

Council News

Over the past several weeks the Council has worked diligently to put together a list of nominees for positions soon to be vacated by those who have completed their term as either elder or deacon. Here is the list of those who are willing to serve:

Administrative Elder (1 needed for 1 year term):
Phil Nieboer

Shepherding Deacon (1 needed for 1 year term):
Marge Booden, Taylor Bruinwood, Donn Carlisle, Matt Durian, Gretchen Vanders, & Judy Wieringa

Note: Emma Schering has agreed to serve as the Administrative Deacon for the remainder of her term.

Today, May 7, at a moment in the service, members will have the opportunity to mark a form to affirm each nominee. This form will be handed out by the council as members enter the sanctuary and collected during the offering. Following the service, the Council President and Clerk will determine which nominees received more than 50% approval. The final list will be known only to the Council President and Clerk.

Next Sunday, May 14, the names of those affirmed as nominees will be placed in a basket. Following a time of prayer, a name will be drawn and announced to the congregation. The congregation will then be asked to affirm the entire slate of nominees by a voice vote. The installation of new office –bearers will take place at the morning service on Sunday, May 21.

Please keep this process in prayer as we place those nominated before God's throne and ask the Holy Spirit to lead us in the ministry of Heritage Christian Reformed Church.

Ministry...



Shipshewana...Here We Come!

Join us on Wednesday, May 24 as we head South for a day of fun and adventure. We will leave from church at 10:30 am. Please sign up today at the table in the Narthex if you plan on going. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Vlietstra at 269-345-8205.

Missions & Missionaries...

Loaves & Fishes wish list:

May: Low or no salt canned vegetables
Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall

Emails or Letters to Missionaries...

Dave & Kathy VanderMeer ~ Larry Spalink
Herm & Gretchen Vanders ~ Van Aukum Family
Rich & Sara VanMaaren ~ Kathleen Lauder

If you do not have a copy of our missionaries' email addresses, both their most current newsletter and email addresses are on the Missionary table next to the mailboxes

Offering Schedule

May 7	General Fund: Christian Education Loose Change: CRC World Missions
May 14	General Fund: Ministry Shares Loose Change: Back to God Minis
May 21	General Fund: Faith Promise Loose Change: Elim Chr Schools
May 28	General Fund: Building Fund Loose Change: Benevolence Fund

Offerings (for Sunday, April 30)

Christian Education Assistance ~ \$25.00
Easter Lilies ~ \$7.00
Faith Promise ~ \$50.00
General Fund ~ \$3,604.00
Kalamazoo Gospel Mission ~ \$904.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$288.00

Weather Emergencies:

As we approach the spring season, we will follow these recommendations:

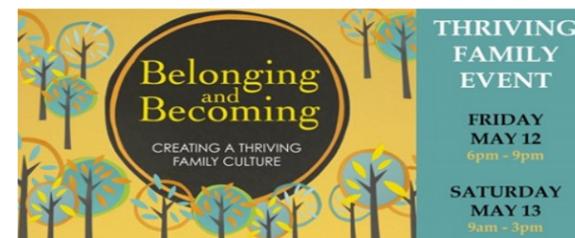
- Severe Thunderstorm Watch or Warning in effect prior to a meeting: The person who convenes the meeting is to use his/her own discretion in deciding whether to cancel. Church services will not be canceled.
- Tornado Watch or Warning in effect one hour prior to a meeting: The church service or meeting will automatically be canceled. Posting will be listed on WWMT and WOODTV.
- Tornado Watch issued during the church service or meeting: As the discretion of the leaders it will be determined whether or not participants will be dismissed immediately.
- Tornado Warning issued during the church service or meeting: Once notified, everyone will be asked to take cover in the bathrooms or hallway of the education wing.

Ministry continued...

Mark your calendars: Plan to join us at Heritage CRC on May 21 at 5 pm for an inspirational service of the word, music and song! The King's Choraliers, a singing group of men from Grand Rapids will join with Proclamation Brass from Kalamazoo in presenting great hymns of the faith that celebrate Ascension Day and the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Including time for congregational hymns, this promises to be an uplifting event with a social time to follow. You'll want to be there.

Families come in all shapes and sizes.

Whether you have children, hope to have children, parent solo or with a partner, your household can be a place of BELONGING, where each person feels safe, cared for and loved AND a place of BECOMING, where you help one another develop who you are for the good of the world.

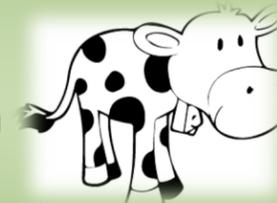


Join authors Mark and Lisa Scandrette for the practical workshop based on their latest book, *Belonging and Becoming: Creating A Thriving Family Culture*. Together we will explore tools and practices that can help your family thrive. Registration cost: \$40/individual or \$65/couple. Includes a complimentary copy of the book, *Belonging and Becoming*, and lunch on Saturday. Event Location: Threads Church, 2031 E. Cork Street. Learn more & register at www.threadschurch.org/thriving-family. This event is co-sponsored by several area churches including Voyage & Third CRC.



Food Resource Bank...

- ♦ Are you in the *mood* to help?
- ♦ Together, we can change the world.
- ♦ Won't you help feed Daisy this year through Food Resource Bank?
The cost is \$40/week or \$160/month.
- ♦ Sign up today at the display in the Narthex if you are able to contribute to this vital ministry.
- ♦ Thank you for joining us in imagining a world without hunger, and working to make it happen. We are inspired by all that you have done and continue to do.



Requested Announcements

Kalamazoo Christian High School Athletic Booster Club invites you to their annual golf outing event. Monday, June 5, 2017 at 12 pm at Thornapple Golf Course. You can sign up to play at kchristiansports.com, where there is a link to fill out the sign-up sheet. The funds from the golf outing help to support all athletics at Kalamazoo Christian High School. If you have more questions, please feel free to call the high school athletic office at 269-381-2250, ext 223.

You are invited to a time of worshipping God through a concert with GOSPEL MUSIC featuring gospel singer and recording artist, James McDuffy. He will be accompanied by Esther Vandenberg, pianist for HIS Harmony Quartet. The concert will be held at Twin Lakes Church, 5475 Ravine Road, Kalamazoo, at 7 pm on Saturday, May 20, 2017. A free-will offering will be received and some of McDuffy's recordings will be available for purchase. Please note that if our area is under a tornado watch or warning within one hour of the concert, the concert will be cancelled.

Park Village Pines, a Christian assisted living senior care community, invites you to their campus at 2920 Crystal Lane in Kalamazoo on Saturday, May 20 from 8 am to 12 pm for their annual flower sale. **For the first time, sale is before Memorial Day!** Enjoy great prices on all types of flowers and free coffee and donuts! All proceeds will help provide our residents with the highest quality Christian senior care & facilities.