

Heritage Happenings

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

Worship

Lent



Throughout his ministry, and most definitively at the cross, Jesus proved the desire of His Father's heart to draw near to sinners and for sinners like you and me to draw near to Him, for the broken to become beautiful again. This Lenten season, through the "Broken and Beautiful" sermon series, we will meet some of those who had an encounter with Jesus while he was "on the move" and learn in fresh ways the hope and grace we find in the coming of our King.

We welcome Mr. Gary DeKoekkoek to Heritage today as he leads us in worship today. Pastor Simon will be leading worship at Northern Heights CRC as they are without a pastor. May God bless both men.

Profession of Faith: Next Sunday we will be privileged to hear Cassidy Bruinwood make her public profession of faith in the morning service.

Our Lenten Visual Art: the pitcher with towel from which red, blue and gold spill out reminds me of The Last Supper, when Jesus donned a towel and illustrated servant hood by washing his disciples feet.

The **color red** signifies his shed blood; the **color blue**, the river of life which is eternal and flows out from the throne of God (Revelation); and the **color gold** the light of the world, which has come to illuminate us, and spill out from our brokenness when we allow it to fill our hearts and minds.

In the midst of the colors and what they symbolize, are cracked clay pots which represent our humanity, and a series of seven candles, which represent each Sunday of Lent as well as Good Friday and Easter. In a stark reversal of the advent wreath, these candles will be put out one at a time with the center candle, the Christ candle, the last to be extinguished at our Good Friday service as a picture of Jesus' death and the severe penalty of our sin...darkness.

Thanks be to a God big enough to not toss us out or disqualify us because of brokenness, but rather spill His blood because He loves us, fill us with light that shines through the cracks and holes, and gives us eternal life to look forward to. We can, indeed, be both broken *and* beautiful in His care.

Amy Blackledge...Worship Director

Help Wanted: I'm looking for a small group of people that I can call on who would be willing to memorize short scripture texts or readings for use in our worship together. This might include the opportunity to be part of a drama team eventually, but that is not the entire point. The use of scripture in worship that is committed to memory is one of the most powerful tools we can utilize to draw ourselves and others into the presence of God. His Words, kept in our minds and hearts, and on our lips ~ it doesn't get better than that. So, basically, you don't need any experience, just an ability to memorize and a love of God! I am also looking for any drummers we may have in our congregation ~ has anyone ever played, or does anyone own bongos, congas, djembes, etc?

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Easter Lilies: In celebration of the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, you are invited to place an Easter lily in the sanctuary in memory of those who have left their earthly home to be with Christ in Heaven. Sign up at the table in the Narthex and place \$9.00 in the marked envelopes (also on table) in the offering. The deadline to sign up is April 10, 2011.



A special meeting of the congregation is scheduled for **this morning** following the morning service to vote on the **new chiller proposal**. See you there!

Fellowship

Birthdays...

Betty Vlietstra ~ March 28
Paul Booden ~ April 1

Anniversaries...

John & Jean Vader ~ March 30



Lost Bible: a nice leather-bound, dark navy, NIV Bible was found at First Cutlerville CRC. The Bible contained our bulletin from morning worship on March 6. They believe whoever left the Bible attending their evening worship of March 6. **Is it yours?**



Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to all those involved in the multi-media here at Heritage. We appreciate those who have a hand in the input as well as those who handle the output. We appreciate you!

Bonnie & Norm Langeland wish to thank the congregation for the many prayers, cards & kinds words following the death of Bonnie's mother.

They are not all from church but I received approximately 60 sympathy cards. I want to read them all again before putting them away. Thank you Pastor Simon and church family for everything. (PS I'm sure Wilma would thank you too!)

Vern Luchies

Ministry

Easter Egg Hunt: The Outreach Team is planning a community Easter Egg Hunt again this year. It will be held on April 23, the Saturday before Easter. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be available soon. Please consider helping in this exciting ministry to our neighbors. More information coming soon!



Praise Team Update: Please note that we will meet on Wednesday March 13 from 6:30-8 pm and not Wednesday, April 6 due to Spring break.

Book Club: We will meet tomorrow Monday, March 28 at 2 pm to discuss the book Tailgrass by Sandra Dallas. The advance selection for April is Winter Garden by Kirsten Hannah.

Ladies Night Out: Ladies please come to the first Ladies Night Out of 2011 on **Tuesday, April 5** at 6:30 pm for appetizers & punch. Then Phase 10! (Invitations are on the table in the Narthex.)

Loaves & Fishes: *Wish list:*

March: 100% Fruit Juice

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



Evangelism & Missions

Letters to Missionaries

Margaret Luteyn ~ Rachel Brink
Dean & Esther Manni ~ David Heath
Jerry & Ruth Mather ~ 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*
Mar 27: General Fund Debt Reduction
Loose Change K-zoo Deacons Conf
April 3: General Fund Christian Education
Loose Change CRWRC Home Missions
Apr 10: General Fund Ministry Shares
Loose Change Benevolence Fund
Apr 17: General Fund Faith Promise
Loose Change K-zoo Christian Schls

Offerings deposited for Sunday, March 6, 13, & 20...

Building Fund ~ \$20.00
Christian Education Assist ~ \$285.00
Faith Promise ~ \$505.00
General Fund ~ \$9,262.97
Hospice of Kalamazoo ~ \$111.00
Kuyper College ~ \$113.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$1,082.00
Park Village Pines ~ \$133.00
Rental Income ~ \$135.00
Year book ~ \$13.00

Requested Announcements

People of the Passion ~ Peter: Peter, the faithful follower of Jesus, denied him not once, but three times. And most of us have probably done the same. In what ways do we deny Jesus today? Is there any hope for us? Join the April 3 **Groundwork** conversation on Matthew 16:13-23, 26:69-75. Find a

local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

Too Little, Too Late? Don't miss a report on a person with disabilities pardoned posthumously, a special interview with a ministry to female inmates and much more on this week's Crossroad Broadcast News. Go to www.cbi.fm to listen to ***Crossroad Connection*** – a restorative justice ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute.

Chameleon Chaos: A brand new roller coaster has been set up in town and Liz can't wait to try it. But is it safe? Join Liz's latest adventure on this week's ***Kids Corner***. Visit HisKids.net to find great Christian programs and music for kids.

The Howard Hill Hustle: is a 5K Run/walk race and Kid's 1K Fun Run that will be held on Saturday, May 21st. This community event is an opportunity to encourage healthy family habits, share a fun day with your friends, neighbors, and family members, and support the Kalamazoo Christian Schools. There will be fabulous race giveaways, silent auction items, race photos, live music, and many fun kids activities. Register online at howardhillhustle.kcsa.org.

Spring cleaning? Second Impressions accepts gently used items from 10-4 Monday-Saturday. We also pick up furniture on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Please call 345-7757 to make arrangements.

Women of all ages are invited to a special Visitor's Night designed just for you to come and experience ***Women's Community Bible Study***. Come! Meet the Real Jesus as we look forward to knowing Him through the Gospel of John. Join us on Thursday, March 31 from 7-8:45 pm at Calvary Bible Church. If you have questions, please call Marcia at 343-1403.

Huge Garage Sale will be held at ***Wedgwood Christian Services*** on Friday, April 15 from 9-5 & Saturday, April 16 from 9-noon. The sale will be held at Wedgwood in the Velting Activities Center at 3300 36th Street, SE, Kentwood. All proceeds from the sale will help support the ministry of Wedgwood to offer hope and healing to youth, adults, and families. If you have any items you would like to donate, please call Alison at 831-5621.



A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story.

From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again.

Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?"

"Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"



NURSERY Mar 27: Lyndsay Berkenpas & Sue Mejeur

April 3: Barb Razenberg & Teri Wagner

COFFEE SERVERS : Mar 27: Judy Wieringa, Helen Selles, Bob & Barb Razenberg, Ken & Judy Fletcher
April 3 & 10: Glen & Ruth Wagner, Teri Wagner, Bernie & Judy Zwart

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

March 27: Bill Vroegop & Donna Penning

April 3: Simon Tuin & Judy Wieringa

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

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY ~ March: Glen Wagner

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY ~ jloele@juno.com

SERVICE MINISTRY ~ March: Joy Hegelmann

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY ~March 27: Zach Razenberg
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

April 3: Lisa Shannon



Calendar of Events...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Lent 9:30 am Mr. Gary DeKoekkoek "The Resolution of Jesus" Luke 9:51 10:50 SUNDAY SCHOOL 5 pm Mr. Gary DeKoekkoek "Get Your Clothes Changed" Zechariah 3	28 Book Club 2-4 pm	29 Coffee Break 9:30 am	30	31	1 	2
3 Lent/Communion 9:30 am Pastor Simon "A Blind Man with 20/20 Vision" Mark 10:46-52 Spring Break ~ No Sunday School 5 pm Pastor Simon "A Picture is Not Always Worth a Thousand Words" Lord's Day 36	4	5 Ladies Night Out 6:30 pm Deacons Meeting 7 pm	6 Men's Bible Fellowship 7 am Ladies Fellowship 9:45 am	7	8	9
10 Lent 9:30 Pastor Simon "Broken and Poured Out" Mark 14:10-11 Spring Break - No Sunday School 5 pm Pastor Simon "Are Oaths Always Wrong?" Lord's Day 37	11	12 Coffee Break 9:30 am Administrative Board Meeting 9:30 am	13 Praise Team Practice 6:30 - 8 pm (Note date change!)	14 G.R.O.W. 9:30 - 11 am	15	16
17 9:30 Pastor Simon "The Betrayers" Mark 14:12-31 Baptism of Teagan Miller 10:50 Sunday School 5 pm Rev. Henry DeVries	18	19 Coffee Break 9:30 am	20 P.U.S.H. 7 pm	21 G.R.O.W. 9:30 - 11 am	22 Good Friday Service 7 pm 	23 Easter Egg Hunt

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