

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 22: Gary Broekhuizen & LillieAnn Durian
December 25: Kim Bruinwood & Joyce Truscott
December 29: McKena Razenberg & Tara Razenberg


COFFEE SERVERS
Dec 22/29: Dave & Kathy VanderMeer, Ken & Ellen Byle (22nd), Bill & Joyce Truscott (29th), Bonnie Colvin
Jan 5/12: Norm & Bonnie Langeland, Sue Mejeur, Fred & Pam Gould

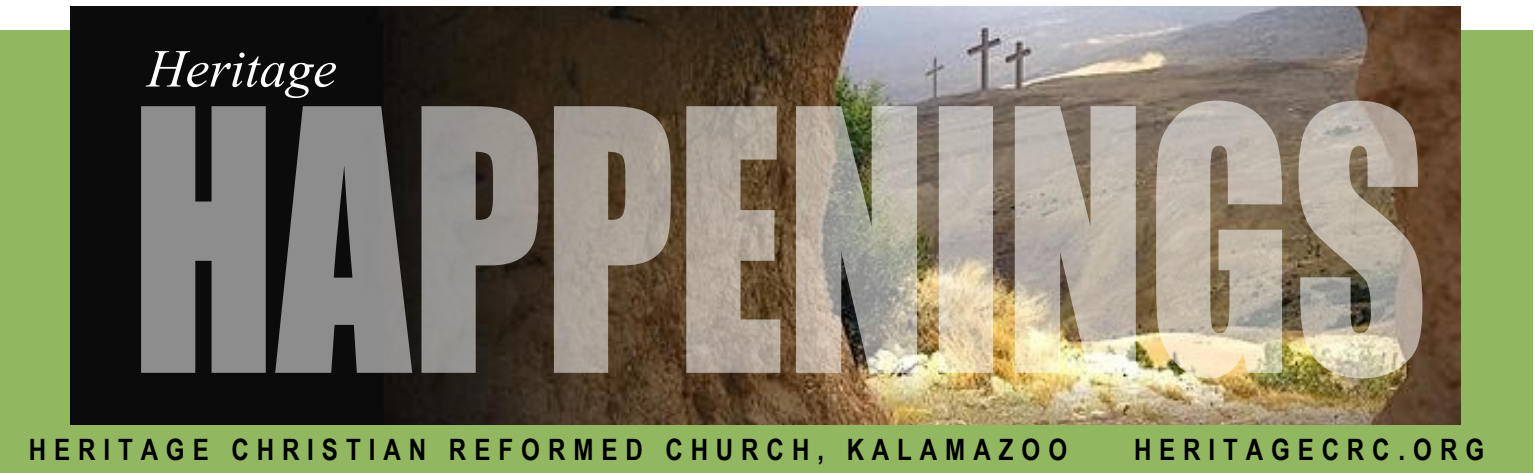
PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: **December:** Betty Vlietstra

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: **December 22:** Ferrel Stremler **December 29:** Ferrel Stremler
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 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 |
| 12 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Dear Church: Be Faithful” Revelation 2:8-11 5 pm Pastor Simon “The Way of Truth” Titus 2:1-15 | 13 | 14 Admin Board Meeting 7 pm | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |



What’s up in Worship

Candlelight Service ~ Join us tonight 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.

Christmas Day Worship: Join us this Wednesday morning, December 25 at 9:30 am.

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 in our morning worship.

Celebrations

Birthdays...
Judy Fletcher ~ December 22



To our Heritage Church family: Merry Christmas! On behalf of our family, we wish you a blessed Christmas and the joy of a faith-filled New Year. Thank you for the joy and privilege of belonging to a faithful community of Christ followers.
Pastor Simon, Heather, Connor & Ian

Thank you

Thank you to all those who provided Christmas cards and made delicious cookies for the home bound members of Heritage. It was very much appreciated! And thank you to all those who delivered the cards & cookies.
From the Deacons

Thank you for all the Christmas cards and cookies. I loved them all!
Angie Schippers

Ministry

- Upcoming Office Schedule:**
- Christmas Week: Thursday, December 26 only and there will be no newsletter for Sunday, December 29.
 - New Years Week: Thursday, January 2 only.
 - 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 continued...

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.

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.



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...

Jack & Evie Wenke ~ Larry Spalink
Judy Wieringa ~ Sovann Neth
Mel Wooley ~ David Heath
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

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| Dec 22: | General Fund: Building Fund Loose Change: Forgotten Man |
| Dec 25: | World Renew |
| Dec 29: | General Fund Loose Change: Benevolence Fund |
| Jan 5: | General Fund: Christian Ed Assistance Loose Change: Rehoboth |
| Jan 12: | General Fund: Ministry Shares Loose Change: Bethany Chr Services |

Offerings (deposited for December 15)

Benevolence Fund ~ \$500.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$75.00
Faith Promise ~ \$271.00
General Fund ~ \$8,908.30
Kalamazoo Gospel Mission ~ \$294.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$230.00



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.

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!



Family Faith Formation Tip

During Advent, we light the candle of Love. Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection were all characterized by love. In return, we are to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself." Consider how your family or household might do those things more fully in the coming year.

Christmas Day: Today we light the Christ candle to remind ourselves that the light of Christ has come into the world. Light a Christ candle in your own home today as you celebrate. Consider lighting a candle at each mealtime in the coming week (or year!) to remind you that Jesus is always with you.

