

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, KALAMAZOOHERITAGECRC.ORG

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  
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

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

Volunteer Schedule...

COFFEE SERVERS:

Dec. 8 & 15     Nick & Melissa Piontek/Ron & Sharon Stryd  
Dec. 22 & 29     Arnie Keur, Linda DeLoof, Becky Smith, Linda VanGoeye

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

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SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

Districts     Elder     Deacon

A-M     Glen Wagner     Cheri Gavin  
N-Z     Rick Lingbeek     Roger Selles

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:     NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Dec. 15 - Paul Booden     12/15 - John Bruinwood & Sue Florian  
Dec. 22 - Lisa Durian     12/22 - Cheri Gavin & Wendy Rose  
Dec. 25 -     12/25 - Barb Razenberg

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HAPPENINGS

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What’s up in Worship

The Return of the King: While He first came as a babe in a manger and lived gently and lowly, when He comes again He will come as King of kings and Lord of lords. Join us this Advent season as we consider what Jesus says in Matthew 24 & 25 about how we should wait and what we should do as we wait for that day. This week’s sermon is based on Matthew 25:14-30, “Be Faithful: Stewarding His Gifts.”

thank you

Dear church family, thank you all so much for your prayers, expressions of caring, cards and calls while we were healing. You have shown us so much love.  
Phil & Barb Nieboer

Candlelight Service: Come celebrate the birth of our Savior on December 22 at 6:00 pm. Though music, song and the lighting of candles we will celebrate the coming of Jesus as the light of the world.

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Melissa Piontek ~ December 18  
Esther Manni ~ December 20  
Chris Selles ~ December 20  
Dorothy VandenBerg ~ December 21

Anniversaries...

Cameron & Helen Brown ~ December 16

What’s Happening  
This Week

Church Calendar for Dec. 15-21:

Sunday     10:00    Worship Service

Tuesday     3:30    Shep. Elders

Wednesday 6:00    KCSA Y5 preschool program

Saturday     7:45am   Mobile Food Initiative

An update to an address for your church directories:  
Dave & Carol Bonselaar  
Same address but a new lot number: Lot M1  
Please update your directories



It's that time again. Time to make room for new winter wear! Once more, the Coffee Break ladies will be gathering **winter coats, hats, scarves, blankets, etc.** for those in need within the community. This will be an ongoing effort until the holiday season is over. Right after the year's end we will gather the items and deliver them to Kal. Gospel Ministries. Look for the box in the lobby area to place your donations. Any questions, please talk to Barb Nieboer or Joyce Truscott.



ATTENTION COFFEE BREAK LADIES  
Coffee Break Bible Study will not be meeting on Tuesday Dec. 17 and will resume on Tuesday January 7. We will be discussing material from our book on the Disciple John. Look forward to seeing you in 2025.

**GROW GROUP**

Our Thursday morning GROW Group will take the next few Thursdays off and will meet again on January 9. As always all are welcome to join us on Thursdays at 9:30 am.



**Severe Weather Cancellation:** In the event of severe weather and Sunday services are cancelled, closing information will be posted on Channel 3 WWMT 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. Go to WWMT website, click on weather, then closings. Then sign up to receive texts on your phone or email alerts for Heritage Christian Reformed Church.

**Offering Schedule**

- Dec. 15 General Fund & Faith Promise  
Loose Change: World Renew
- Dec. 22 General Fund & Building Fund  
Loose Change: Kalamazoo Valley Gleaners
- Dec. 25 Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes
- Dec. 29 General Fund  
Loose Change: Park Village Pines

**Offerings (deposited for December 8, 2024)**

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$500.00
- Building Fund ~ \$100.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$95.00
- General Fund ~ \$11,655.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$220.00
- Kalamazoo Christian Schools ~ \$316.00
- Loaves & Fishes ~ \$20.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$295.00

**From the Deacons:** December 31, 2024 marks the end of the year for financial gifts that will be included in the 2024 summary of tithes and offerings to Heritage Church. All contributions received and deposited after January 1 will be included on your summary for 2025. 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.

Mobile Food Initiative is  
**Saturday, December 21.**

7:45 AM at Heritage CRC.

**See you there!**



The Kalamazoo Valley Gleaners are looking to hire a general manager. This is a full time paid position. If interested, contact Jim VanTuinen @ jvantuinen@gmail.com.



**World Renew**  
**The Gift of Christmas** - Next week, we celebrate the gift of Jesus, who left his heavenly home to offer us the hope of eternal life with him. Your gift for World Renew this season gives hope to people who live with poverty, disaster, and injustice worldwide. Put families in need on your Christmas list this year by giving generously in the World Renew offering. Traveling over the holidays? You can give at [worldrenew.net/gifts](http://worldrenew.net/gifts) or call 800-552-7972.

**Calvin University**  
**The January Series** - The January Series of Calvin University returns January 20 through January 31. From Paralympians to historians, adventurers, and innovators, we have a topic for you to deepen your curiosity. Join us in the Covenant Fine Arts Center on the campus of Calvin University or online. More information can be found at [www.calvin.edu/january-series](http://www.calvin.edu/january-series)

Time to go shopping, or get out those knitting needles and crochet hooks. The hat, mitten and scarf tree is going up again this year. We look forward to helping local schools as well as the gospel mission, alternatives and domestic abuse to name a few. If you have any questions, please ask Linda DeLoof.



*Family Faith Formation Tip*

**This coming week marks the winter solstice—the “longest night” of the year. For many, the Christmas season can be a particularly difficult time. How might God be calling you to minister to people who struggle? How might you remind them that the dark of night will gradually give way to the light of day? Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)**

**ReFrame Ministries**

**Kids Corner: Advent Week 3: The Baby** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). In Luke 2:11-14, the long-awaited Messiah has come. The prophecy from the prophet Isaiah has happened. On that blessed night, the hope God promised so many years ago was born into the world. He came as a baby - not just any baby - he was the Son of God. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Bible Story Podcast The Journey of the Wise Men.

**Groundwork: Jesus: Our Everlasting Father** - Isaiah continued to reveal the nature of the Messiah when he called him the “Everlasting Father.” Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 63:15-16, John 14:6-14, 1 John 1:1-4, and 1 John 3:1-3 to better understand how this revolutionary title reveals the nature of Jesus and discover the comfort and belonging offered to us in Jesus, our Everlasting Father. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



**Video Recording**  
A video recording of the morning worship service will be posted to our church YouTube page either on Sunday or Monday. Here is the link to our YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCutET663hVzpPohBMiCXEQA>. If you haven't already done so, be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the notification bell to receive updates whenever a new video becomes available.