

Heritage Happenings

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

Worship

Sermon series: There is no question that as followers of Jesus Christ we are also God's stewards – those who have been put in charge by God over many important things in this life. We have just launched a series of sermons on stewardship and the heart of the Good News. In this series we will discover what it means to serve God in all of life as stewards of the gospel, life, money, marriage, children and justice.

Fellowship

Birthdays...

Rich VanMaaren ~ February 10

Gretchen Vanders ~ February 10

Dan VanderBerg ~ February 11

Happy Birthdays



New Chairs have arrived! Therefore the old ones need to go! During office hours those interested may purchase one of the "retired" chairs for \$2.00/piece. Please drop payment off in the office.

Thank You

As we continue in the second half of Sunday School, we wish to thank all the Sunday school teachers for their time, effort, and willingness to come along side our kids here at Heritage & guide them in their faith journey. Thank you!

Thank you so much for your recent envelope of cancelled stamps for the Elim Stamp Club. We are now in our Fall/Winter session & the kids are enjoying the Monday night Stamp Club schedule. We will again be working on getting their stamp books up to date.
Elim Christian School



for more visit - www.freeclippers.net

MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT

The 15th annual Middle School Olympic Games will be Saturday, February 12 from 6-10pm at Grace CRC. Come be a part of the most challenging events ever devised including: the knowledge quest, u-must-try-athalon, Around the World Table tennis, impossible obstacle courses and more.



Be part of the action, be part of the fun and join teammates from Grace, Heritage, Milwood, Prairie Edge & 3rd CRC's as you represent the USA, Canada, Russia, England, Germany, Australia, Netherlands and Jamaica. We will be eating pizza. Remember to dress like you may end up outside in a snow bank (if we have snow). (Gloves, hats, and boots are highly suggested) For more information please contact Joey DeKoekkoek at 271-1459.

Ministry

Attention Ladies Fellowship; Once again Ladies Fellowship will be providing cookies for patients at our Battle Creek Veteran's Hospital. Please plan on bringing cookies to church on Sunday, February 21 for that purpose. Thank you.

Also, we will meet again this Wednesday, February 9 at 9:30 am for our Bible Study based on Acts 15:1-31 (Lesson 7). All ladies are welcome!

Loaves & Fishes: *Wish list:*

February: Pasta

March: 100% Fruit Juice

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



International Student Luncheon: We will once again be hosting the International Student Luncheon THIS Thursday, February 10, 2011. Please take a moment today to sign up to bring a dish or two! ***We are still in need of 3 salads, 1 vegetarian casserole, 5 meat casseroles, 2 fruit, & 4 beverages!*** Please have items here by 10:30 am!

Coffee break resumes this week! Join us around the table this Tuesday, February 8 at 9:30 am. We will study Lesson 3 based on Philipians.

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 & Oasterhout). 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! The big box is still available for winter coats, clothing, blankets for the Gospel Mission.

Book Club News: Join the ladies in the library on Monday, February 28 at 2 pm to discuss the book "Stealing Buddha's Dinner" by Bich Minh Nguyen. Anyone wishing a book can see Dorothy Broekhuizen who has copies from the Portage District Library. The book we will be reading for the March 28 meeting is "Tall Grass" by Sandra Dallas.



Men's Bible Fellowship: meets this Wednesday, February 9 (due to blizzard) at 7 am in the Fellowship Hall. See you there!

Evangelism & Missions

Letters to Missionaries

Dave & Carol Bonselaar ~ Wayne DeYoung
Paul & Marge Booden ~ Joseph Mutebi
Barry & Cindy Broekhuizen ~ Rev. Jimmy Lin

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

Offerings and Tithes

PM *Offering is always for the General Fund*

Feb 6:	General Fund	Christian Education
	Loose Change	Kids Alive Inter
Feb 13:	General Fund	Ministry Shares
	Loose Change	CRWRC
Feb 20:	General Fund	Faith Promise
	Loose Change	Love, Inc.
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Offerings deposited for Sunday, January 30...

Building Fund ~ \$360.00
Faith Promise ~ \$850.00
General Fund ~ \$2,407.00
Kalamazoo Christian School ~ \$5.00

Loaves & Fishes ~ \$173.35
Ministry Shares ~ \$240.00
Miscellaneous income ~ \$38.00
Rehoboth Christian School ~ \$25.00
Initial offering ~ \$5.00

Council News

Notes from meeting of January 25th

1. President Gary Broekhuizen called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.
2. Minutes of November 16 meeting were approved.
3. Minutes of the December and January Administrative Board meetings were received.
 - a. The council approved a recommendation to bring to the congregation a proposal to replace the chiller at a cost of approximately \$45,000. This proposal and further information will be made available to the soon and followed up with a congregational meeting to vote on the proposal.
 - b. The council approved a recommendation to make some adjustments to the organizational structure of the leadership at Heritage Church. This change included assigning oversight of the prayer, worship, fellowship and discipleship ministries to the shepherding elders and the evangelism and service ministries to the shepherding deacons.
 - c. A time line for the upcoming nomination process for new office bearers was presented. There will be a need for (1) shepherding elder and (1) shepherding deacon.
 - d. The council was challenged to consider how to make Heritage Church a vital member of this community. More time will be spent at future meetings to discuss this further.
 - e. The year-end report was shared indicating a positive response from the congregation to the appeal letter sent in November indicating a potential shortfall in our giving compared to expenses for 2010. A copy of this report will be distributed soon to the congregation.
 - f. Bruce Fletcher conducted a Year End review of the finances and a report was presented to council indicating the finances were in order. The council is thankful for Mr. Fletcher's contribution in this matter.
4. Pastor Simon presented his ministry report.
5. The shepherding elders and shepherding deacons reported on their work.
6. Following a time of round-table the meeting was closed in prayer. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 22nd at 7:00pm.

Requested Announcements

A Priceless Valentine's Day Gift for You & Your Spouse:

Celebrate your love for one another by gifting each other with a weekend away from the stresses of work, the kids and the everyday "busyness" of your lives. Join us on a Reformed Marriage Encounter on February 11-13 and March 18-20, 2011. For more information, or to register on-line, go to www.reformedme.org or contact Jim & Kathy Molenkamp at 616-538-2749.



Imagine Your Church as a Station of Hope! Dr. David Schuringa interviews Dr. Harold Trulear, the director of Healing Communities, a program that equips churches to successfully enfold those who are being released from prison. Go to www.cbi.fm to listen to *Crossroad Connection* – a restorative justice ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute.

Searching for Financial Freedom: Financial issues often leave us feeling anxious. Do we have enough to provide for our family & save for retirement? When we ask these questions, it can be hard to trust God to provide. How can we find a real sense of peace? Join the Feb 13 Groundwork conversation on Matthew 6:19-34. Go to www.GroundworkOnline.com to find a local radio station or listen online.

Power Trip 1: Liz and his friends are on a mission trip. Their job is to build a school & tell kids about Christ, but they are facing strong opposition. What will they do? Find out on this week's Kids Corner.

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. Beginning January 6, 2011 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!

Blue Man Group: The KCHS Alumni Association is sponsoring an evening out at the Miller Auditorium on February 16, 2011 at 7:30 pm to see Blue Man Group. Escape the ordinary and surround yourself in an explosion of comedy, music, and technology. If you have never seen Blue Man Group, it is a must-

see. It offers something for everyone and it will be a stunning theatrical experience. Tickets are \$42 and are in the middle of Zone 2 of the Grand Tier level. Tickets are limited, so reserve your seat today by calling Marge at 381-2044, ext 112 or email her at mbooden@kcsa.org. You won't want to miss it!

Classis Kalamazoo invites students from their classis (undergraduate or graduate level) who are planning to pursue full-time ministry in the CRC and are in need of financial aid for the academic year of 2011-2012 to apply no later than February 28, 2011 by contacting Paul Vander Kamp, 2221 Ridgefield Road, Portage, MI 49024 or 269-321-0709 or vdrkmp@juno.com. Undergraduate students must be a least in their junior year during 2011-2012. Students presently receiving aid must reapply.

The Student Aid Fund Committee (SAFC) of Classis Kalamazoo is in need on one person to serve on our committee. Our committee has only one meeting per year! The role of SAFC is to evaluate applications for student education loans for those members of our Classis that are pursuing full time ministry in the CRC. If you would like to have a role in helping our local members achieve their call to ministry, please contact Paul Vander Kamp by February 28 at 269-321-0709 or vdrkmp@juno.com.

Job Opening: Park Village Pines/Crystal Woods in is need of personal caregivers & medical caregivers. These are part-time positions (16-30 hours/week). If interested, please send resume to information@kacra.org.

Park Village Pines: "Souper" Supper is Friday, February 25 from 5-6:30 pm. Check out the flyer posted in the Fellowship Hall for more details.

The Howard Hill Hustle: is a 5K Run/Walk race & Kids 1K Fun Run that will be held on Saturday, May 21. This community event is an opportunity to encourage healthy family habits, share a fun day with your friends, neighbors, & family members, and support the Kalamazoo Christian Schools. There will be fabulous race giveaways, silent auction items, race photos, live music, & many fun kids' activities. Look for registration coming soon.

*God doesn't call the qualified,
He qualifies the called.*

NURSERY Feb 6: Barb Nieboer & Heather Tuin

Feb 13: Glen Wagner & Carol Schewe

COFFEE SERVERS : Feb 6 & 13: Ken & Ellen Byle, Jack & Evie Wenke, Jerry & Trudy Oele

Feb 20 & 27: Bruce & Ruth Fletcher, Gary & Dorothy Broekhuizen, Bill & Ruth Vroegop

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

Feb 6: Ferrel Stremmer & Marilyn Stremmer

Feb 13: Glen Wagner & Donna Penning

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

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY ~ February 1-17: Marilyn Stremmer

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY ~ jloele@juno.com

SERVICE MINISTRY ~ February: Gretchen Vanders



MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY ~Feb 6: Lisa Shannon

Feb 13: Pat Schewe

PM: Gary Broekhuizen



Calendar of Events...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 COMMUNION 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Saying I Do" Ephesians 5:21-33 10:50 SUNDAY SCHOOL 5 pm Pastor Simon "The Keys of the Kingdom" Lord's Day 31	7	8 Coffee Break 9:30 am Administration Board Meeting 7 pm	9 Men's Bible Fellowship 7 am (make up date due to blizzard) Ladies Fellowship 9:45 am	10 G.R.O.W. 9:30 – 11 am International Luncheon Served	11	12
13 9:30 Pastor Simon "To Bless Our Children" Psalm 78 10:50 SUNDAY SCHOOL 5 pm Pastor Simon "Shall We Sin that Grace May Abound" Lord's Day 32	14  Happy Valentine's Day	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 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Mercy Above All" Amos 5 10:50 SUNDAY SCHOOL 5 pm Pastor Simon "Dying Away and Coming to Life" Lord's Day 33	21	22 Coffee Break 9:30 am Elders Meeting 3 pm	23 Ladies Fellowship 9:45 am GEMS 6:15-8 pm	24 G.R.O.W. 9:30 – 11 am	25	26
27 9:30 am Missionary Larry Spalink 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

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