

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 9:00 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

December 15: Ginny Carlisle & John Bruinwood
December 22: Gary Broekhuizen & Ruth Wagner

COFFEE SERVERS


Dec 15: John & Kim Bruinwood, Judy Wieringa, Jack & Evie Wenke
Dec 22/29: Dave & Kathy VanderMeer, Ken & Ellen Byle (22nd), Bill & Joyce Truscott (29th),
Bonnie Colvin

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: December: Betty Vlietstra

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: December 15: Paul Booden December 22: Ferrel Strempler
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:30 am Pastor Simon "To Worship the King" Matthew 2:1-12 5 pm Service of Lessons & Carols	16	17 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Shepherding Elders 7 pm	18	19	20	21 Mobile Food Initiative Centerpoint 8 am set up 9 am food delivery
22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:30 AM Pastor Simon "Out of Egypt" Matthew 2:13-23 5pm Candlelight Service	23	24	25 Christmas Day Worship 9:30 am "The Word Became Flesh & We Have Seen His Glory" John 1:1-14	26	27	28
29 9:30 am Rev. Fritz Kruithof "You Have One Year to Live" Luke 13:1-9 ~No Evening Worship~	30	31	1 	2	3	4
5 COMMUNION 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Dear Church: Rekindle Your First Love" Revelation 2:1-7 5 pm Pastor Simon "To Hear & to Continue to Hear" 2 Chronicles 34:14-33	6	7 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am	8 Men's Bible Fellowship 8 am P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	9	10	11

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HAPPENINGS

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What's up in Worship

Upcoming Special Services:

Plan to join us for the special services planned for this Advent season:


- **Lessons & Carols** ~ Join us on tonight at 5 pm for our annual "Lessons and Carols" service. This traditional service includes nine Scripture lessons, tracing salvation history from Genesis through the gospels, interspersed with singing of Christmas carols and hymns. *Proclamation Brass will be joining us this evening with songs of the season!*
- **Candlelight Service** ~ Join us next Sunday, December 22 at 5 pm for our annual Candlelight Service. Through the singing of carols and the lighting of candles we will journey together to Bethlehem and rejoice in all we have seen and heard.

Dear Church: Letters from Revelation:

Imagine if our church received a letter from Jesus. What would He say about our love for God? Our faithfulness? Our endurance in trials? Would His words bring commendation...or condemnation? The book of Revelation contains Jesus' final words to His Church through 7 letters to 7 churches. In a series called *Dear Church*, we will see what Jesus said to these churches then and what He is saying to us today. Join us in January for the launch of this new series.

Winter Ice Cream Social

is planned for tonight immediately following our Lessons and Carols service. This is a "thank you" to Heritage for use of the Fellowship Hall by the 4th grade girls basketball team of Kalamazoo Christian.



Celebrations

Birthdays...

Melissa Piontek ~ December 18
Esther Manni ~ December 20 ~ 88 years young!
Dorothy VanDenBerg ~ December 21

Upcoming Office Schedule:

- ♦ Christmas Week: Thursday, December 26 only and there will be no newsletter for Sunday, December 29. Please plan your announcements accordingly.
- ♦ New Years Week: Thursday, January 2 only.
- ♦ And starting the first full week of January, Sue's office hours will be Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 am—12:30 am as usual.
- ♦ **Also note:** Pastor Simon will be out of the office Thursday, December 26—Monday, December 30 visiting family in Canada.


Ministry

It's That Time Again!

The gals from Coffee Break are ready to collect winter things again for distribution to help those at the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission. We need any of the following:

- ♦ Mittens
- ♦ Hats
- ♦ Scarves
- ♦ Jackets
- ♦ Vests
- ♦ Sweaters
- ♦ Sweatpants
- ♦ Sweatshirts
- ♦ Boots
- ♦ Blankets

Everything is appreciated! Please drop off items in large box in Narthex. Thank you.



Ministry continued...



Looking for that special gift? Look no further than the World Renew's gift catalog! (Extras can be found at the Information Center). From hand-washing stations to whole houses, you can find something to honor everyone on your Christmas list while also honoring Jesus, the real reason for the season! Gifts like goats, nutrition kits, and kindergartens changes the story of the people World Renew serves. Every gift loosen the chains of injustice and poverty in a real and sustainable way. Individual's lives are transformed. Communities are changed.

December 31, 2019 marks the end of the year for financial gifts that will be included in the 2019 summary tithes and offerings to Heritage Church. All contributions received and deposited after January 1, 2020 will be included on your summary for 2020. 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.

Library News...

We have just received an instructive series of sermons on the early chapters of Genesis, presented as literal history. Thank you, Pastor Simon. Several members recalled a film they had seen recently called, "Is Genesis History?" This was requested and now is available in our Library. See how many PhD's affirm the literal and historical record of Genesis 1 through 11 as Del seeks insights from these experts. Fascinating!



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...
Bill & Ruth Vroegop ~ Joseph Mutebi
Glen & Ruth Wagner ~ Jairo Solano
Teri Wagner ~ Jerry An
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 15: General Fund: Faith Promise
Loose Change: Kzoo Gospel Mission
- Dec 22: General Fund: Building Fund
Loose Change: Forgotten Man
- Dec 25: World Renew
- Dec 29: General Fund
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
- Jan 5: TBA

Offerings (deposited for December 8)

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$288.00
- Building Fund ~ \$110.00
- Christian Education Assistance ~ \$530.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$280.00
- General Fund ~ \$5,021.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$281.00



Heritage's November balance sheet shows that we are nearly \$16,000 below our budget needs for 2019. the deacons request that you consider giving an extra gift to Heritage's general fund in your yearend giving. We all would like to end the year with our church budget in the black. Thank you for all your generous gifts throughout the year.

Thank you

A big thank you for all the food that was collected on Thanksgiving Day for Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes and a thank you to the people who delivered all the food to Voyage!
From the Deacons

Requested Announcements

Griefshare Seminar/Support Group:
LifeSpring church (1560 South 8th Street) is hosting GriefShare, a weekly video seminar featuring some of the nation's foremost experts on grief recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective. Each seminar is combined with a small group discussion time to allow group participants to talk about the content of the seminar an about how they are dealing with the death of their loved one. The 13-week seminar begins Saturday, January 4 and runs from 11:30 am—1:30 pm. You are welcome to begin attending at any point. Each session is "self-contained" so you do not have to attend in sequence. For more information, please call or text Jan Bogard at 269-270-1583 or at gypsyfun247@gmail.com

The January Series: The January Series cultivates deep thought and conversations about important issues of the day in order to inspire cultural renewal and make us better global citizens in God's world. We invite you to join us at this FREE 15-day lecture series that takes place each January on the campus of Calvin University. Our 2020 series will take place on weekdays from January 8-28, 2020 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. EST. Save the dates and we hope you can join us onsite, at any one of our 50+ remote sites, or online for LIVE audio streaming!

Mobile Food Initiative is
*This Saturday,
December 21*
at Centerpoint Church.

8 am set up/9 am food deliveries
See you there!

Family Faith Formation Tip

During Advent, we light the candle of Joy. Joy is not a fleeting happiness, but an attitude of the heart that springs from gratitude. What brings you joy? How might you spread joy to others? Wonder and talk about that this week.