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OFFICE HOURS:
 Wednesday: 8:00 am —1:00 pm
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Connecting with our Community
 Please continue to reach out via phone or e-mail to our church community.



Find us on Facebook @ Heritage Christian Reformed Church.
 Look up our website at www.heritagecrc.org for past sermons and our weekly newsletter and more!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				4 9:30 am GROW Group	5	6
7 <i>Communion Sunday</i> 9:30 am Rev. Mark Kraai "And Then God..." Isaiah 25:6-9, Revelation 21:1-6a	8	9 3:30 pm Shep. Elders 7 pm Admin Board	10	11 9:30 am GROW Group	12	13
14 9:30 am Pastor Simon "What Is My Testimony?" 1 John 5:1-12	15	16 9:30 am Coffee Break	17 7 pm P.U.S.H. Prayer meeting	18 9:30 am GROW Group	19	20 8 am Mobile Food Initiative
21 9:30 am Pastor Simon "To Know Him Who Is True" 1 John 5:13-21	22	23 7 pm Council	24 Combined Thanks-giving Service @ Third CRC	25 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	26	27

Heritage HAPPENINGS

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What's up in Worship

This Sunday we welcome Rev. Mark Kraai as he leads us in worship and communion. The sermon title is: **"And Then God..."**, Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 21:1-6a.



This Sunday, November 7, is Communion Sunday. We invite all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God and confess Jesus as their Savior, to join us at the table of our Lord for Communion. Trays will be passed down each pew. If you prefer, you can pick up prefilled cups in the lobby before the service.

thank you

Heritage Church Family, thank you for the cards, notes, tasty treats and gifts as part of Pastor Appreciation Month. I am grateful to serve here at Heritage CRC and thank God for each of you.
 Pastor Simon & family

Thank you to all of you who prayed for my recovery from surgery. Thanks especially for those who brought meals and sent cards. Thank you pastor Simon for the emails and calls. Herm Vanders

Celebrations . . .

Birthdays...
 Marilyn Stremler ~ November 7

Anniversaries...
 Jerry & Ruth Mather ~ November 8



Thanksgiving Offering: Every year, Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes is the designated ministry for the Thanksgiving offering. This year's offering will take place on Sunday, November 21. Along with our financial support, you are invited to bring food items for the Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes pantry located at Voyage Church. Special request items this year are for breakfast items: kid's cereal, pop tarts, granola bars, jelly/jams, pancake mix & syrup. They will also accept all-in-one meals: hamburger helper and high protein soup & stews, low sodium veggies, and low sugar fruit. During the offering moment in the service on November 21, everyone will be invited to place their donations on the steps in the front of the sanctuary.



Sunday Worship

Thanksgiving Day: In a few weeks we will have the opportunity to gather and give thanks for God's blessings. The Council recently accepted an invitation to join several CRC churches this year for an evening of Thanksgiving worship on Wednesday, November 24 at Third CRC. This will take the place of our regular Thanksgiving Day service and our annual Thanksgiving food offering for Loaves & Fishes will happen on Sunday, November 21.

Video Recording

A video recording of the morning worship service will be posted to our church YouTube page either on Sunday or Monday. Here is the link to our YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCutET663hVzpPohBMiCXEQA>. If you haven't already done so, be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the notification bell to receive updates whenever a new video becomes available.



We at **ReFrame Ministries** want to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your support in God's Kingdom building project. Your generosity has allowed us to continually develop new and innovative ways to share the good news, both internationally across ten different languages, and locally with our English ministry team. Our partnership together reminds us of the African proverb:

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

As we look ahead at the journey before us, our hope and prayer is that by the Spirit's power we may continue to proclaim the gospel together. May the Lord continue to bless you abundantly, just as you have been a blessing to others!

In grace and peace,
Rev. Benjamin McKnight
Church Relations Manager
ReFrame Ministries

Offering Schedule

Nov. 7: General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Park Village Pines
Nov. 14: General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Wycliffe Bible Translators
Nov. 21: General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Kal. Loaves & Fishes
Nov. 28: General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: International Campus Ministry

Offerings (deposited for October 31, 2021)

Building Fund ~ \$70.00
Christian Ed. Assist ~ \$85.00
Faith Promise ~ \$95.00
General Fund ~ \$7,670.00
Kalamazoo Christian ~ \$10.00
Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries ~ \$196.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$10.00

Sunday, November 7, 2021 has been designated the INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER for the Persecuted Church.

According to Open Doors USA, in just the last year, there have been:
-Over 340 million Christians living in places where they experience high levels of persecution and discrimination
-4,761 Christians killed for their faith
-4,488 churches and other Christian buildings attacked
-4,277 believers detained without trial, arrested, sentenced or imprisoned.

In countries like India and Turkey, religious identity is increasingly tied to national identity—meaning, to be a "real" Indian or a good Turk, you must be a Hindu or a Muslim, respectively. In other countries on the World Watch List (www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/world-watch-list/), religious identity is closely tied to national identity, and anyone who follows Jesus risks being seen—and persecuted—as a bad citizen.

These numbers are heart-breaking. And yet, they do not tell the whole story. James 1:2-4 says, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." That joy is what we see when we hear and work with Christians all over the world who suffer because they serve Jesus. God cares for His people, and He will never leave or forsake them.

Requested Announcements

Classis Kalamazoo is seeking a new Stated Clerk. Primary duties include preparing the agenda and recording the minutes for classis meetings and serving as an ex-officio member of the Classical Interim Committee. An annual stipend is provided. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Mike Koetje at pastor@westwoodcrc.org.

Fusion Classis Kalamazoo Youth Worship Service:

All high school students are invited to Fusion youth worship event on November 14 from 5-7 pm at Prairie Edge Christian Reformed Church. Gather with us for games, worship, a message, pizza, and fellowship time.

CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries

Confession Prayers - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Have you ever hidden from someone or something? In our prayers, God does not want us to hide from him. He wants us to seek him by confessing our sins to him when we pray. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

Seeking God's Face - is a daily, contemplative devotional—rooted in the ancient traditions of the Divine Office and lectio divina—guiding you to renewed communion with God through sacred Scripture and universal prayer. Subscribe for daily emails at seekinggodsface.org/ subscribe.

Groundwork: Jonah: Praying for God's Deliverance - When we find ourselves in situations that we cannot fix, it's natural to feel anxious, desperate, overwhelmed, exhausted, and scared. Join Groundwork as we study Jonah 2 to remember that God is ready to hear us, to deliver us, and to offer us his abundant mercy. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Family Faith Formation Tip

Read Acts 4:32-35 and ponder or discuss the following question.

What would it be like to share possessions with a group of people not related to you? What kinds of adjustments would that require—physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually?

crcna.org/faithpracticesproject

Volunteer Schedule...

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY:

Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY:

prayerline@heritagecrc.org

Service Ministry:

Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

Nov. 7 - Lisa Durian

Nov. 14 - LillieAnn Durian

Nov. 21 - Paul Booden

Coffee Servers:

Oct. 31 & Nov. 7 Mick & Melissa Piontek
Ron & Sharon Stryd

Nov. 14 & 21 Bill & Kathy Cobern
Bob & Jane Pangle