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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 9:30 AM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:  
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OFFICE HOURS:  
 Wednesday: 8:00 am —1:00 pm  
 Thursday: 8:00 am —1:00 pm

**Connecting with our Community**  
 Please continue to reach out via phone or e-mail to our church community.



Thank you for your faithful support through your tithes and offerings. If you mail your contributions, the mailbox is checked each day of the week.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29 9:30 am GROW Group	30	31 Happy Reformation Day —October 31, 1517—  Turn your clocks back 1 hour tonight
1 <b>November</b> Daylight Savings Ends  9:30 am Pastor Simon "Hope Does Not Disappoint" Romans 5:1-11 Communion	2	3	4	5 9:30 am GROW Group	6	7
8 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Where Grace Abounds" Romans 5:12-21	9	10 9:30 am Coffee Break  7 pm Admin Board	11	12 9:30 am GROW Group	13	14
15 9:30 am Pastor Simon "To Be Alive in Christ" Romans 6:1-14	16	17 3 pm Shep. Elders 7 pm Council	18	19 9:30 am GROW Group	20	21

# Heritage HAPPENINGS

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## Sermon Series on Romans

The book of Romans is the Apostle Paul's longest and most theological letter. It's main theme is freedom in Christ - why we need it, how it is achieved and what it looks like in everyday life. This week's sermon title - "Hope Does Not Disappoint". Romans 5:1-11.



## Budget 2021

As we move into the Fall season it's time to prepare the 2021 budget. All ministries that need to be supported by the upcoming budget are asked to have their requests turned into Matt Durian by this Sunday.

## Church Mailboxes

Our church mailboxes are back! Please don't linger by the mailboxes as we remember our Covid rules.

## Bible League

Each year the Bible League International volunteers send out a special letter to their church members. Together, we are equipping Christians and churches all over the globe to engage people in the word of God. Look for this letter in your mailbox. As you read it, please pray for the work of spreading the gospel through the scriptures.



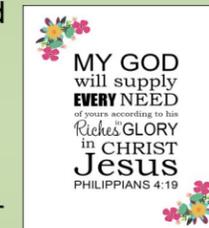
## Announcements

### Safety Items

- Please wear a mask when entering and exiting the building. Masks may be removed when seated in the sanctuary.
- It is essential that 6 feet of physical distancing be observed when entering the church prior to the service and during the time of fellowship after the service.
- Please continue to enter the building at the front entrance or the Fellowship Hall.
- Hand sanitizer and masks are available at each entrance.

### Roshan Project

Recently a brochure was handed out describing the Roshan Project which is to build a school in Asghar Gill's home village in Pakistan. Copies are available on the Information Desk at the main entrance. Please share with your family and friends as we hope to have the land purchased by December 31.



### India Impact

There are Mission India newsletters on the information table for those that would like one.



## What's Up in Worship

**Reformation Sunday:** This Sunday, we will be joined in the morning service by Proclamation Brass, a Christian ministry that seeks to share the glory of God through music.

**From the Shepherding Elders:** As we continue to navigate life and ministry in this COVID-19 season, please know we are deeply grateful to the congregation for how we have made this journey together. These are challenging times and by God's grace we have seen and known the joy of God's people dwelling together in unity.

The shepherding elders met recently and, after much deliberation, we made the decision to pause the evening service through the end of 2020 and reassess the situation in January. As we approach December, a decision will be made about whether we are able to hold our annual Candlelight Service the Sunday prior to Christmas. If you have any questions, please contact one of the shepherding elders.

### 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>



"You mean you also set our clocks back an hour?"

## Offering Schedule

- Nov. 1: General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance  
Loose Change: Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries
- Nov. 8 General Fund & Ministry Shares  
Loose Change: Park Village Pines
- Nov. 15: General Fund & Faith Promise  
Loose Change: International Campus Ministry
- Nov. 22: General Fund & Building Fund  
Loose Change: Wycliffe

### Offerings (deposited for Oct. 25, 2020)

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$175.00
- Building Fund ~ \$95.00
- Christian Education Assistance ~ \$10.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$461.00
- General Fund ~ \$6,461.00
- Kalamazoo Christian ~ \$54.00
- Memorial Fund ~ \$545.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$100.00

### Greetings Heritage Church Family!

I am presently teaching kindergarten at William C Abney Charter Academy. My students have a need for winter hats and mittens. I am reaching out in hopes of your assistance with this need. There will be a box in the narthex to place items if you wish to contribute. I currently have 13 students. This has been a challenging time to begin my teaching career and I covet your prayers for myself and my students. Thank you for your support. McKena Razenberg.



### Thank you!

Dear 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

## Worship News

**This Sunday, November 1, 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. Please be sure to pick up your communion cup before you enter the sanctuary, they are located in the baskets on the table in the lobby.

**Children at the Lord's Supper:** In January 2014, the elders adopted the practice of welcoming covenant (baptized) children to the table of the Lord through the following steps:

1. The child expresses an interest in participating in the Lord's Supper to a parent(s).
2. The parent(s) discuss with the child what the sacrament means and encourage an age-and-ability-appropriate understanding of the Lord's Table and what it means to be a follower of Christ.
3. The parent(s) are invited to guide their child through a one-week devotional that helps parents explain what the Lord's Supper is all about. A copy is available upon request from an elder and/or pastor.
4. If and when a parent(s) is ready to affirm the child's faith and readiness to come to the table, the parent(s) communicates this to an elder and/or pastor. At the next celebration of the Lord's Supper a special welcome will be extended to the child who is participating for the first time.

If there are any questions, please talk to Pastor Simon or one of the shepherding elders.

**Profession of Faith?** Have you reached a point in your spiritual journey where you feel God calling you to publicly profess faith in Christ and become a professing member in His church? If you are interested in doing your profession of faith, or would like an opportunity to explore what it means to become a professing member, please contact Pastor Simon

## Family Faith Formation Tip

A grateful heart overflows in generosity.

**How might your gratitude for God's good gifts overflow to bless your neighbor?**

If you're grateful for the gift of good food, for example, how might that spur you on to help make sure your community is fed? If you're grateful for your family, how might you extend a sense of love and belonging to others?

[crcna.org/FaithFormation/practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/practices)



## Volunteer Schedule...

**PRAYER LINE MINISTRY:**  
Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

**PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY:**  
[prayerline@heritagecrc.org](mailto:prayerline@heritagecrc.org)

### MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

- Nov 1 - Lisa Durian
- Nov 8 - LillieAnn Durian
- Nov 15 - Paul Booden

**Prayer line Reminder:** If your email address has changed, you wish to have your or a friend's email added to the Prayer Line, or you wish to no longer receive Prayer Line emails, please send an email request to: [prayerline@heritagecrc.org](mailto:prayerline@heritagecrc.org) or [jerry.oele@yahoo.com](mailto:jerry.oele@yahoo.com)