HERITAGE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, KALAMAZOO

Heritage CRC 2857 South 11th Street Kalamazoo, MI 49009 (just south from Stadium Drive)

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: @ 9:30 AM (Nursery provided) SUNDAY EVENING @ 5:00 PM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Thursday by 10:00 am. Call, leave a note, or e-mail to churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

OFFICE HOURS: Wednesday: 8:30 am—12:30 pm Thursday: 8:30—12 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

NURSERY

August 5: Sue Meieur & Pam Gould

August 12: Joyce Truscott & Nadine VanDam

COFFEE SERVERS

August 5/12: Dave & Kathy VanderMeer, Ken & Ellen Byle, Bonnie Colvin August 19/26: Matt & Lisa Durian, Bill & Kathy Cobern, Bill & Ruth Vroegop

HALLMARK LIVING

(Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approximately 30 minutes)

August 5: Herm Vanders & Marilyn Stremler August 12: Glen Wagner & Ellen Byle

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

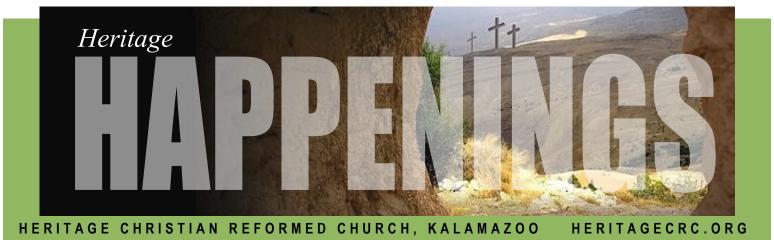
SERVICE MINISTRY: August: Betty Vlietstra

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: August 5: Lisa Durian August 12: Pat Schewe

PM: Gary Broekhuizen

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:30 am Rev. Fritz Kruithof "What To Expect of Jesus" John 6:1-15, 25-27	6	7	8	9	10	11
5 pm Mr. Joey DeKoekkoek "A Bad Place to Start" 1 Samuel 12:1-25						
9:30 am Rev. Curry Pikkaart "What Does It Mean to be Rich?" Luke 18:18-34	13	Admin Board Meeting 3:30 pm	P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	16	17	Day at the Dairy! 2 pm
5 pm Rev. Dave Armstrong						
9:30 am Pastor Simon "From Strength to Strength" Psalm 84	20	Shepherding Elders 3 pm	22	23	24	Mobile Food Initiative Centerpoint Church 8 am set up
5 pm Pastor Simon "A Real Presence" John 6:48-59						9 am food delivery
9:30 am Pastor Simon "When You Hear His Voice" Psalm 95	27	28	Book Club 2 pm	30	31	1
5 pm Pastor Simon "The Lord's Supper And The Mass" "Matthew 9:9-13						



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What's up in Worship

Pastor Simon will be on Vacation until August 13. Please pray for safe travels for the Tuin family. If a need arises while Pastor Simon is away, please contact your district elder.



While Pastor Simon is away we are grateful to the following for filling our pulpit at Heritage:

AM: Rev. Fritz Kruithof Today PM: Mr. Joey DeKoekkoek

Sunday, August 12 AM: Rev. Curry Pikkaart

PM: Rev. David Armstrong



Celebrations

Birthdays

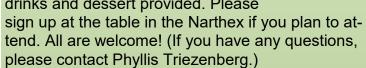
Jim Razenberg ~ August 5 ~ 92 years young! Simon Tuin ~ August 7 Gene Brussee ~ August 8 ~ 90 years young! Bonnie Langeland ~ August 8 Mackenzie Newell ~ August 9 Sharon Stryd ~ August 9 Tyler Mejeur ~ August 11

Anniversaries

Phil & Barb Nieboer ~ August 10 ~ 62 years!

Ministry

Picnic in the Park! Ladies ~ our annual picnic in the park is Tuesday, August 14th at 11:30 am at Oshtemo Township park (behind the township offices). Meet at church in case of rain. This is a bag lunch with drinks and dessert provided. Please



BLESS Team Update:

We had an exciting afternoon last Sunday. We handed out four children's study Bibles for good attendance and we plan to give away several more this coming Sunday. We had a total of 8 kids last week. A big thank you to our helpers with cookies and crafts!! Please keep this vital outreach ministry in your prayers.

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Ministry...

Back-to-School Donations: Oshtemo Area Churches (OAC) is once again making plan to provide resources for the students and staff at Prairie Ridge Elementary for the Fall. Here is a list of suggested donations for the classrooms and/or staff:

- Kleenex Tissues
- Hand Sanitizer (Large container)
- Lysol/Clorox Wipes
- Pencil top erasers
- Lined notebook paper
- Elmer's glue sticks
- Folders (plain with pockets)
- BIC pens
- Black EXPO whiteboard markers
- Construction Paper
- K-Cup coffee pods
- New underwear—all sizes, both genders
- Sweat pants—all sizes

Donations may be dropped off at the church office (box marked "School Supplies" by window) and will be delivered to the school prior to the beginning of the new school year.

School Glue

Commentary...(from the Carol Bickle)

The inimitable Ben Franklin once opined, "If you would not be forgotten, as soon as you are dead and rotten, either write things worth reading, or do things worth the writing." Perhaps not many of us fit into one of Ben's memorable categories. But is our influence limited to those we see (children, grandchildren, coworkers)? God says, "every man shall receive his own reward according to his labor. For we are laborers together with God." (I Cor. 3:8,9). We are to labor heartily, "knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ." (Col. 3:24). Like faithful Enoch, those "that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder if them that diligently seek Him."(Heb. 11:6). And our Savior promises, "my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." (Rev. 22:12). So good works AFTER salvation can result in Divine rewards. As we discussed last week, good works CANNOT produce salvation, as the Mother Church promotes, but once salvation by God's grace alone has occurred, good works done heartily, according to Jesus' will, with faith in God's person and promise-keeping, can be rewarded. We can see children and acquaintances grow in faith here. And we can fellowship with them through the aeons. In heaven, all that seems to matter is God and other people. Sorry, Ben, you got it wrong!

Missions & Missionaries...

Loaves & Fishes wish list:

August: Whole grain pasta

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

Emails or Letters to Missionaries...

Roger & Jackie Croy ~ Kathleen Lauder Bonnie DeHaan ~ David Heath Matt & Lisa Durian ~ Jairo Solano

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 next to the

Offering Schedule

General Fund: Christian Education August 5 Loose Change: Kzoo Loaves/Fishes

General Fund: Ministry Shares August 12

Loose Change: Benevolence Fund

General Fund: Faith Promise August 19

Loose Change: Ambunti Chr Academy

August 26 General Fund: Building Fund Loose Change: Fall Carnival

Offerings (deposited for July 29)

Alternatives of Kzoo ~ \$209.00 Building Fund ~ \$75.00 Christian Education Assistance ~ \$35.00 Faith Promise ~ \$100.00 General Fund ~ \$2.080.50 Kalamazoo Gospel Mission ~ \$25.00 Ministry Shares ~ \$135.00

Food Resource Bank, Adopt-a-Cow & Day at the

Dairy: Plan to join us Saturday. August 18 at 2 pm for a Day at the Dairy at Red Arrow Dairy, 66932 County Road 362, Hartford, MI 49057 (The farm is located 2 miles south of the Hartford exit on I-94). This event will celebrate the part-



nership with Foods Resource Bank and the Adopt-a-Cow project as we work together to help families around the world lift themselves out of poverty and hunger. Come see the new robot dairy (about 2 miles away), hand milk a cow and maybe see a calf born. Delicious dairy products (cheese & milk) along with ice cream Sundays will also be served. To help our hosts (Rudolf & Gina DeYoung) plan for this event, please use the sign up form on table in the Narthex to let us know if you are coming!

News from Council...

From the July 24 Council Meeting...

- President Bill Cobern opened with scripture, comments and prayer.
- The Shepherding Elders gave a verbal report including that preparations for Church programs this fall are in progress and that Glen Wagner has agreed to serve in place of Harold & Phyllis Triezenberg who have retired from serving as Pastoral Care Ministry Assistants.
- The Shepherding Deacons gave a verbal report and will be preparing the "six-month individual giving reports."
- The Admin Board report was discussed and approved. Included was the final review of the pipe organ inspection which indicates it is in good condition but needs repair of minor air leaks. Additional comments were: (1) weeds in the driveway and parking lot need attention; (2) Child Abuse Prevention Policy needs updating; (3) discussion on possibly changing our morning Worship time, and (4) all Pulpit Supply has been completed for this year and the amount paid for pulpit supply is increased to \$150.
- Mutual Censure was exercised. Several comments were made in appreciation for Pastor Simon, his messages and work with our congregation. In addition, it was noted that the congregation is very caring.
- Pastor Simon provided a detailed report of his activities the past two months.
- Bill Cobern gave an update on his wife's final chemo treatment and Kathy's upcoming appointment with her surgeon. He also gave a report on Asghar Gill who will be returning to WMU Aug. 18 to continue his PhD program, but will leaving his family in Pakistan.
- Suggestions were made to study the feasibility of video-taping the sermons onto DVD for our Home Bound members and that we should have a Safe Church Abuse Prevention Policy as recently promoted at last Synod. Also, a reminder that email prayer requests may be sent to prayerline@heritagecrc.org.
- The next Council meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018. Bill Vroegop closed the meeting with prayer.

Directory Updates Needed ...

Please make any additions or subtractions on the directory page pirectory found in your mailbox this morning and drop it off in the basket on the table in the Narthex by Sunday, August 26. Even if no corrections are needed, please state that on the page and drop off in the basket.



PLEASE WRITE AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE!

Furthermore, many of the *pictures* in our directory are very outdated or there is none at all! We can easily fix that problem with one of the following options:

- o Submit a current 4 x 6 picture of your family to the office. We will scan the photo and return it to you.
- Email a current photo to Sue at churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.
- Take a current photo (remember to watch for what is in the background) with the help of a neighbor or selfie stick on your phone and email it to Sue at email address state above.

If you have any questions, please contact Sue in the office.



Westwood CRC in Kalamazoo, MI has an immediate ministry team opening for a youth director to dynamically lead our high school and middle school youth groups.

The position is part time and up to 75% of full time. Interested candidates should send her/ his resume to Jeff Blamer, search team chair, at jkblamer@yahoo.com. The application deadline is August 31, 2018.

