

Heritage Happenings

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Worship

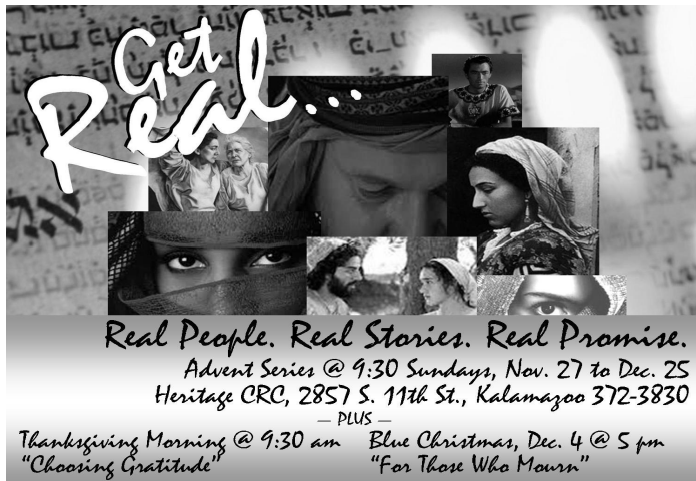
Blue Christmas Service: While some Christians are alight with joy during the Christmas season, for many others it is a painful time as they grieve the death of someone they love, the loss of a dream, experience financial concerns, or work through relational difficulties.

On Sunday, December 4 a "Blue Christmas" evening worship service is being planned. This service is for those who feel the brokenness of the world at Christmas time. It will be a service of worship with opportunity to sing and to hear comfort from the Word of God. Join us for this service and invite a neighbor or friend who might need to be reminded that Jesus also came to bring comfort to those who mourn.



Volunteers needed: for nursery during our Blue Christmas service, December 4, 5-6 pm. We want this service to be open to the community and would like parents to know there's a place for children. Please see Pastor Simon if you can help!

Christmas Choir News! As requested, one extra rehearsal has been scheduled as part of our monthly Praise Team rehearsal on Wednesday, December 7. Praise Team members please plan on staying until 8 pm. Thanks everyone!



Advent & Christmas Worship Schedule:

December 4 at 5 pm: Blue Christmas Service (see previous announcement).

December 11 at 5 pm: Children's Christmas Program titled "More than a Story".

December 18 at 5 pm: A Service of Lessons & Carols. Join us for this service of Word and song as we celebrate God's story of redemption and love through the coming of Jesus Christ.

Please note: There is no evening worship on Sunday, November 27 or Sunday, December 25.

Congregational Meeting is next Sunday, December 4 following the morning worship. Please plan to attend to consider the budget for next year & to hear stories of how God is at work through the ministry here at Heritage Church. Extra copies of the proposed budget can be found on the table in the Narthex.

Christmas Food Basket Project: A love offering for the Christmas Food Basket Project will be taken next Sunday, December 4. The Deacons along with the Outreach Committee request your prayerful consideration, as your generosity will enable us to help more families in need. The baskets will be distributed on Thursday, December 22 around 5 pm. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex soon. Please help us as we serve God in this important outreach event.

Fellowship

Please change Wilma Woltersom's zip code in your directory to 49004! Thank you!

Birthdays...

Glen Wagner ~ November 27
Gerry Visser ~ December 3 –
83 years young!!



Anniversaries...

Greg & Sue Mejeur ~ December 1

Looking for a night out? Sign up today for a dinner theatre at the Blue Gate Theatre in Shipshewna for Friday, December 9 to see "The Glory and Majesty of Christmas". For 12-24 people it is \$42/each and for 25 or more it is \$39/each. **The last day to sign up is TODAY!** Dinner is at 5:30 pm and the theater at 7:30 pm. We will carpool from church at 4:15 pm. Questions? Please see Ruth Mather.

Yearbook 2012: Please contact the church office by **TODAY** if you would like to purchase a copy of the 2012 Yearbook of the CRC. \$12.99/copy.

Book Club News: We gather around the table to discuss "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" by Helen Simonson this Tuesday, November 29th. See you there!

Thank you

A BIG thank you to Fred Gould for our BIG catch...the boat that graced the worship center during our Jonah series. And thanks to Gary & Dot Broekhuizen, Ken & Judy Fletcher, Kathy VanderMeer & Carissa Blackledge who helped out with nautical additions to the boat, and Pastor Simon, Fred, and Zach Razenberg, who moved it around several times as needed!
Amy Blackledge

We wish to thank all of you at Heritage Church for your generosity in allowing us to have our son's wedding here on November 18. Thank you for permitting us to use your beautiful facilities for this truly blessed occasion. Also a big shout out to Dan VanderBerg for helping us hang the fabric! Thank you so much Dan!
Curt & Sue DeVries



November Council Meeting...

The Council conducted the following business at the November 15 meeting:

- Appointed Dave Bonselaar as administrative elder to fill the unexpired term of Mike Baljeu. This appointment will be ratified at the December 4 Congregational meeting.
- Approved the 2012 budget for presentation at the December 4 Congregational Meeting.
- Continued the discussion of a possible youth director for Heritage Church.
- Received reports from Pastor Simon & the shepherding elders & deacons on their work.
- Received the financial report through October. The deacons were thanked for the letter highlighting the financial needs of the church.



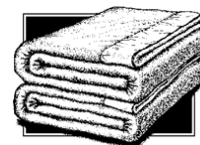
Evangelism & Missions

Food Resource Bank still has two months open!

Please consider signing up for a month, or a week or two on the board in the Narthex to support Daisy, our adopt-a-cow!

Blankets, Mittens, Scarves, Hats & any winter items

are needed at the Kalamazoo Deacon's Conference. They are desperately in need of *blankets* for their clients this winter. The Coffee Break Ladies will be collecting them in the box in the Narthex. It's a good time to clean out those closets!



Loaves & Fishes: Wish list:

November: Canned Meat

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



Emails or Letters to Missionaries

John & Kim Bruinwood ~ Rachel Brink
Gene Brussee ~ Frank Sawyer
Grover & Eileen Brussee ~ David Heath

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 outside the south door of the sanctuary.

Offerings and Tithes

PM	<i>Offering is always for the General Fund</i>	
Nov 27:	General Fund	Building Fund
	Loose Change	K-zoo Chr Schools
Dec 4:	General Fund	Christian Education
	Loose Change	Heritage Christmas Proj
Dec 11:	General Fund	Ministry Shares
	Loose Change	CRWRC
Dec 18:	General Fund	Faith Promise
	Loose change	Benevolence Fund

Our Thanksgiving Offering for the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission now totals \$2,119.00.

Thank you! Through your support for CRWRC's World Hunger Campaign (**PETER FISH**), we continue to fight hunger and poverty together. This year, our church raised **\$554.46** for CRWRC's ministry around the world.

Offerings deposited for Oct 23rd & 30th, Nov 6th & 13th...

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$188.00
- Building Fund ~ \$1,875.00
- Christian Education Assistance ~ \$805.00
- CRC Home Missions ~ \$126.00
- CRWRC ~ \$10.00
- CRC World Hunger ~ \$181.00
- Debt Reduction ~ \$10.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$1,200.00
- General Fund ~ \$11,595.00
- Kalamazoo Christian School ~ \$5.00
- Kalamazoo Gospel Mission ~ \$2,119.00
- Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes ~ \$380.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$637.00

Requested Announcements

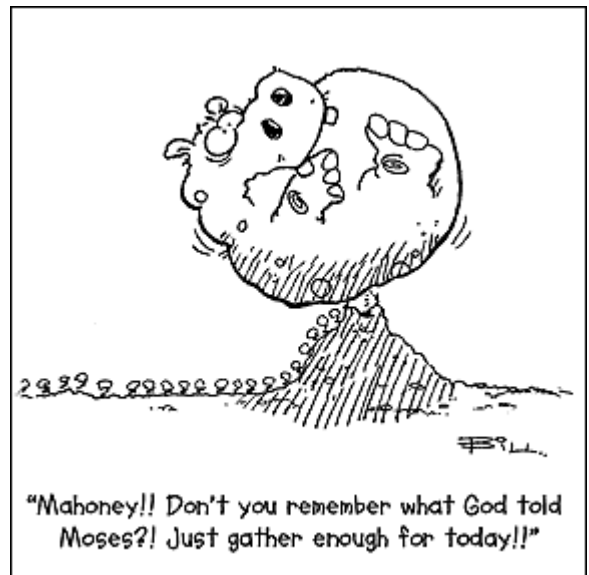
Mark your calendar: Ballet Arts performance of "The Nutcracker" with Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra & Kalamazoo Children's Chorus providing accompaniment will be held on Saturday, December 10 at 2 pm & 7 pm and Sunday, December 11 at 2 pm at the Chenery Auditorium. **Kelsey Bruinwood** is dancing in the production & **Cassidy Bruinwood** is putting her talents to work backstage. Tickets are on sale at Miller Auditorium. Kim Bruinwood has a "group" set up already. If you request to add to the "Kim Bruinwood group", tickets are \$12/each.

Choosing Jail or Church: Broadcast News shares stories from around the world, including a town's jail or church sentencing plan, a lawyer's calling to defend the poor and human rights violations in

Liberian prisons. Go to www.cbi.fm to listen to **Crossroad Connection** ~ a restorative justice ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute.

You Asked!: We are thankful for the listeners who write letters, post questions on our Facebook page, and email us. On this week's program we'll dig into scripture together to answer some of the questions you've asked **Groundwork**. Join the December 4 Groundwork conversation. Tune in to Groundwork – find a local radio station or listen online at GroundworkOnline.com.

Love INC Adopt-a-Family for Christmas: The Christmas season is rapidly approaching and there are many families in our community who will not be able to have gifts under the tree for their children. Love in The Name of Christ of Kalamazoo County partners with churches to bless families in need. In early November, Love INC will begin receiving requests for Christmas help and then verifying those requests. Those with legitimate need will be matched with volunteers willing to "adopt" a family. Volunteers could be individuals, families, or small groups with the church. If you are interested in adopting a family for Christmas, please call Love INC at 353-6798 and give us your name, contact information and the size of the family that you are willing to adopt and we will provide you with the details. We ask that volunteers be willing to deliver the gifts to the family and use this as an opportunity to show the love & compassion of Jesus Christ our Savior.



NURSERY Nov 27: Lyndsay Berkenpas & Sue Mejeur Dec 4: Heather Tuin & Ellen Byle

COFFEE SERVERS : Nov 27/Dec 4: Dave & Kathy VanderMeer, Phil & Barb Nieboer, Donna Penning, Bonnie Colvin
 Dec 11: Herm & Gretchen Vanders, Jack & Evelyn Wenke, Jerry & Trudy Oele

HEARTLAND HEALTHCARE CENTER (Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approx 30 minutes)
 Nov 27: Jim Triezenberg & Phyllis Triezenberg Dec 4: Bill Vroegop & 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 ~ November: Judy Fletcher/**December:** Glen Wagner

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY ~ prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY ~ November: Joy Hegelmann/**December:** Betty Vlietstra



MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY ~ Nov 27: Zach Razenberg Dec 4: Lisa Vlietstra PM Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27  9:30 am Pastor Simon "Tamar: Real Hope" Genesis 38 & Matthew 1 10:50 No Sunday School 5 pm No Evening Worship	28	29 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30 – 11 am Book Club 2-4 pm	30	1  DECEMBER	2	3
4 Communion  9:30 am Pastor Simon "Rahab: Real Faith" Joshua 2 & Matthew 1 10:50 Congregational Meeting 10:50 Christmas Prog Prac 5 pm Blue Christmas Service	5	6 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30 – 11 am Elders Meeting 3 pm Deacons Mtg 7 pm	7 Men's Bible Fellowship 7 am Praise Team Practice 6:30-8:30 pm	8	9	10
11  8-9 am Christmas Choir Prac 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Ruth: Real Joy" Book of Ruth & Matthew 1 10:50 Christmas Prog Prac 5 pm "More Than A Story" (Children's Christmas Prog)	12	13 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30 – 11 am Admin Board Meeting 7 pm	14 Ladies Fellowship Bible Study 9:45 – 11 am	15	16	17
18  9:30 am Pastor Simon "Bathsheba: Real Peace" 2 Samuel 11 & Matthew 1 No Sunday School 5 pm Lessons & Carols	19	20	21 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	22	23	24

Newsletter articles need to be submitted by Wednesday at noon.

Call, leave a note, or e-mail your announcement to churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

Cancellations A tornado watch or warning in effect 1 hour prior to a worship service or meeting will result in the worship service or meeting being cancelled. Announcements regarding worship services will be announced on WWMT channel 3, WOODYTV Channel 8 and WOTV channel 4. **Office Hours** Tuesday – Wednesday: 9-2 pm & Thursday 9-Noon

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