

Heritage Happenings

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

Worship



Christmas Choir Rehearsal

*It's not too late!
Raise your voice with
us and sing on
Sunday, Dec. 11!*

*Next rehearsal:
Wed., Nov. 9 @ 6:30.*

Today we invite you to share in the joy of welcoming our newest member into our church family here at Heritage; Faith Kay, daughter of Dave & Lyndsay Berkenpas.

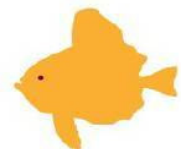
Blue Christmas Service: Soon the Christmas season will be upon us. While some Christians are alight with joy during the Christmas season, for many others it is a painful time as they grieve the death of someone they love or the loss of a dream, experience financial concerns, or work through relational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

On Sunday, December 4 we are planning a "Blue Christmas" evening worship service. 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 so as to help people find hope for despair, and light in darkness. We hope you will 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.



**Remember to set your
clocks back this coming Saturday,
November 5!!!**

Peter Fish are here! In 1990, 33% of children below the age of five were undernourished. Through God's grace and the hard work of organizations like the Christian Reformed World Relief committee, this number was down 26% by 2006. Will you continue to help CRWRC in this fight? Please continue to read the World Hunger stories at home this week, then bring your Peter Fish banks to church next Sunday as we participate in World Hunger Sunday.



Special Offering: On Sunday, November 13 a "Thanksgiving Day" offering will be received to support the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission.

Fellowship

Birthdays...

- Julian Newell ~ October 30
- Ed Finch ~ November 1
- Ann DeMaagd ~ November 2
- Kevin Byle ~ November 5



Are you looking for a night out? Sign up today for a dinner theatre at the Blue Gate Theatre in Shipshewna. Be part of the group on Friday, December 9 to see "The Glory and Majesty of Christmas". The bigger the group, the less we pay! For 12-24 people it is \$42/each and for 25 or more it is \$39/each. If you have any questions, please see Ruth Mather.

The November/December Today booklets have arrived! Please pick up a copy outside the southeast sanctuary door if you so desire a copy. Note: those who receive the large print Today booklets will still find yours in your mailbox this morning.

Prayer Guides

for November are available
at the information center
for your use.



Yearbook 2012: If you would like to purchase a copy of the 2012 Yearbook of the Christian Reformed Church, please contact the office no later than November 27. The cost is \$12.99/copy.

Our doors are not closing!!! Please take an extra 10 seconds and make sure the door you are leaving actually shuts all the way! Thank you!



Sue will be out of the office

the week of November 15-17, 2011.
Therefore, there will not be a Heritage Happenings for Sunday, November 20.

Please plan your announcements accordingly in the next couple of weeks.
Thank you.

Thank you

A big thank you goes out to Dorothy Broekhuizen & Carol Schewe for your time, patience, and weekly diligence inputting the liturgies into the power point for use during worship. Thank you Ladies!

Thank You! Thank you for all of the words of encouragement and the generous supply of cards and gifts during the month of October and Pastor Appreciation Month. Thank you for letting us know we are loved and appreciated! Please know the feeling of appreciation is mutual!

Pastor Simon, Heather, Connor & Ian

Ministry



Men's Bible Fellowship: our next meeting will be on *Wednesday, November 9* at 7 am. (Please note the date change.) See you around the table!

Heartland Health Care is in urgent need of pianists!! You don't have to be a concert pianist, just have a heart for serving the Lord. See Phyllis Triezenberg to sign up or for more information.

Did you know that you can receive a free subscription to the Christian Reformed Church's magazine called "The Banner?" If you are not receiving one at this time and would like to, please jot down your name and address on a piece of paper and put it in the church office marked for "The Banner."

Evangelism & Missions

Loaves & Fishes: *Wish list:*

November: *Canned Meat*

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



Emails or Letters to Missionaries

Bill & Ruth Vroegop ~ Rachel Brink
Blen & Ruth Wagner ~ Frank Sawyer
Teri Wagner ~ David Heath
Jack & Evie Wenke ~ Wayne DeYoung

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 *Offering is always for the General Fund*

Oct 30: General Fund	Loose Change	K-zoo Loaves & Fishes
Nov 6: General Fund	Loose Change	Christian Education
Nov 13: General Fund	Loose Change	CRWRC World Hungr
	Loose Change	Ministry Shares
Nov 20: General Fund	Loose Change	Benevolence Fund
	Loose Change	Faith Promise
	Loose Change	K-zoo Loaves & Fishes

Offerings deposited for Sunday, October 2...

Benevolence Fund ~ \$2,519.00
Building Fund ~ \$275.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$260.00
Faith Promise ~ \$300.00
General Fund ~ \$4,038.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$160.00

Offerings deposited for Sunday, October 9...

Benevolence Fund ~ \$125.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$214.00
Faith Promise ~ \$120.00
Fall Carnival ~ \$100.00
General Fund ~ \$2,878.00
Kalamazoo Christian School ~ \$5.00
Kalamazoo Deacons Conf ~ \$152.00
Memorial Fund ~ \$20.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$278.00
Miscellaneous Income ~ \$36.16
Kids Alive ~ \$200.00

Offerings deposited for Sunday, October 16...

Benevolence Fund ~ \$5.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$50.00
Faith Promise ~ \$155.00
General Fund ~ \$2,645.00
Kalamazoo Christian School ~ \$5.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$75.00
Vineyard Outreach ~ \$116.00

Requested Announcements

“Beyond Acceptance”: a local Christian feature-film about adoption will be showing at Centerpoint Church on Friday, November 4th at 7 pm. Bring the family! Tickets are \$5 at the door. For more information, go to www.beyondacceptance.com.

And Justice For All? In this week’s episode of Crossroad Broadcast News, a report on how celebrity wealth helped free three men who may have been wrongfully convicted. Go to www.cbi.fm to listen to *Crossroad Connection* ~ a restorative justice ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute.

Christ’s Second Coming: We’re supposed to be looking forward to the return of Christ, but so much we’re taught is scary. What do we do with the vision of the future? What does the Bible say about the rapture? Join the November 6th *Groundwork conversation* that will help answer some of these questions. Tune in to Groundwork - find a local radio station or listen online at GroundworkOnline.com.

The Problem with Pride: Liz has an amazing opportunity to meet a famous rock star – unless his pride gets in his way! Check it out on this week’s Kids Corner. Visit HisKids.net to find great Christian programs and music for kids.

What Marriage Encounter is, in the words of couples who have attended: “a very private and personal experience that we will always treasure.” You can add this treasure to your marriage. Register for the November 18-20 Geneva Shores Retreat Center Reformed Marriage Encounter weekend by contacting registration couple Jim & Kathy Molenkamp at 616-538-2749 or at register online @ www.reformedme.org. There is no sharing in a group on the weekend.

“Kalamazoo Christian Chicago Bus Trip” Please join us in raising money for the Kalamazoo Christian Middle School. Tuesday, December 6th we will travel round trip from Kalamazoo to Downtown Chicago by charter bus. 54 seats available on the 1st bus for \$38.00/each. A 2nd bus will be \$40.00/each and will be reserved if we can meet the minimum number. Please contact Gina de Jong at 269-779-4667 or ginadj11@gmail.com to reserve your spot or with questions.



Kalamazoo Christian Elementary School will be offering a 6 week *Adult Introductory Spanish Class*. The class is designed to give adults a basic understanding of the language and to help pronounce words and phrases correctly. We are offering two times for this class that will meet on Mondays. One class is offered from 1 – 2:30 pm and the other is from 6:30 – 8 pm starting October 31 and running until December 5. Cost is \$60.00 for a class. Contact the Elementary School for more information or to sign up at 269-544-2332.

Blood drive at Kalamazoo Christian High School: please consider joining us for the November 14th blood drive at the high school. The Athletic Booster Club will receive \$10 from Michigan Blood for each donation that day, so it is important that we get as many donors as possible! In order to reduce wait times, we ask that you to go <http://goo.gl/gEz3y> to sign up and select an appointment time. Contact Patti Landstra (plandstra@kcsa.org) with any questions.

Comstock Christian Reformed Church will be making *Coffee Cakes (shaped like a candy cane)* to sell by order on November 4th at our church. The cakes will be \$8.50 and the proceeds will be split 50/50 between Comstock CRC Tuition assistance fund and KCSA. Please order before November 1st by calling the church office at 342-2646 or you can order at any of our school buildings. Please pay when you order your coffee cakes. Pick up will be November 4th from 4-5 pm at Comstock Park CRC, 5300 Comstock Ave, or Saturday at Kalamazoo Christian High School, 2121 Stadium Drive from 10 am – noon. For questions or if you would like to learn how to make the coffee cakes or help with making them, please contact Chris Selles at 665-5841.

Subscribe to CRC News: Emailed every Wednesday, CRC News is the main e-newsletter of the CRC. Over the past month, we’ve featured stories about the CRC man who designed the 9/11 water memorial, church members living out their faith at Artprize, and how the CRC seems to be bucking the aging trend of other denominations. Don’t miss out. See back issues and subscribe at www.crcna.org/news.

“The real test of your religion is your treatment of those who can be of no possible service to you.”
Anonymous

NURSERY Oct 30: McKena & Tara Razenberg & Pam Gould **Nov 6:** Dorothy Broekhuizen & Evie Wenke

COFFEE SERVERS : **Oct 30 & Nov 6:** Pat & Carol Schewe, Norm & Bonnie Langeland, Herm & Gretchen Vanders
Nov 13 & 20: Angie Newell, Lisa Vlietstra, Joy Hegelmann, Jim & Marian Razenberg

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

Oct 30: Glen Wagner & Ellen Byle **Nov 6:** Ken Fletcher & 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 ~ Thru Nov 5: Glen Wagner/**November:** Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY ~ prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY ~ October: Gretchen Vanders/**November:** Joy Hegelmann

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY ~ Oct 30: Lisa Vlietstra
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Nov 6: Lisa Vlietstra



Calendar of Events...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9:30 AM Pastor Simon Series: Amazing Grace: The Jonah Edition "In a Great Storm" Jonah 1:4-17 10:50 Sunday School 5 pm Pastor Simon "This Is Sure To Be!" Lord's Day 52	31 REFORMATION DAY	1 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30 – 11 am Deacon's Meeting 7 pm 	2 Praise Team Practice 6:30 – 8:00 pm	3 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30 – 11 am	4	5 Be sure to set your clocks back!
6 COMMUNION 9:30 am Pastor Simon Series: Amazing Grace: The Jonah Edition "In a Great Fish" Jonah 2 10:50 Sunday School 5 pm Sem Student, Daniel Vos	7	8 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30 – 11 am Admin Bd Meeting 7 pm	9 Men's Bible Study 7 am (moved from the 2 nd) Ladies Fellowship 9:45 – 11 am Christmas Choir 6:30 – 7:30 pm	10 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30 – 11 am	11	12
13 9:30 am Pastor Simon Series: Amazing Grace: The Jonah Edition "In a Great City" Jonah 3 10:50 Christmas Prog Prac 5 pm Pastor Simon "Courgeous Comfort" Romans 14:7-8	14	15 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30 – 11 am Council Meeting 7 pm	16 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	17 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30 -11 am	18	19
20 9:30 am Pastor Simon Series: Amazing Grace: The Jonah Edition "In A Great Rage" Jonah 4 10:50 Christmas Prog Prac 5 pm Joseph Hwang Seminarian Student	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Service 9:30 am	25	26

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, WOODTV Channel 8 and WOTV channel 4.

Office Hours Tuesday – Wednesday: 9-2 pm & Thursday 9-Noon

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