

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, KALAMAZOOHERITAGECRC.ORG

Heritage CRC

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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: 10:00 am—3:00 pm
Thursday: 10:00 am—3:00 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

NURSERY: December 10: Tara Razenberg & Ann Nieboer
December 17: Kim Bruinwood & Teri Wagner

COFFEE SERVERS:
Dec. 10 & 17: Pat & Carol Schewe; Nick & Ann Nieboer; Ken & Judy Fletcher
Dec 24 & 31: Bonnie DeHaan, Mel Woolley, Bruce & Ruth Fletcher, Bill & Joyce Truscott



HALLMARK LIVING
(Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approximately 30 minutes)
December 10: Bill Vroegop & Ellen Byle
December 17: Herm Vanders & Marilyn Stremler

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: December: Betty Vlietstra

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: Dec 10: Ferrel Stremler Dec 17: Paul Booden
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10 ADVENT #2 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Are You Ready?" Isaiah 40:1-11 Congregational Meeting 5:00 pm Pastor Simon Lessons & Carols	11	12 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30 –11 am Admin. Board 3:30 pm	13	14	15 	16 Mobile Food Initiative Prairie Ridge Elem. 8 am Set Up 9 am Food Distribution
17 ADVENT #3 9:30 am Pastor Simon "How Do You Hear This News?" Isaiah 61:1-11 5:00 pm Pastor Simon Candlelight Service	18	19 Shepherding Elders 3 pm	20	21	22	23
24 ADVENT #4 9:30 am Pastor Simon "What Do You Do When the Lights Go Out?" Isaiah 9:1-7 No Evening Worship	25 Christmas Day Worship 9:30 am "Glory to God in the Highest" Luke 2:1-14	26	27	28	29	30
31 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Rejoice! For God Rejoices Over You" Isaiah 61:10-62:5 No Evening Worship	1 	2	3 Men's Bible Fellowship 8 am	4	5	6

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HAPPENINGS

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What’s up in Worship



O Come, O Come Emmanuel

The season of Advent is for those who know Jesus has come and will come again. It is also for those who need to hear the Good News of the One who is the light that shines in the darkness. This Advent season, which begins today, join us as we discover through the prophet Isaiah why we celebrate Jesus’ birth and how to live in hopeful expectation of His return in glory.

Celebrations Birthdays

John Bruinwood ~ December 10



A **Congregational Meeting** meeting is scheduled for *this morning* at 10:45 a.m. following the morning Worship Service to review the past year of ministry and adopt a budget. During this meeting, we will also deal with the adoption of the Restated Articles of Incorporation for Heritage Christian Reformed Church, a copy of which were placed in each family member’s mailbox a few weeks ago. Additional copies are available upon request.

Christmas Cards & Cookies

If you are able, please remember our homebound members with a card and/or cookies. Please place the cards in the basket at the Information Center and the cookies in the kitchen by **December 17**. *At her request, Judy Zwart has asked that her name be removed from the list.* Thank you!

Reminder: World Renew invites you to stand in the gap with people who live with poverty and hunger this Christmas. You can help a family with a filter for clean water to drink, help a child get the food they need to grow well with a nutrition kit, or help a disaster survivor find shelter and restoration. What will you give to help fill the gap? Extra copies of their catalog are available at the Information Center.

Prayer Request: Please uphold in prayer McKenna Razenberg, Aliyah Lemmer (Marian Razenberg’s great granddaughter) and the entire Cornerstone University softball team as they travel to the Dominican Republic on December 14-22. While there they will be using their softball as a platform to play against various teams including the Dominican National Team, followed by a time of Bible teaching and testimony. They will also be engaging in the orphanages and food distribution. Please pray that God will move in hearts of those they are speaking to and courage for the CU players as they step outside their comfort zones and also grow themselves. Prayer for safe travel is also appreciated!

Ministry Continued. . .

The **Coffee Break Ladies** will be collecting winter coats, mittens, hats, scarves, blankets, and other warm clothing for all ages. Children’s clothing will be delivered to Prairie Ridge Elementary and the adult clothing will go to a downtown organization. A box has been placed in the narthex for your items. Thank you!

New schedules for Hallmark Living ministry can be found in mailboxes this morning for all involved.

The **December P.U.S.H. Prayer meeting** is cancelled. Our next prayer meeting will be on Wednesday, January 17, 2018.

Thank you...

Thank you for being so faithful to the ministry of Kalamazoo Deacons Conference. We thank God for your steadfast love toward the working poor and the people living in crisis. May the Lord continue to bless you as you have been a blessing to others. *Kalamazoo Deacons Conference*

Dear Sisters & Brothers of Heritage ~ We are so appreciative of the support our ministry receives from you on an ongoing basis, and it was an extra-special blessing and honor to share in your worship of our Savior on Reformation Sunday! Thank you! *Proclamation Brass*

Thank you from World Renew: Your donations to World Renew’s response to hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria will go toward the long-term recovery of the individuals, families, and communities that were affected most. Your generosity not only provides tangible assistance like home repairs but also provides long-term recovery and other expertise to community leaders. World Renew is not the first on the scene, but often the last to leave. Every service World Renew provides is carried out by volunteers (known as Green Shirts) who serve disaster survivors with the love and hope of Christ. Learn more at www.worldrenew.net/USHurricanes

Missions & Missionaries...

Loaves & Fishes wish list:
December: Canned meat

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

Emails or Letters to Missionaries...
Rick & Donna Lingbeek ~ Kathleen Lauder
Dean & Esther Manni ~ Jerry An
Jerry & Ruth Mather ~ David Heath

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 mailboxes

Offering Schedule

- Dec. 10 Genera Fund & Ministry Shares
 Loose Change: World Renew**
- Dec. 17 General Fund & Faith Promise
 Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
- Dec 24 General Fund: Building Fund
 Loose Change: Kzoo Gospel Mission
- Dec 31 General Fund
 Loose Change: Forgotten Man

Offerings (deposited for December 3)

- Adopt a Cow ~ \$370.00
- Building Fund ~ \$50.00
- Christian Education Assistance ~ \$215.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$250.00
- General Fund ~ \$3,924.00
- Gideon International ~ \$450.00
- Kalamazoo Gospel Mission ~ \$50.00
- Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes ~ \$10.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$50.00
- Rose Arbor ~ \$265.00

****Christmas Project Special Offering**
Today the deacons will take a special offering for our yearly Christmas project. Because of the ongoing needs for hurricane ravaged areas, the deacons have decided that our offering will again be for World Renew. We are so grateful for your incredible generosity in the previous offerings and hope that you can again show compassion to those who have lost everything.



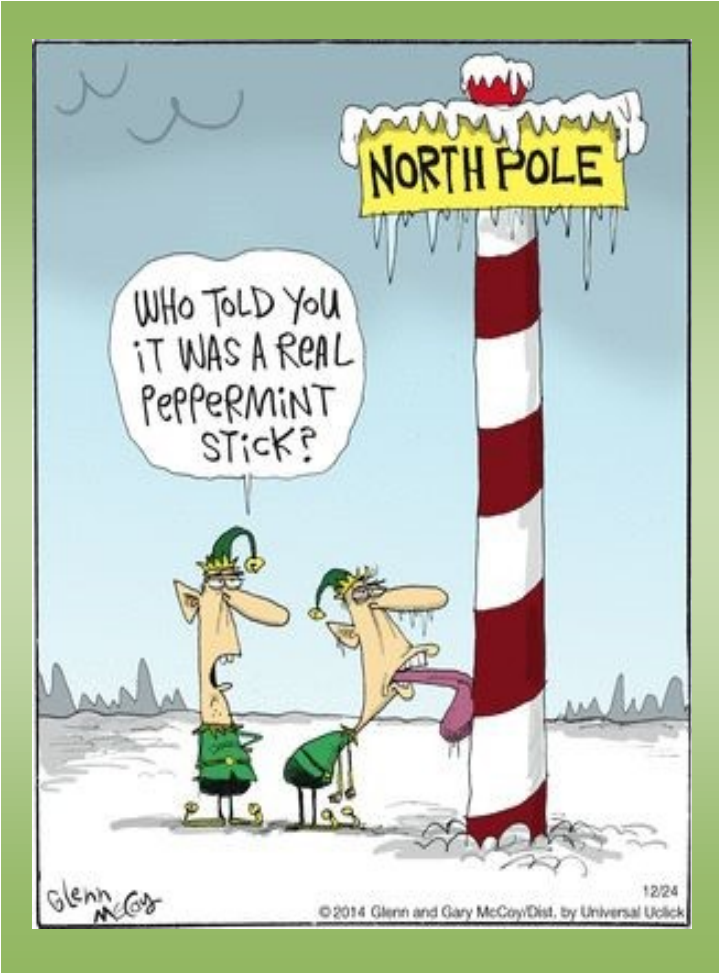
Requested Announcements

Christmas Carol Sing: Grace CRC invites you to join them as they present, "How to Save the World: The Story of Christmas through Scripture and Song" on Sunday, December 10 at 7p.m. A light lunch will be served before the carol sing.

Advent Devotional Series - Looking for more meaning in the midst of a busy Christmas season? This Advent, ReFrame Media offers a special email devotional series just for you. With daily devotions and encouragements from Today, Family Fire, Groundwork, and the fun of Kids Corner, we designed it to help your whole family experience the true wonder of Christmas, the coming Christ. Subscribe at reframemedia.com/advent.

Vendor Blender Holiday Sale at Kalamazoo Christian High School Gym on Saturday, December 16 from 9 am to 1 pm. This is a fundraising event for a student trip to Israel. Sample of items available: fused glass, woodcraft products, crocheted and knitted items, leggings, hand-woven rugs, freshly made kettle corn, baked goods, hand made jewelry, alpaca wool fiber goods, baby items, coloring books, candles, bath salts and scrubs, nail polish, headbands, Mary Kay, LulaRoe, Thirty-One, Young Living Essential Oils, Tastefully Simple, Color street, Avon, Rodan and Fields, Pampered Chef, Norwex, Pink Zebra, Oragami Owl—and much, much more!

The Voices of Victory will be holding their annual Old Year’s concert on Sunday evening, December 31. Please note that the concert location has changed—instead of Hudsonville Reformed Church the concert will be held at Bethel United Reformed Church—8360 Cottonwood Dr, Jenison, MI 49428. As in previous years, you are invited to come and go as you please at any time between 8 and 11 pm. Refreshments will be served. A freewill offering will be taken for Georgetown Harmony Homes. Any questions, please call Karen Daling at 616-662-0784.



Kalamazoo Christian Schools is seeking a qualified Christian *individual to coach our High School boy’s JV Baseball team*. Desired abilities for this position are experience in coaching baseball and the skills to connect well with prayers, parents and school personnel. Questions about the position can be directed to KCHS AD, Jeff Offringa at joffringa@kcsa.org. Applications are available at www.kcsa.org and can be submitted to Renae Kok at rkok@kcsa.org by 12/21/2017.

