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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:  
Wednesday at noon. Call,  
leave a note, or e-mail to  
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

Summer OFFICE HOURS:  
Wednesday : 8:30 am—1:30 pm  
Thursday : 8:30 am—12:30 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

NURSERY: Dec 11: Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur  
Dec 18: Tara Razenberg & Kim Bruinwood

COFFEE SERVERS: Dec 4: Matt & Lisa Durian, Bill & Kathy Cobern, Bill & Ruth Vroegop  
Dec 11/18: Phil & Barb Nieboer, Jack & Evie Wenke, Bob & Barb Razenberg

HEARTLAND HEALTHCARE CENTER  
(Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approximately 30 minutes)  
December 11: Bill Vroegop & Ellen Byle  
December 18: Glen Wagner & Judy Wieringa

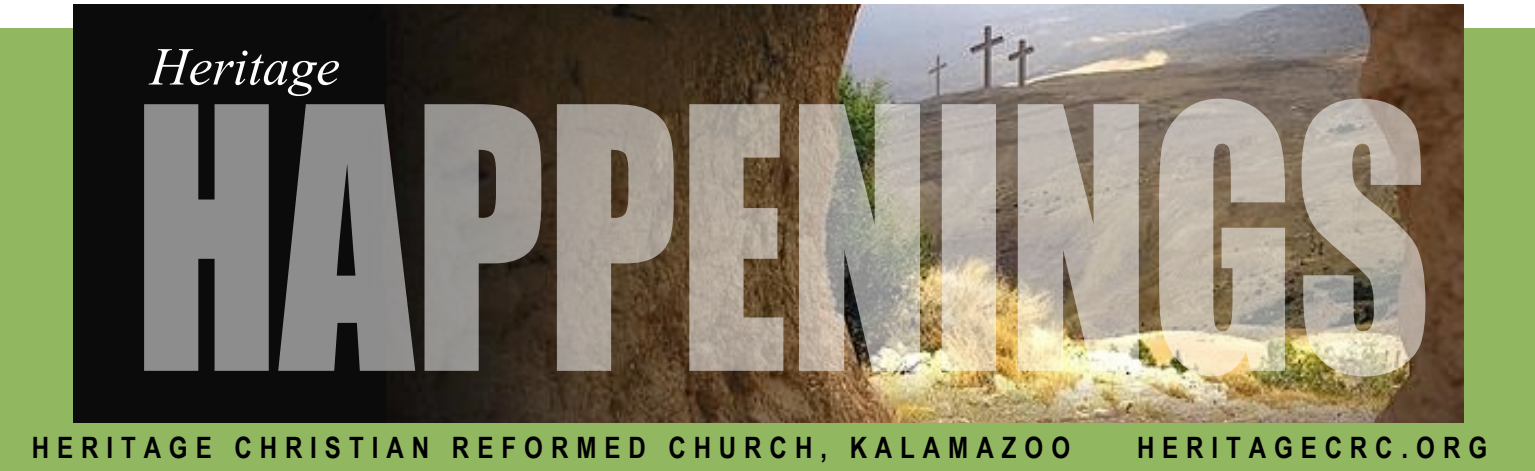
PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: December: Gretchen Vanders

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: Dec 11: Ferrel Stremler      Dec 18: Paul Booden  
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
11 ADVENT #3 9:30 am Pastor Simon “How Is He Coming?” Matthew 1:18-25; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  5 pm Service of Lessons & Carols	12	13 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am  Administrative Board Meeting 7 pm	14	15	16	17
18 ADVENT #4 9:30 AM Pastor Simon “Where Is He Coming?” Micah 5:2; Revelation 21:1-4  5 pm Pastor Simon Candlelight Service	19	20 Shepherding Elders Meeting 3 pm	21 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	22	23	24
25 CHRISTMAS DAY 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Why Did Christ Come?” Luke 2:8-14; Romans 8:18-27  No Evening Worship	26	27	28	29	30	31
1 HAPPY NEW YEARS! 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Teach Us to Number Our Days” Psalm 90  No Evening Worship	2	3	4	5	6	7



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What’s up in Worship

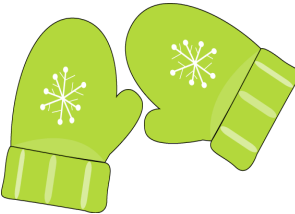


**Advent: Then & Now:** The Season of Advent invites us to celebrate Christ’s first coming but also to long for His return. Christ has come and someday Christ will come again! Join us in this season of memory and hope that recounts what God has done and anticipates what God will do someday.

December 11 ~ How is He Coming?  
December 18 ~ Where is He Coming?  
December 25 ~ Why Did Christ Come?

Please plan to join us as well for our annual **Advent Lessons & Carols** service at 5 pm *TONIGHT* and our annual **Candlelight Service** at 5 pm next Sunday, December 18.

Ministry



**Coffee Break Ladies** are again collecting *winter coats, hats & mittens for all ages*. A box for this purpose is in the Narthex. Please remember those who are without these necessities during the cold winter months. Thank you.

Thank you

On behalf of the students we serve, I want to thank you for your generous donation of winter hats, gloves and coats to the CIS Kids’ Closet at Prairie Ridge Elementary. Thank you for helping kids to have a great school year!  
*Communities In Schools*

**Praise and gratitude** to the Lord and the members of Heritage for their prayerful support, cards, calls and concern during this enduring and difficult struggle with shingles. You have lifted my spirits throughout. Many thanks to all.  
*Bob Pangle*

**Soli Deo Gloria**—To God be all the glory for a wonderful Christmas celebration held here this past Wednesday evening. Over 100 attended and together we celebrated an evening of good food, great fellowship, wonderful music and fun. Thanks to all from Heritage who could attend, to their guests for coming, to the Hostesses for welcoming guests and for providing a pretty table and dessert. Special thanks to Betty Vlietstra for arranging the program with the “His Harmony” quartet and for hosting an extra table to accommodate them! And to the men in the kitchen for keeping the coffee coming and for doing clean up duties with food and serving dishes. It was a beautiful evening and we felt God’s presence. We pray that the many seeds of the Christmas story and of the Gospel that were planted through words, song and fellowship may find deep roots in the hearts of those in attendance.



Ministry Continued...


**Food Resource Bank 2017...**  
Soon it will be time to help “feed Daisy” again for 2017! Watch for a new sign up display in the coming weeks and please be in prayer if you can help support this ministry for just one week, or two or a whole month!

**Winter Weather Cancellation:** In the event of severe winter weather and Sunday services are cancelled, closing information will be posted on Channel 3 WWMT as well as WOODTV 8 at least 1-hour prior to the worship service start time. You can also sign up to receive text or email alerts from Channel 3, WWMT:

- Go to WWMT website.
- Click on School/Business/Church Closing Alerts.
- Then sign up to receive texts on your phone or email alerts for Heritage Christian Reformed Church.

Homebound members...

If you are able please remember these members who are homebound in this Christmas season with a card and/or cookies. (Extra lists are available at the Information Center if needed.) Please place the cards in the basket at the Information Center and put cookies in the Kitchen. Cards and cookies are due by next Sunday, December 18. Thank you.



**Tithes & Offerings:** January 1, 2017 marks the end of the year for financial gifts that will be included in the 2016 summary of tithes and offerings to Heritage Church. Contributions received by January 1, 2017 will be included on your summary for 2016. In January the deacons will place this summary in the mailbox of each member for whom a report is available. Questions? Please contact one of the deacons.

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...**  
Barb VanDalen ~ Larry Spalink  
Dick & Nadine VanDam ~ Van Ankum Family  
Ken & Dorothy VanDenBerg ~ Kathleen Lauder

*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 11	General Fund: Ministry Shares Loose Change: TBA
Dec 18	General Fund: Faith Promise Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
Dec 25	General Fund: Building Fund Loose Change: Kzoo Gospel Mission
Jan 1	General Fund: TBA Loose Change: TBA

**Offerings** (for December 4)  
Adopt a Cow ~ \$50.00  
Building Fund ~ \$1,370.00  
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$355.00  
Faith Alive Resources ~ \$50.00  
Faith Promise ~ \$310.00  
General Fund ~ \$4,451.00  
Kalamazoo Gospel Mission ~ \$30.00  
Kzoo Loaves & Fishes ~ \$20.00  
Love INC ~ \$10.00  
Ministry Shares ~ \$210.00  
Rose Arbor ~ \$213.00



Requested Announcements

**Milwood Community Church** (formerly Milwood CRC) will be hosting a leadership training event for **Coffee Break leaders or other female Bible study/small group leaders** on Thursday, January 5, 2017 from 9 am—1:30 pm. This event will be led by Sam Huizenga, our regional rep for Coffee Break. This training will be great for those who are new to leadership and as a refresher for those who have been in a leadership role for a while. Cost is \$25/person. We'll have lunch. Those who are interested can contact Terri Scheffers at 269-377-7704 for more information or to RSVP.

**You're invited to a Christmas concert featuring "International Christian Pianist" Jim Hendricks at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2016.** An incredibly gifted pianist, who has served as Professor of Music at Chicago State University, Jim has performed on ABC, CBS, TBN, and PAX. He was also on tour with the Glenn Miller Orchestra and made three appearances at the Crystal Cathedral. He has competed in numerous international piano competitions and has made 13 piano recordings. You can learn more about Jim, and listen to samples of his playing, by visiting his website at [jimhendricksmusic.com](http://jimhendricksmusic.com). A free-will offering will be received for Jim at the concert, and many of his recordings will be available for purchase. You can come and worship God through music, and even do some Christmas shopping! The concert is being hosted by Twin Lakes Church, 5474 Ravine Road, Kalamazoo. For more information, please call 269-382-1158.

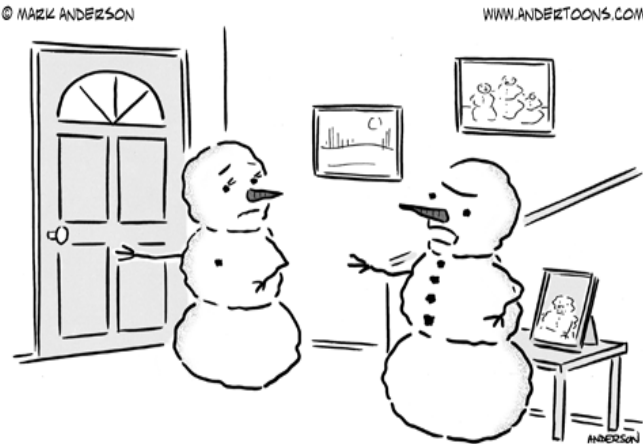


**Volunteers needed...**at Second Impressions at the back door from 1-4 on Mondays or Thursdays to help unload cars for people who are donating. To cover this shift you should be able to lift 20-30 pounds. Call Patty at 345-7757 if you can help.



**Building Hope Campaign for the Gospel Mission:** There is a new campaign launched to try and raise awareness and funds to support a new women and children's shelter being built for the Gospel Mission. Please go to [www.kzoobuildinghope.org](http://www.kzoobuildinghope.org) for more information. Let's all pitch in to help show Christ's love to these women and children in need. **We will supporting this endeavor with our Christmas Day Special offering.**

**The Voices of Victory**, a male quartet from the Hudsonville, Michigan area will present their annual New Year's Eve Concert at Hudsonville Reformed Church (3950 Highland Drive, Hudsonville) on Saturday, December 31. The concert begins at 8 pm and will last until 11 pm. We will be joined by the Sacred Harmonies Quartet and the Covenant Quartet. Coffee and cookies will be served. There is no admission charge; an offering will be taken for Georgetown Harmony Homes. All are welcome to attend. The concert will be the same format as usual—come and go whenever you want to—OR stay for the entire evening of praise to God!



"Oh no. No daughter of mine is going out dressed like that!"