Fund ~ \$2,523.00
Kalamazoo Christian School ~ \$10.00
Love, Inc. ~ \$92.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$220.00
Miscellaneous Income ~ \$168.10

Requested Announcements

Southern Heights is turning 50!

An open house will be held on Saturday, March 19; at the Christian Middle School on South Westnedge beginning at 5 pm. Reservations for the 6 pm dinner (free-will offering) must be made by February 27: www.s-heights.org, office@s-heights.org or 269-349-4954. Thanks be to God!



Reformed Marriage Encounter – A Weekend of Discovery – A Lifetime of Love:

Register now to attend the next Reformed Marriage Encounter Weekend not because you need it, but because you and your marriage deserve it! It's a weekend experience designed for couples of all ages and backgrounds to enrich their marriage. The next weekend will be held in Holland, MI March 18-20, 2011. For more information or to register on-line, go to www.reformedme.org.



The Kalamazoo Deacons Conference is in need of a volunteer receptionist on Mondays from 8:45 am – 1:00 pm and a volunteer with a valid driver's license to pick up furniture & appliance donations in KDC's truck.

Liberian Warlord Turns Life Over to Christ: Can a killer of 20,000 people be saved? Can Oprah help prisoners experience gratitude? Can a prison work without walls or fences? These stories and more. Go to www.cbi.fm to listen to **Crossroad Connection** – a restorative justice ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute.

The Transfiguration: The transfiguration story almost sounds like a movie script with lots of special effects. Jesus' appearance changes and two Old Testament prophets join him. The disciples are amazed – and what are we to make of this story today? Join the March 6 Groundwork conversation on Matthew 17:1-13. Go to www.GroundworkOnline.com to find a local radio station or listen online.

Failsafe: Liz is feeling like a total failure because everything is going wrong, but Lucille has the perfect solution to failure. Check it out on this week's Kids Corner. Visit HisKids.net to find great Christian programs and music for kids.

Free Tax Preparation and Filing: Free federal and state tax preparation for individuals and families with household income of up to \$49,000 in 2010. Free electronic filing is also available at all locations. This service is provided by IRS-certified community volunteers. Call 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment or go online at www.gryphon.org and click on the tax calendar for a list of locations, dates, times and items to bring. *One of the locations is right here at Heritage Christian Reformed Church on March 7, 8, and 10, 2011.* Be sure to check it out!

It is time to register online for the Kalamazoo Christian School's 2nd Annual run/walk event, the *Howard Hill Hustle*. This exciting community event will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2011. Tell your friends and family, coworkers, running groups, youth groups, sports teams, & neighbors! Go to the race website at howardhillhustle.kcsa.org to sign up!



21st Annual Alternatives Auction & Spaghetti Dinner: will be on Friday, March 11, 2011. The doors will open at 5 pm and the live auction will begin at 7:15 pm at Lighthouse Community Church, 4321 S. 11th Street, Oshtemo. For more details, check out www.pregnancychoices.com/auction.

Needed: Board members with a passion for fund-raising and seasoned staff support are needed at *Vineyard Outreach*, an ecumenical charity, based in the Vine neighborhood for its residents. Average time commitment is 3 to 4 hours per month. For more information call Catherine Dance, Director/Pastoral Worker at 349-2388.

Spanish Immersion Experience: Thursday night, March 10, the Spanish Immersion Kindergarten class at Kalamazoo Christian Elementary will demonstrate

through song, recitation and example what they have learned in their Spanish Immersion classroom. All prospective families & families who want to know more about Spanish Immersion are encouraged to attend to see and hear how learning a second language has already impacted the lives of our students. The night will begin in the Media Center at 6:30 and conclude with a traditional Spanish dessert.

Kalamazoo Christian Schools will hold *Kindergarten Orientation* on Friday, March 11, 2011 at Kalamazoo Christian Elementary, 3800 S. 12th Street. For information on orientation call Kalamazoo Christian Elementary school at 544-2332. For enrollment information call Kalamazoo Christian School Association at 381-2044.

Kalamazoo Valley CROP HUNGER WALK is Sunday, May 1. To learn how the CROP Walk helps hungry people locally & worldwide and how you and your church can be part of the effort come to First Presbyterian Church, 321 W. South Street, Kalamazoo on Sunday, March 20 from 2-3 pm. Also see the flyer posted in the Fellowship Hall for more details.



NURSERY Feb 27: Barb Razenberg & Ellen Byle

March 6: Evie Wenke & Lashell Baljeu

COFFEE SERVERS : Feb 27: Bruce & Ruth Fletcher, Gary & Dorothy Broekhuizen, Bill & Ruth Vroegop
Mar 6 & 13: Vicki Kinens, Rick & Donna Lingbeek, Dave & Lyndsay Berkenpas

HEARTLAND HEALTHCARE CENTER (Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approx 30 minutes)

Feb 27: Jim Triezenberg & Mike Baljeu

March 6: Dave Bickle & Ellen Byle

If you can't speak or play on the date you are scheduled, please trade with someone else on the list.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY ~ Feb 18-March: Glen Wagner





PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY ~ jloele@juno.com

SERVICE MINISTRY ~ February: Gretchen Vanders/**March:** Joy Hegelmann

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY ~Feb 27: Zach Razenberg **March 6:** Lisa Shannon
PM: Gary Broekhuizen



Calendar of Events...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9:30 am Missionary Larry Spalink "Let it Ring" 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 10:50 SUNDAY SCHOOL 5 pm Curtis DeVries	28 Book Club 2-4 pm	1 Coffee Break 9:30 am Deacons 7 pm 	2 Men's Bible Fellowship 7 am Praise Team 6:30 – 8 pm	3 G.R.O.W. 9:30 – 11 am	4	5
6 Communion GEMS Sunday 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Feed the Fire!" Romans 12:11 10:50 SUNDAY SCHOOL 5 pm Pastor Simon "Dying Away and Coming to Life" Lord's Day 33	7	8 Coffee Break 9:30 am Administrative Board Meeting 7 pm	9 Ladies Fellowship 9:45 am 	10 G.R.O.W. 9:30-11 am	11	12  Time to Spring Ahead
13 Lent 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Hope for the Hopeless" Mark 5:1-20 10:50 SUNDAY SCHOOL 5 pm Pastor Simon "Delighting in the Law and the Lord" Lord's Day 34	14	15 Coffee Break 9:30 am	16 P.U.S.H. 7 pm	17 G.R.O.W. 9:30 – 11 am	18	19
20 Lent 9:30 am Pastor Simon "A Touching Moment" Mark 5:24-34 10:50 SUNDAY SCHOOL 5 pm Pastor Simon "A Picture is Not Always Worth a Thousand Words" Lord's Day 35	21  Spring	22 Coffee Break 9:30 am Council 7 pm	23 Ladies Fellowship 9:45 am	24 G.R.O.W. 9:30 – 11 am	25	26

Sue out of the office...

**Newsletter
 DEADLINE**

Newsletter articles need to be submitted by Wednesday at noon. Call, leave a note, or e-mail your announcement to churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

Cancellations All meetings will be cancelled on days when school is cancelled because of weather conditions unless a church committee or organization calls their members to inform them to the contrary. Announcements regarding worship services will be announced on WWMT channel 3, WOODTV channel 8 and WOTV channel 4. **Office Hours** Tuesday through Thursday, 9 am – 2 pm