

Heritage CRC

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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 10:00 AM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Thursday by 8:00 am. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
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OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm
Thursday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

COFFEE SERVERS:

April 12 & 19 John & Kim Bruinwood, Judy Fletcher, Sue Florian
Apr 26 & May 3 Cameron & Helen Brown, Sue, Hannah, Jonathan Mejeur

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

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SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

Districts

A-M
N-Z

Elder

Glen Wagner
Rick Lingbeek

Deacon

Teri Wagner
Roger Selles

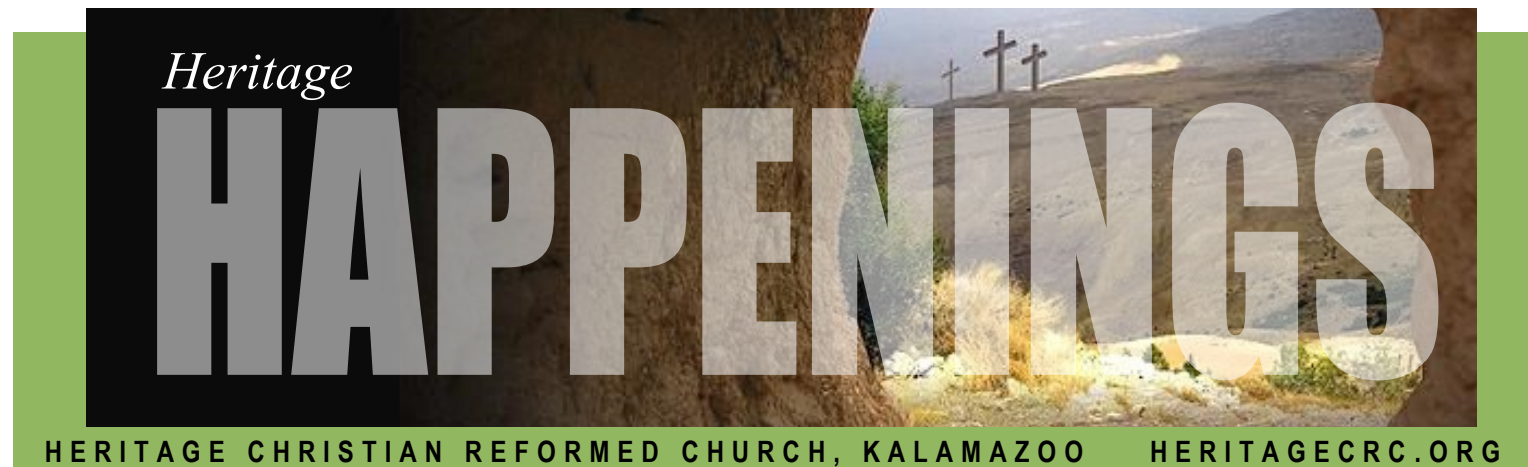
MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

Apr. 12 - Chris VandenBerg
Apr. 19 - Paul Booden
Apr. 26 - Lisa Durian
May 3 - Dorothy Broekhuizen

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

4/12 - Lisa & Olivia Bosch
4/19 - Mary Deters & Wendy Rose
4/26 - Cheryl Koning & Joyce Truscott
5/3 - Michelle Koning & Joy Knurr

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				9 9:30 GROW Group	10	11
12 10 am Pastor Simon "An Uncompromising Gospel" Acts 8:9-25	13	14 7 pm Admin Board	15	16 9:30 GROW Group 12:00 Heritage Piecemakers	17	18
19 10 am Pastor Simon "When God Opens a Door" Acts 8:26-40	20	21 3:30 Shep. Elders	22	23 9:30 GROW Group	24	25 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative 
26 Mission Emphasis Week 10 am Rev. Scott Stark "Private Worship: Public Witness" Psalm 96 Cake to celebrate Dena Corstange's birthday	27	28 10 am Book Club	29	30 9:30 GROW Group	1 	2



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What's up in Worship

Join us this week as Pastor Simon preaches from Acts 8:9-25, "An Uncompromising Gospel."



A sincere thank you to my Heritage Church Family for your many prayers, phone calls, lovely cards and thoughtful notes of care and concern since my health issue!! I am very grateful!! And I thank God that I continue to feel better and stronger each day!! I am truly blessed!!! Judy Fletcher

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

April 13 ~ Judy Wieringa
April 15 ~ Norm Langeland
April 16 ~ Allan Bickle



Church Calendar for April 12-18:

Sunday 10:00 Worship Service
Tuesday 7:00 Admin Board
Thursday 9:30 GROW Group
12:00 Heritage Piecemakers



Adopt Daisy and Maisy! Over the past 19 years, Heritage CRC has partnered with Growing Hope Globally (<https://www.growinghopeglobally.org/>) and 2 other churches in Kalamazoo (Grace and Third CRC) to tackle world hunger through the Dairy Project! **We just need 12 more weeks filled in** to have Daisy and Maisy fed for the whole year. Check out the poster by the office for more information. Thank you.



Faith-Promise ~ Mission Emphasis Week (and more!): What is Faith-Promise? Faith-Promise is a ministry fund we use to support individuals and agencies actively involved in sharing the Good News of Jesus so that, through the Holy Spirit, those who are far from God may come into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

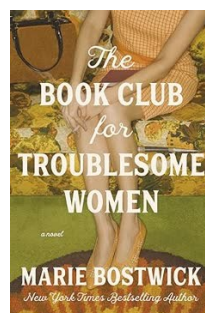
At the launch of a new year of Faith-Promise support we host Mission Emphasis Week (April 26-May 3 2026) and invite missionaries and agencies we support to share what they are doing to reach the world for Christ. Every year, we are also invited to show our support of God's Mission in this world through prayer, writing letters of encouragement to the missionaries and their families, and making a financial commitment toward Faith-Promise.

Brochures explaining the purpose of Faith Promise will be available soon. We encourage you to pick this up and prayerfully consider the way in which God is asking you to take part in accomplishing His Mission.

If you have questions, or would like more information, please contact our Faith Promise Coordinator, Jerry Oele.



You do not have to be a troublesome woman to meet with us on Tuesday, April 28 at 10:00 to discuss The Book Club of Troublesome Women by Marie Bostwick. Margaret Ryan, a stay at home mother in 1963, starts a book club to explore ideas beyond domestic life. She is struggling with her discontent amidst societal



Offering Schedule

- Apr. 12 General Fund
Loose Change: International Campus Ministry
- Apr. 19 General Fund
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
- Apr. 26 General Fund
Loose Change: Kal. Christian Schools
- May 3 General Fund
Loose Change: Elim Christian Services

Offerings

Deposited for March 29, 2026

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$370.00
- Building Fund ~ \$360.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$50.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$912.00
- General Fund ~ \$10,042.35
- Initial Offering ~ \$5.00
- Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries ~ \$35.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$470.00
- Wycliffe Bible Translators ~ \$230.00



Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries is planning and preparing for their annual women's May WOW brunch and are looking for our help again this year. They are asking for donations of gently used medium to large purses which will then be filled with assorted 'goodies' (sunblock, lip balm, moisturizers, etc) and given out to each attendee. They have about 65 right now and are hoping to collect 100. So, ladies, maybe as you do your spring clean out of closets or find yourself at thrift stores or garage sales, please keep in mind this worthy mission. **Any and all donated handbags may be placed in the KGM white box in the narthex.** Thanks for your help.

Calvin Theological Seminary

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey & the Seven Churches of Revelation (Oct 9-19, 2026): Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110) or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.



Crossroads Prison Ministries: Become a Mentor ~ Since 1984, Crossroads Prison Ministries has been equipping men and women in churches across the United States to serve as mentors to people in jails and prisons as they study God's Word together. As a Crossroads mentor, you can make an impact through Christian prison ministry—without leaving your home. Lessons from incarcerated students are mailed directly to you, and you return your responses by mail. Most mentors spend about 1–2 hours per week reviewing lessons and writing responses. Training is available as well as ongoing support and guidance. Interested in signing up as a Crossroads mentor? Go to <https://cpministries.org/mentor> and fill out an online form.

Alternatives of Kalamazoo: A baby basinet is available in the gym/fellowship hall for donations to support Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center of Kalamazoo. Alternatives proves material assistance to their clients. They accept gently used items such as maternity outfits, children's clothing, toys and strollers. **The center's current needs are: Toddler Clothes 12m-5T, diapers, sizes 3 & 6, and pull-ups 4T-5T.** Lets fill the bassinet. The donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for all your generous giving.



Family Faith Formation Tip
The practice of gratitude, rooted in recognizing and responding to God's constant goodness, moves us to respond fully to God's generosity. Each day this week take some time to write down one thing for which you are grateful. At the end of the week share your list with your family or friends in celebration of God's goodness and provision in your life. For more ways to practice gratitude, see crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject/gratitude. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive



ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Go Outside and Learn About God - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Go Outside and Learn About God," at www.kidscorner.net. Come explore God's amazing world like Job did and discover how animals, plants, and stars can teach us about how wise and powerful God is! Grab a friend or family member and go on a fun outdoor adventure with snacks, games, and even a backyard campout to thank God and learn more about Him. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Earth Day collection.

Groundwork: Salvation Through Jesus Christ Alone - As the Christian faith spread, the Apostle Paul often wrote letters to churches he planted to help clarify and solidify his teachings. Join Groundwork as we begin a study of his letter to the church in Galatia by studying Galatians 1. Together, we'll study Paul's teaching about salvation and let it continue to encourage our faith and strengthen our commitment to Christ today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.