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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 17:** Kim Bruinwood & Teri Wagner
December 24: Gary Broekhuizen & Kris Carlisle
December 25: Dorothy Broekhuizen & Glen Wagner

COFFEE SERVERS:
Dec. 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 17: Herm Vanders & Marilyn Stremler
December 24: Harold Triezenberg & Phyllis Triezenberg

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: **December:** Betty Vlietstra

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: **Dec 17:** Paul Booden **Dec 24:** Ferrel Stremler
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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
7 COMMUNION 9:30 am Pastor Simon “How the Mighty Have Fallen” 2 Samuel 1 5 pm Pastor Simon “Your Father Is God” Romans 8:15-17; Galatians 4:4-7	8	9 Coffeebreak Bible Study 9:30 –11 am Admin Board Meeting 3:30 pm	10	11	12	13



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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 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.



Tonight is our Candlelight Service at 5 pm. Join us as we learn more about ***The Light of the World.***

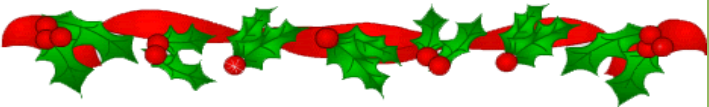
And please plan to join us on Christmas morning at 9:30 am as celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



Celebrations

Birthdays

Melissa Piontek ~ December 18
Esther Manni ~ December 20 ~ 86 years young!
Margaret Luteyn ~ December 21 ~ 99 years young!
Dorothy VanDenBerg ~ December 21
Judy Fletcher ~ December 22



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 **TODAY**. *At her request, Judy Zwart has asked that her name be removed from the list.* Thank you!



Stand in the Gap with World Renew this Christmas! God’s power is made visible in His son, Jesus Christ, who stood in the gap to offer us salvation. Give a powerful gift to someone in need this Christmas—one duckling, a flock or a whole barnyard filled with animals. Find these and other life-changing items at worldrenewgifts.net or pick up a catalog at the Information Center.



Out-of-the-Office: Pastor Simon will be working off-site December 26 ~ December 29 so that he and his family will be able to spend time with extended family in Ancaster, Ontario. **Note:** there will be no change in Sue’s office hours due to Christmas or New Years.

Ministry Continued. . .

The **Coffee Break Ladies** are collecting winter coats, mittens, hats, scarves, blankets, and other warm clothing for all ages. Children’s clothing (*need: boys sweat pants sizes 5-10*) 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!

We, the women of **Coffeebreak Bible Study**, are thankful to God for the privilege of serving Him in various ways by the giving of our gifts to those in need. This fall our “Baby Bottle Project” donated \$82 to Alternatives of Kalamazoo. A trunk load of clothing was given to Prairie Ridge School and other organizations, and for that we thank the congregation. We will continue with that through the end of 2017. Also, for our Christmas offering we gave \$105 to World Renew to be used to purchase a sewing machine in an Asian country. (Matthew 25:40)

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

We are beyond blessed to be supported by such an amazing church family. I, Zach, would like to thank you for keeping the promise to teach, mentor, grow, love and support me as a member of Heritage CRC. Furthermore, we would like to thank you for continuing to pray, care for, and support us as we have entered into the covenant of marriage.

We are blessed, again, by the card shower and we cannot thank you enough for your generosity. Each of you have helped us tremendously as we begin a life together.

Zach & Megan Razenberg

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...

Sue Mejeur ~ Joseph Mutebi
Tom Molenaar ~ Jairo Solano
Nick & Ann Nieboer ~ Larry Spalink

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. 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
January 7	TBA

Offerings (deposited for December 10)

Benevolence Fund ~ \$100.00
Building Fund ~ \$110.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$45.00
Faith Promise ~ \$155.00
General Fund ~ \$2,875.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$336.00
Miscellaneous ~ \$250.00
World Renew ~ \$1,081.00



December 31, 2017 marks the end of the year for financial gifts that will be included in the 2017 summary of tithes and offerings to Heritage Church. All contributions received after January 1, 2018 will be included on your summary for 2018. 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.

Requested Announcements

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.

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.



Thank you...

A heartfelt thanks to our church family for prayers and words of support we have received. We still have issues to deal with but we know that the love of our Heavenly Father and our friends at Heritage Church will sustain us. Our God is so good!
Jack & Evie Wenke

To our friends at Heritage ~ Everyone at the church has been so helpful to us in this difficult time. We appreciate all of the effort put into making the funeral special—but much more we appreciate all of the help given over the past few years. You are all a great blessing.
Joan Baylor
(Rich & Sara VanMaaren’s daughter)

Dear Friends at Heritage CRC ~ We give thanks for you in this season and for our partnership together in the work happening in Cambodia under the careful direction of Kathleen Lauder. We are also especially grateful for your continued care and encouragement of her, especially while she was with you earlier this year.
Carrie for World Renew

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.

