

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. 21 & 28 Jim Bosch, Judy Wieringa, Heather Tuin, Norbert & Joy H
Jan. 4 & 11 Mike & Cheri Gavin, Dave & Kathy VanderMeer

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

Districts

A-M
N-Z

Elder

Glen Wagner
Rick Lingbeek

Deacon



Teri Wagner
Roger Selles

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

Dec. 21 - Paul Booden
Dec. 25 - Dorothy Broekhuizen
Dec. 28 - Lisa Durian
Jan. 4 - Dorothy Broekhuizen

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

12/21 - Mary Deters & Cheryl Koning
12/25 - Kim Bruinwood
12/28 - John Bruinwood & Sue Florian
1/4 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				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
4 10 am Pastor Simon “The Call: Starting and Stumbling” Genesis 12:1-20	5	6 9:30 Coffee Break	7 8 am Men’s Bible Study	8 9:30 GROW Group	9	10

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HAPPENINGS

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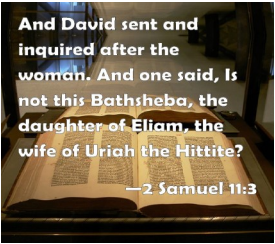
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What’s up in Worship

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: Bathsheba,” based on 2 Samuel 11:1-27.



The Journey of Faith: The Life of Abraham ~ In Genesis 15:6 we read: “Abraham believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.” At the start of a new year, join us we consider how God shows us through Abraham what it means to have a life of faith! The series begins on January 4.


thank you

I would like to thank everyone for all your thoughts and prayers, the wonderful get well cards and for the many calls, they were all such a help to get me through this difficult time. May God bless all of you.
Linda VanGoeye

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Judy Fletcher ~ December 22
Michelle Koning ~ December 24



COMING UP THIS WEEK


Church Calendar for December 21-27:

Sunday10:00Worship Service

Thursday10:00Christmas Day Service

New Address:


Dan & Deb VanderMeer
427 Hicks Road
Plainwell, MI 49080



Mobile Food Initiative is this Saturday, December 20.

7:45 AM at Heritage CRC.

See you there!



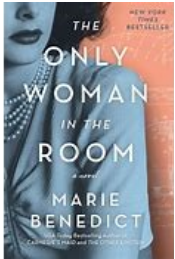
2026 Daily Bible Reading Plan: Unfading Truth (<https://www.unfadingtruth.com/>) is a daily Bible reading plan designed to keep you in the Word all week long. Each day, participants receive a reminder with a short teaser, the day's passage, and a link to read, listen, or reflect — delivered by text message (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 them centered on God's unfading truth.



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 or Kathy VanderMeer.



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. 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
- Jan. 4 General Fund
Loose Change: Rehoboth Christian School

Offerings (deposited for December 14, 2025)

- Building Fund ~ \$165.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$100.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$315.00
- General Fund ~ \$10,365.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$150.00
- International Campus Ministry ~ \$30.00
- Kalamazoo Christian ~ \$90.00
- Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes ~ \$50.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$269.00
- Park Village Pines ~ \$20.00
- Rehoboth Christian School ~ \$50.00
- Stryd Albanian Mission ~ \$200.00
- World Renew ~ \$265.00

From the Deacons:

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.



Next week Lisa will be in the office Monday morning, if you have any announcements for the last newsletter of 2025 please submit them by Monday at 8 am. Thank you.

“As we are in 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.”



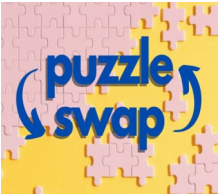
Alternatives provides material assistance to their clients. They accept gently used items such as maternity outfits, children’s clothing sizes, premie - 5T, toys, and strollers.

- 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.

Do you enjoy doing puzzles? It’s great for hand dexterity and eye coordination, plus its a great way to pass the time on all the cold and snowy days. We have a table set up in the north wing with all sizes, 300 up to 1000 pieces. So take a look and if you want, bring one from home to share.



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

Family Faith Formation Tip

It's almost Christmas Day! How many different ways can you think of to say “Merry Christmas!” to people who know the story of Christmas and to people who don't know the story? And how might you say “Merry Christmas!” to God this week in a way that reflects love back to our Creator? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive



ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Advent at Home: Away in a Manger - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Advent at Home: Away in the Manger” at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus knows what it feels like to be human, just like you. This means He understands when you’re tired, hurt, or having a hard day. He loves you so much and always knows how to comfort and care for you! Explore all the great content at kidscorner.net, including the Kids Corner Christmas Collection of devotions, Bible stories, crafts, and activities.

Groundwork: The Light of the World Among Us - Together, let’s explore the moment Isaiah’s anticipation of light turns to the reality of the light of the world among us. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-20, John 8:12, Ephesians 5:8-9, and Revelation 22:5 to discuss Jesus Christ’s birth, life, and the hope he brings, uncovering the profound meaning of Christ’s light shining in our world and how we live as children of light. GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes..