

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.

We welcome to our pulpit this evening, Pastor Loren Kotman, from Milwood CRC in a post classis exchange. Pastor Simon will be at Prairie Edge CRC. May God bless both of these men as they lead in worship.

Fellowship

Birthdays...

- Trudy Oele ~ January 30
- Bob Razenberg ~ February 2
- Bruce Fletcher ~ February 4



Anniversaries...

- Jack & Evie Wenke ~ February 4



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

A heartfelt thank you to Bruce Fletcher for taking the time to go over Heritage's financial records of 2010. We appreciate your willingness & efficiency in this matter.

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.

Loaves & Fishes: *Wish list:*

February: Pasta

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 on 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!**

GEMS Information: This *Wednesday, February 2* is GEMS swim night at WMU from 7:30-9:30 pm. Because of the swim night, there will be no meeting on Wednesday, February 9. We will meet again on Wednesday, February 23. Also, GEMS Sunday is set for March 6.



Young People News: On this past Wednesday evening 6 young people, 2 young at heart, & Pastor Simon had a great time together bowling 2 games at Holiday Lanes next to church & then enjoying pizza, pop & chocolate here at church. Congratulations to Cassidy Bruinwood for throwing 3 strikes and to Pastor Simon for several spares! We all had a great time!

Please join us this morning service for a presentation by Gary Broekhuizen on his recent mission trip to the Dominican Republic & the work of Kids Alive International.

Daisy needs your help! Daisy, our cow sponsored through the Adopt-a-cow ministry, still has a few weeks of sponsorship available. There are three weeks in January & all of February still open. Please prayerfully consider being part of this ministry which has a 300% return value on your contribution. Wow!



Winter Clothing Drive! The big box is still available for winter coats, clothing, blankets for the Gospel Mission.

Prayer Guides for February: copies are available at the information center for your use.



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 again this Wednesday, February 2 at 7 am in the Fellowship Hall. See you there!

Evangelism & Missions

Letters to Missionaries

Allan Bickle ~ Rachel Brink
Dave & Carole Bickle ~ Frank Sawyer

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*

Jan 30:	General Fund	K-zoo Loaves/Fishes
	Loose Change	Christian Education
Feb 6:	General Fund	Kids Alive Inter
	Loose Change	Ministry Shares
Feb 13:	General Fund	CRWRC
	Loose Change	Faith Promise
Feb 20:	General Fund	Love, Inc.
	Loose Change	

Offerings deposited for Saturday, January 23...

Building Fund ~ \$115.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$25.00
Faith Promise ~ \$145.00
General Fund ~ \$1,364.93
Kalamazoo Christian School ~ \$10.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$75.00
Rehoboth Christian School ~ \$83.00

Requested Announcements

Community Bible Study: you are invited to join us for Community Bible study as we learn practical truths for daily living. We have begun a 5 week study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians followed by 1 John on Thursday evenings. Men’s and women’s classes meet on Thursday evenings from 7-8:45 pm at Calvary Bible Church. There are no expectations of your level of Bible knowledge or beliefs. For additional

information or to pre register, call Marcia Dykstra at 343-1403 or Ron Kilian at 760-5394.

Interested in selling your gently used furniture? **CLASSIC INTERIORS**, the new consignment store which supports Kalamazoo Christian Schools, is always looking for new inventory to sell. Call 350-5080 or send a photo of your furniture to 3711@gmail.com.

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.



Prison Chaplain Doesn’t Sweat It: Dr. David Schuringa interviews Chaplain Dan Swets, who describes what life & ministry is like in the largest jail in North America – The Cook County Jail in Chicago. Go to www.cbi.fm to listen to **Crossroad Connection** – a restorative justice ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute.

Being Religious (according to Jesus): How would you define spirituality? Today it is more common to hear people describe themselves as “spiritual”. Some will even say “I am spiritual, but not religious.” What exactly does that mean and is it even possible to separate spirituality from religion? Join the Groundwork conversation on Matthew 6:1-18. Tune in to the February 6 **Groundwork** ~ find a local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

Liz & Jonah: Does God really expect us to love our enemies? Why? How? Help Liz figure out what to do with enemies on this week’s Kids Corner. Visit HisKids.net to find great Christian programs & 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. 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!

**BLUE
MAN
GROUP**

Breakfast presentation on travel to the Holy Land: please join Witte Travel & Tours for a visit to the Holy Land THIS Thursday, February 3 at 8 am at the Prince Conference Center at Calvin College, 1800 East Beltline, SE, Grand Rapids. Breakfast will be served at 8:15 am and the program concludes promptly at 10 am. Space is limited, please RSVP by January 28 at 616-954-9670 or 866-954-9670 or janpw@wittetravel.com.

Second Impressions Update: the storage facility for summer clothing at Second Impressions is full. Please hold further donations of summer clothing until April. The furniture inventory, however, at Second Impressions is a bit low. If you have good salable used furniture to donate, this would be a good time for Second Impressions to receive your donations. Please call 345-7757 to make arrangements for pick ups.

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.

On May 5, 2011 Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services, in honor of its 100th Anniversary, will be hosting a Heritage Reunion Celebration for all former Pine Rest staff & retirees. To receive a personal invitation, receive more information, or if you have names & contact information to pass on to us, please call 616-281-6390 or 1-800-248-3485 or you may contact us by email: Marcia.timmerman@pinerest.org.

Worshipping God 'Above All'

By Amy Blackledge, Worship Director

The songwriter behind many contemporary worship tunes, including "Open the Eyes of My Heart"; "Above All", which the team sang this morning; and a song we introduced last week, "Your Name," is Paul Baloche.

Once Paul commented on songwriting for the church, "I almost feel like the Fed-Ex guy...you sort of can't take credit for what's in the package. You just feel like you delivered it to the church and just stand back. It's more than any songwriter can hope for."

Paul, who grew up in the Catholic Church, was an early believer in the mystery of God and loved music from an early age. He saw connections between the two, and became a worship leader and eventually began writing songs for the church. In 2002, "Above All" which Paul co-wrote with Lenny Lablanc, won a Dove Award for Inspirational Song of the Year.

Says Paul, "Just like all the other songs, sometimes in the midst of leading worship, just a prayerful thought will pop up in your mind, that Scripture in Isaiah where it says, 'Your ways are higher than my ways. Your thoughts are not my thoughts.' Just say to the Lord, 'You are above all the things that we esteem. You are above all power and fame and riches, and all those things that our culture values. Lord, I just want to declare You are above all.'"

NURSERY Jan 30: Ruth Wagner & Sue Mejeur

Feb 6: Barb Nieboer & Heather Tuin

COFFEE SERVERS :

Jan 30: Dave & Kathy VanderMeer, Phil & Barb Nieboer, Donna Penning, Bonnie Colvin

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

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

Jan 30: Herm Vanders & Judy Wieringa

Feb 6: Ferrel Stremmer & Marilyn Stremmer

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

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY ~ January: Judy Fletcher/**February 1-17:** Marilyn Stremmer



PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY ~ jloele@juno.com

SERVICE MINISTRY ~ January: Heather Tuin/**February:** Gretchen Vanders

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY ~ Jan 30: Tyler Shannon **Feb 6:** Lisa Shannon
PM: Gary Broekhuizen



Calendar of Events...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Is It a Sin to Be Rich?" Luke 16:19-31 10:50 SUNDAY SCHOOL 5 PM REV. LOREN KOTMAN	31	1 Deacons Meeting 7 pm 	2 Men's Bible Fellowship 7 am Praise Team 6:30-8 pm GEMS at WMU Pool 7:30-9:30 pm	3 G.R.O.W. 9:30 – 11 am	4	5
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 Administration Board Meeting 7 pm	9 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  <small>Happy Valentine's Day</small>	15	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 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

Newsletter DEADLINE

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