

# Heritage Happenings

Heritage Christian Reformed Church • 2857 S 11<sup>th</sup> Street • Kalamazoo MI 49009

## Worship



**GEMS Sunday** is today! Today 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. Thank you to our GEMS for leading us in worship today.

# Lent



The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel, and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or commencement, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

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.

## 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 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...

Jason Schewe ~ March 9  
Teri Wagner ~ March 9  
Ferrel Stremmer ~ March 2  
Pat Schewe ~ March 14  
Daniel Baljeu ~ March 15  
Joy Hegelmann ~ March 16  
Grace Visser ~ March 16 – 88 years young!  
Rick Lingbeek ~ March 18  
Dean Troyer ~ March 18



### Anniversaries...

Dave & Carol Bonselaar ~ March 12  
Dean & Fern Troyer ~ March 18  
Mike & Lashell Baljeu ~ March 19

## Thank You

**As we celebrate GEMS Sunday today,** we extend a hearty thank you to our fearless GEMS leader, Kim Bruinwood. Thank you for all the planning, leading, and guiding you do for our GEMS. We appreciate you, Kim!

## Ministry

**Branson here I come...** I will be out of the office this week, 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. *Thank you, Sue*



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

**Loaves & Fishes:** *Wish list:*

**March:** 100% Fruit Juice

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



**Volunteers Needed:** Free tax preparation will be offered here at Heritage this week & we have a wonderful opportunity to be gracious hosts to those of our community. *We are looking for volunteers to work at the church as greeters, servers of hot chocolate, coffee, and/or cookies, and kid supervisors.* Please sign up today in the Narthex ~ a couple hours would be great! The dates & hours are Monday from 2-7 pm, Tuesday from 11-2 pm & Thursday from 10-2 pm. If you have any questions, please see Pat Schewe.

**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.

**Ladies Fellowship:** we will meet again on Wednesday, March 9 at 9:45 am. Our Bible study will be based on Acts 16:6-34. See you there!

**Winter Clothing Drive is almost done!** March 31, 2011 is your deadline to bring your unwanted winter clothing to help support the Gospel Mission! So be sure to clean out those closets soon!

## Evangelism & Missions

*Check out the latest newsletters from Spalinks, DeYoung's & Michaels' at the missionary table!*

### Letters to Missionaries

Bruce & Ruth Fletcher ~ Wayne DeYoung  
Ken & Judy Fletcher ~ Rev. Jimmy Lin  
Fred & Pam Gould ~ Joseph Mutebi

*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*  
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  
Mar 27: General Fund Debt Reduction  
Loose Change K-zoo Deacons Conf

### Offerings deposited for Sunday, February 27...

Benevolence Fund ~ \$206.00  
Building Fund ~ \$90.00  
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$25.00  
Faith Promise ~ \$950.00  
GEMS ~ \$50.00  
General Fund ~ \$1,999.00  
Ministry Shares ~ \$75.00  
Miscellaneous Income ~ \$67.95  
Initial offering ~ \$5.00

**The Deacons are happy to announce** that a total of \$10,277 in Tuition Assistance was distributed to our families whose children are receiving a Christian education. Your gifts through the budget envelopes, along with the amount in our church budget paid \$934.30 per child towards each family's tuition account. We praise God for your commitment to the children of Heritage Church.

## 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](http://www.s-heights.org), [office@s-heights.org](mailto:office@s-heights.org) or 269-349-4954. Thanks be to God!



**Economy Affects Marriages!** Financial difficulties often cause stress in our marriage relationship. Devote one weekend just for the two of you to revitalize romance, deepen communication and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Register now and attend a Reformed Marriage Encounter Weekend on March 18-20. For more information, or to register-online, go to [www.reformedme.org](http://www.reformedme.org) or contact Jim & Kathy Molenkamp at 616-538-2749.



**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](http://www.cbi.fm) to listen to *Crossroad Connection* – a restorative justice ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute.

**What didn't happen:** The Palm Sunday narrative: Jesus sends his disciples to get a donkey. He then rides into Jerusalem as people shout "Hosanna," wave branches, and lay down their cloaks for his path. What else happened on the day we celebrate as Palm Sunday? Join the March 13 Groundwork conversation on Matthew 21:1-17. Go to [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com) to find a local radio station or listen online.

**It is time to register** online for the Kalamazoo Christian School's 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://howardhillhustle.kcsa.org) to sign up!



**21<sup>st</sup> 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. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Oshtemo. For more details, check out [www.pregnancychoices.com/auction](http://www.pregnancychoices.com/auction).

**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. 12<sup>th</sup> Street. For information on orientation call Kalamazoo Christian Elementary school at 544-2332. For enrollment information call Kalamazoo Christian School Association at 381-2044.

**The Christian Reformed Conference Grounds,** a Christian family campground located on Lake Michigan just south of Grand Haven, has camping openings throughout the summer. We have many openings for June 11-18 and August 20-27 at discounted rates. A great time to camp with friends and family! See our website – [www.crcg.org](http://www.crcg.org) – for more information. Call 616-842-4478 to make a reservation.

**Children living at risk** in the Vine neighborhood need interested, strong and wise adults to spend time with them at one of the many programs offered by *Vineyard Outreach*, an interdenominational charity. Time commitments are about 2 hours per week for each program. For more information, call Catherine Dance, Director/Pastoral Worker at 349-2388.

**Job Opportunities at Park Village Pines/Crystal Woods:** Personal caregivers, medical caregivers, dining service aides, & maintenance/janitorial worker. These are part time positions with 16-30 hours per week. If interested, please send resume to [information@kacra.org](mailto:information@kacra.org). For more information regarding any position, please email [arlenekiel@kacra.org](mailto:arlenekiel@kacra.org).

**The Kalamazoo Deacons Conference** cordially invites you to an Open House honoring Terri Thomas for 10 years of serving through KDC. The open house will take place on Friday, March 11 from 3-6 pm at KDC, 1010 N. Westnedge.



**NURSERY** Mar 6: Evie Wenke & Lashell Baljeu

Mar 13: McKena/Tara Razenberg & Ruth Wagner

**COFFEE SERVERS :** Mar 6 & 13: Vicki Kinens, Rick & Donna Lingbeek, Dave & Lyndsay Berkenpas  
Mar 20 & 27: Judy Wieringa, Helen Selles, Bob & Barb Razenberg, Ken & Judy Fletcher

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

March 6: Dave Bickle & Ellen Byle

March 13: Dave Bickle & 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 6: Lisa Shannon  
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

March 13: Pat Schewe



**Calendar of Events...**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>6</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>GEMS Sunday</b> 9:30 am Pastor Simon <b>"Feed the Fire!"</b> Romans 12:11 10:50 SUNDAY SCHOOL 5 pm Pastor Simon <b>"Dying Away and Coming to Life"</b> Lord's Day 33	7	<b>8</b> Coffee Break 9:30 am  Administrative Board Meeting 7 pm	<b>9</b> Ladies Fellowship 9:45 am  <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<b>10</b> G.R.O.W. 9:30-11 am	11	<b>12</b>  Time to Spring Ahead
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<b>13</b> <b>Lent</b> 9:30 am Pastor Simon <b>"Hope for the Hopeless"</b> Mark 5:1-20 10:50 SUNDAY SCHOOL 5 pm Pastor Simon <b>"Delighting in the Law and the Lord"</b> Lord's Day 34	14	<b>15</b> Coffee Break 9:30 am	<b>16</b> P.U.S.H. 7 pm	<b>17</b> G.R.O.W. 9:30 - 11 am	18	19
<b>20</b> <b>Lent</b> 9:30 am Pastor Simon <b>"A Touching Moment"</b> Mark 5:24-34 10:50 SUNDAY SCHOOL 5 pm Pastor Simon <b>"A Picture is Not Always Worth a Thousand Words"</b> Lord's Day 35		<b>22</b> Coffee Break 9:30 am  Shepherding Elders 3pm  Council 7 pm	<b>23</b> Ladies Fellowship 9:45 am	<b>24</b> G.R.O.W. 9:30 - 11 am	25	26
<b>27</b> <b>Lent</b> 9:30 am Mr. Gary DeKoekkoek  10:50 SUNDAY SCHOOL  5 pm Mr. Gary DeKoekkoek	<b>28</b> Book Club 2-4 pm	<b>29</b> Coffee Break 9:30 am	30	31	<b>1</b> 	2

**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](mailto: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