

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. 25 - Dorothy Broekhuizen  
Dec. 28 - Lisa Durian  
Jan. 4 - Dorothy Broekhuizen  
Jan. 11 - Chris VandenBerg

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:  
12/25 - Kim Bruinwood  
12/28 - John Bruinwood & Sue Florian  
1/4 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur  
1/11 - Michelle Koning & Joy Knurr

| Sun   | Mon | Tue                        | Wed                                | Thu  | Fri | Sat |
|---|-----|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|-----|-----|
|   |     |                            |                                    | 25<br><br>10 am Christmas<br>Day Service                       | 26  | 27  |
| 28<br><br>10 am Joey DeKoekkoek<br>"No Other Gospel. Period"<br>Galatians 1                                 | 29  | 30<br><br>10 am Book Club  | 31                                 | 1<br><br>Welcome<br>2026                                       | 2   | 3   |
| 4<br>Communion Sunday<br><br>10 am Pastor Simon<br>"The Call: Starting and<br>Stumbling"<br>Genesis 12:1-20 | 5   | 6<br><br>9:30 Coffee Break | 7<br><br>8 am Men's Bible<br>Study | 8<br><br>9:30 GROW Group                                       | 9   | 10  |
| 11<br><br>10 am Pastor Simon<br>"Land: Divide and<br>Defend"<br>Genesis 13:1-14:24                          | 12  | 13<br><br>7 pm Admin Board | 14                                 | 15<br><br>9:30 GROW Group<br><br>12:00 Heritage<br>Piecemakers | 16  | 17  |

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HAPPENINGS

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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. Christmas Day sermon is “**The Mother of Jesus: Mary,**” based on Luke 1:26-38.

On December 28, we welcome to our pulpit, guest speaker Mr. Joey DeKoekkoek as he leads us in worship. His sermon is “**No Other Gospel. Period**” based on Galatians 1.

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.

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Lisa Durian ~ January 2  
Mike VandenBerg ~ January 2  
Lisa Bosch ~ January 6  
Jonathan Mejeur ~ January 7  
Nadine VanDam ~ January 8

Church Calendar for December 22-Jan. 10:

- Thursday(25)10:00 Christmas Day Service
- Sunday(28) 10:00 Worship Service
- Tuesday (30) 10:00 Book Club
- Sunday (4) 10:00 Worship Service
- Tuesday( 6) 9:30 Coffee Break
- Wednesday(7) 8:30 Men’s Bible Study
- Thursday (8) 9:30 GROW Group



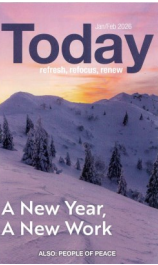
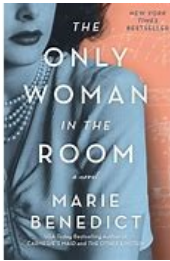


**From the Deacons:**  
Heritage Church Family thank you for your support of our special ministry this season: Park Village Pines store and help for those in need at the facility.  
Thank you for the offering of \$751.00. It is such a blessing to be part of a loving, service oriented congregation!

We also thank all those who helped deliver cards and plants to our homebound members, and thank you for all those who blessed our homebound members with cards! It was much appreciated!



Come discuss with us on Tuesday Dec. 30 10:00 the story of actress Heddy Lamar 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.



**Today Booklets:** The January/February booklets are here, you can pick one up by the southeast sanctuary doors if you desire a copy.

**Offering Schedule**

- Christmas Day: Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes  
Dec. 28    General Fund  
              Loose Change: Park Village Pines  
Jan. 4     General Fund  
              Loose Change: Rehoboth Christian Sch  
Jan. 11    General Fund  
              Loose Change: Luke Society

**Offerings (deposited for December 21, 2025)**

- Building Fund ~ \$85.00  
Faith Promise ~ \$755.00  
General Fund ~ \$14,315.32  
Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes ~ \$100.00  
Kalamazoo Valley Gleaners ~ \$297.00  
Ministry Shares ~ \$35.00  
Park Village Pines Special Collection~ \$751.00  
Rental Income ~ \$1,750.00  
World Renew ~ \$30.00

**From the Deacons:** December 31, 2025 marks the end of the year for financial gifts that will be included in the 2025 summary of tithes and offerings to Heritage Church. All contributions received and deposited after January 1 will be included on the 2026 summary. 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.

**Offering Envelopes:** Offering envelopes will be placed in your church mailbox by Sunday December 28. If you do not already receive envelopes but would like them, please contact the office or one of the deacons. Thank you for your generous support for the mission and ministry of the Gospel at Heritage CRC.

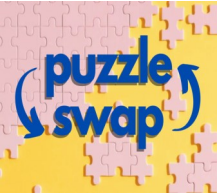


**2026 Daily Bible Reading Plan:** Unfading Truth (<https://www.unfadingtruth.com/>) is a daily Bible reading plan designed to keep you in the Word all week long. Each day, participants receive a reminder with a short teaser, the day’s passage, and a link to read, listen, or reflect — delivered by text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

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.



*Family Faith Formation Tip*

**As one year ends and another begins, pause for a time of taking spiritual inventory with your family, friends, or on your own. Ask questions like these: Where did we see God this year? Where did we resist growth? Where do we feel God is calling us next? Consider writing a prayer of release and a prayer of commitment to guide your transition into the new year. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)**



**ReFrame Ministries**

**Kids Corner Devotions:** New Year. New You. - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “New Year. New You.” at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Start the new year with more than just fresh goals—let God’s Spirit make you new from the inside out! His gifts of love, joy, peace, kindness, and more will help you shine like Jesus wherever you go. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC’s The Bible in One Year Plan.

**Groundwork:** Imagine a world wrapped in darkness, waiting, hoping for a light to break through; and then, one night in Bethlehem, it does. A child is born, fulfilling ancient promises; bringing a light that darkness cannot overcome; but what does it mean for us today? In this week’s episode of Groundwork, we continue our journey through Advent and anticipate Christmas by exploring the light of the world among us: his birth, his life, and the hope he brings. Stay with us as we uncover the profound meaning of Christ’s light shining in our world. [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.