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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 10:00 AM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Thursday by 8:00 am. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm
Thursday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm

Volunteer Schedule...


COFFEE SERVERS:
Dec. 7 & 14 Fred & Pam Gould, Norm & Bonnie Langeland
Dec. 21 & 28 Jim Bosch, Judy Wieringa, Heather Tuin, Norbert & Joy Hegelmann

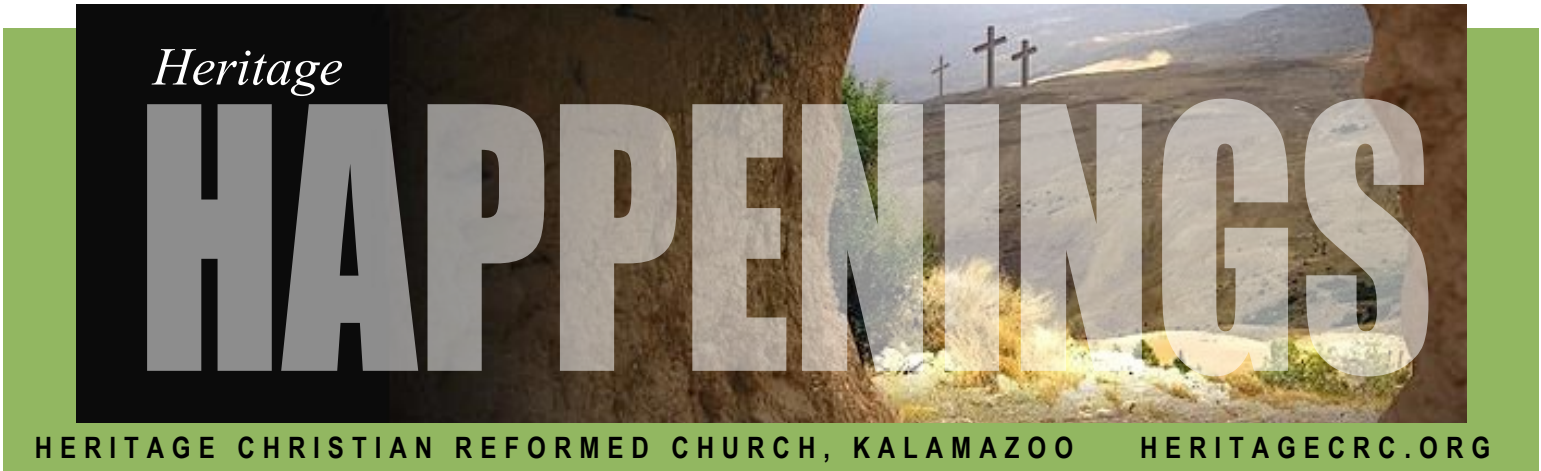
PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse
PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: hcrcprayer@gmail.com
SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

Districts	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
A-M	Glen Wagner	Teri Wagner
N-Z	Rick Lingbeek	Roger Selles

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:
Dec. 14 - Chris VandenBerg
Dec. 21 - Paul Booden
Dec. 28 - Lisa Durian
Jan. 4 - Dorothy Broekhuizen

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:
12/14 - Lisa & Olivia Bosch
12/21 - Mary Deters & Cheryl Koning
12/28 - John Bruinwood & Sue Florian
1/4 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				11 9:30 GROW Group Christmas Party	12	13
14 10 am Pastor Simon “The Mother of Jesus: Ruth” Ruth 1:1-22 11:30 am Congregational Meeting	15	16 9:30 Coffee Break 3:30 Shep. Elders	17 6:00 Kal. Chris- tian Preschool Christmas Program	18 12:00 Heritage Piecemakers	19	20 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative 
21 10 am Pastor Simon “The Mother of Jesus: Bathsheba” 2 Samuel 11:1-27 6:00 Candlelight Service	22	23	24	25 10 am Christmas Day Service	26	27
28 10 am Joey DeKoekkoek “No Other Gospel. Period” Galatians 1	29	30 10 am Book Club	31	1	2	3



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What’s up in Worship

The Lineage of a King: In the opening of his Gospel, Matthew shows us how Jesus truly is the promised Messiah and how God’s grace defines this story. Join us this Advent as each week we look at one of the five women who are named in the genealogy of Jesus, and discover what each of them tells us about the wonders of God’s grace. This week’s sermon is “**The Mother of Jesus: Ruth,**” based on Ruth 1:1-22.



Annual Congregational Meeting:
The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for this Sunday, December 14 following the morning Worship Service. A copy of the proposed budget for 2026 was sent out via email. Extra copies are available on the table outside the church office. An update on the preschool renovation project will also be shared. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Razenberg, council president, Jim Bosch, council VP/clerk or Kim Bruinwood, Administrative Deacon.



Thank you all for your well wishes and cards on our 51st wedding anniversary. Also your prayers for Norbert and I. Blessings, Joy Hegelmann

Celebrations...
Birthdays...
Melissa Piontek ~ December 18
Esther Manni ~ December 20
Chris Selles ~ December 20



Anniversaries...
Cameron & Helen Brown ~ December 16



Church Calendar for December 14-20:

Sunday	10:00 Worship Service 11:15 Congregational Meeting
Tuesday	9:30 Coffee Break 3:30 Shepherding Elders
Wednesday	6:00 Kal Christian Y5 Christmas Program
Thursday	12:00 Heritage Piecemakers
Saturday	7:45 Mobile Food Initiative

Mobile Food Initiative is
Saturday, December 20.
7:45 AM at **Heritage CRC.**

**See you there!**

Council News

Membership Update: At a recent meeting, the shepherding elders approved the following requests related to membership at Heritage Church:

- Release membership of Pat & Carol Schewe to The Bridge Church in Bradenton, FL.
- Release membership of Zach Razenberg to Gracespring Bible Church
- Release membership of Chad & Jeni Scheel
- Release membership of Taylor Bruinwood
- Release membership of Matt & Amanda Miller, Teagan, Kinsley
- Transfer membership of Cassiday Brennan to Martin Reformed Church

We are grateful for the place each of these individuals had in our story at Heritage and trust the Lord will guide them to follow Jesus as His disciples.

2026 Daily Bible Reading Plan: Unfading Truth (<https://www.unfadingtruth.com/>) is a daily Bible reading plan designed to keep you in the Word all week long. Each day, participants receive a reminder with a short teaser, the day’s passage, and a link to read, listen, or reflect — delivered by text message (preferred) or email. Every post includes an embedded podcast player for those who prefer to listen. In 2026, Unfading Truth will guide you through the entire Bible in a way that’s both faithful and accessible. The rhythm keeps readers grounded in God’s Word each day while the Reformed Confessions keep



Come discuss with us on Tuesday Dec. 30 10:00 the story of actress Heddy Lamarr from the book by Marie Benedict entitled The Only Woman in the Room. During the war years she moved from living as a Jew in Austria to becoming an actress in America . Surprisingly she contributed scientifically to the war effort with an invention. If you are curious read the book and join us.



Offering Schedule

- Dec. 14 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: World Renew
- Dec. 21 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: Kal. Valley Gleaners
- Christmas Day: Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes
- Dec. 28 General Fund
Loose Change: Park Village Pines

Offerings (deposited for December 7, 2025)

- Building Fund ~ \$90.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$45.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$50.00
- General Fund ~ \$10,094.00
- Centrica Hospice of SW Michigan ~ \$120.00
- International Campus Ministry ~ \$100.00
- Kalamazoo Christian ~ \$211.00
- Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries ~ \$20.00
- Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes ~ \$1,167.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$50.00
- Organ Fund ~ \$4,000.00
- Rental Deposit ~ \$1,750.00

From the Deacons:

We have two opportunities coming this holiday season.

1. Cards and Poinsettias for our homebound members. Once again we will be collecting cards for our homebound members. We are requesting cards be at church by Sunday, December 14. The list of homebound members and a basket will be in the narthex. If you are able and willing to deliver cards and poinsettias the week following, please contact Teri Wagner.
2. Park Village Pines. The deacons will be holding a special collection December 21 to bless the people at Park Village Pines. We will be using the collection to help stock the store to bless those who might be struggling. If you would like to contribute at another date, please make a notation in the memo and we will distribute it accordingly.

Thank you for partnering with us as we bless the elderly in our community.



“As we enter the Christmas season, World Renew’s Gift Catalog is a meaningful way to share Christ’s love with those in need! From a goat to disaster recovery supplies, each gift brings hope and makes a lasting difference for families around the world. Explore the catalog at worldrenew.net/gift-catalog.” There is also a copy in your mailbox.



Our church is collecting winter coats, hats, scarves, blankets and more for those in need in our community. This will be an ongoing effort until the holiday season is over. New or gently used items are needed. After the holidays the items will be delivered to Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries. **Look for the “Winter Clothing Donation” box** in the lobby area to place your donations. Any questions, please talk to Joyce Truscott, Kathy VanderMeer or Joy Knurr.



Alternatives provides material assistance to their clients. They accept gently used items such as maternity outfits, children’s clothing sizes, premie - 5T, toys, and strollers.

Current urgent needs include:

- Formula
- Baby Wipes
- Diapers (Size 4 & 6)
- 3/4 Toddler Boys Pull-ups



A baby basinet is available in the gym/fellowship hall for donations to support Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center of Kalamazoo.

Family Faith Formation Tip

Around the world a lot of people are thinking about giving and receiving gifts for Christmas. Did you know that Christmas is, in some way, God’s gift to God? It marks that important moment when God entered our earthly life in order to restore God’s broken world through the cross of Christ and the empty tomb. A restored world had been a desire of God’s heart for a long time, so now is a good time to write God a Christmas card, praising the Lord that salvation is possible through the birth of the Christ-child in Bethlehem. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive



ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Advent at Home: Joy to the World - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Advent at Home: Joy to the World” at www.kidscorner.net. This week of Advent is all about joy! Maybe light the hope, peace, and joy candles with your family, sing a favorite Christmas song, like Joy to the World, and remember that Jesus is the best reason to celebrate. Explore all the great content at kidscorner.net, including the Kids Corner Christmas Collection of devotions, Bible stories, crafts, and activities.



Prayerline: All prayer requests, prayer updates, praise items, and requests should be sent to: hcrprayer@gmail.com