

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, KALAMAZOOHERITAGECRC.ORG

Heritage CRC

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Kalamazoo, MI 49009  
(just south from Stadium Drive)

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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 24: Gary Broekhuizen & Kris Carlisle  
December 25: Dorothy Broekhuizen & Glen Wagner  
January 7: Barb Razenberg & Ruth Wagner

COFFEE SERVERS:  
Dec 24 & 31: Bonnie DeHaan, Mel Woolley, Bruce & Ruth Fletcher, Bill & Joyce Truscott  
January 7 & 14: TBA

HALLMARK LIVING  
(Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approximately 30 minutes)  
December 24: Harold Triezenberg & Phyllis Triezenberg  
December 31: Jim Triezenberg

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: December: Betty Vlietstra

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: Dec 24: Ferrel Stremmler Dec 31: Paul Booden  
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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
14 9:30 am Pastor Simon "The Tale of Two Kingdoms" 2 Samuel 2-4  5 pm Pastor Simon "All Things Come from His Hand" Acts 17:22-28	15	16 Shepherding Elders 3 pm	17 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	18 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	19	20

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HAPPENINGS

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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.

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

Come, Worship Him.

Celebrations Birthdays

Amanda Miller ~ December 29

Out of office

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.

Thank you for standing in the gap with World Renew this Advent Season! Today we give gifts to each other, remembering Jesus Christ who stands in the gap for us and reminds us to share His gifts with others, especially those in need. If you’d like to know more about what World Renew is doing to make a difference in the lives of those who live in poverty, find ways, to volunteer, or otherwise get involved, please visit worldrenew.net. Thank you.

Thank you

We want to thank the congregation for the cards, kind words and prayers on our behalf concerning the sudden passing of our dear brother, Jim.

Will & Gert Nieboer

Thank you to Heritage Church for the visit by the Ellens bringing so many beautiful Christmas cards, plant and cookies! What a blessing to be part of such a caring church!

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To our Heritage Church family

On behalf of our family, we wish you a blessed Christmas as we celebrate the birth of the One who came as light and life to this world. As we approach a new year, may the light of Jesus’ coming and the promise of His coming again be our sure foundation for another season of fruitful ministry. Thank you for the joy and privilege of belonging to a faithful community of Christ followers.

Pastor Simon, Heather, Connor & Ian

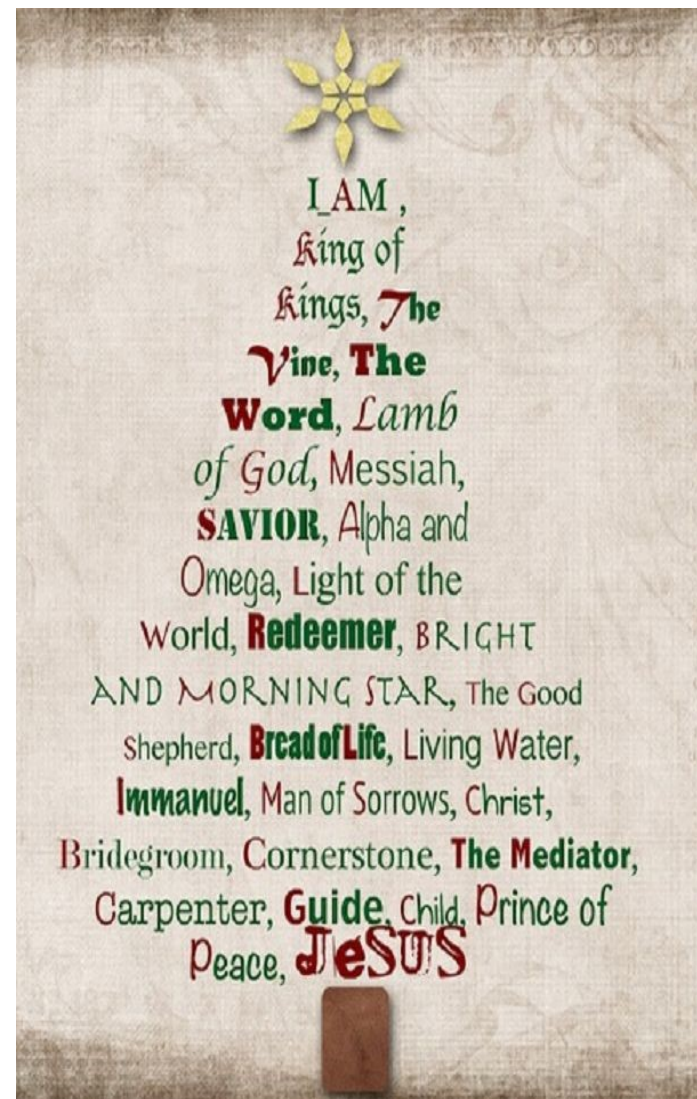


Ministry Continued. . .

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!

**January Birthday/Anniversary calendars** are available at the Information Center.

**January Prayer Guides** from the Christian Reformed Church are available at the Information Center for your use.



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...**  
Phil & Barb Nieboer ~ Van Ankum Family  
Will & Gert Nieboer ~ Kathleen Lauder  
Jerry & Trudy Oele ~ 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 24	General Fund: Building Fund Loose Change: Kzoo Gospel Mission
Dec 25	Resonate Global Mission
Dec 31	General Fund Loose Change: Forgotten Man
January 7	General Fund: Christian Ed Assist Loose Change: K-zoo Chr Schools

Offerings (deposited for December 17)

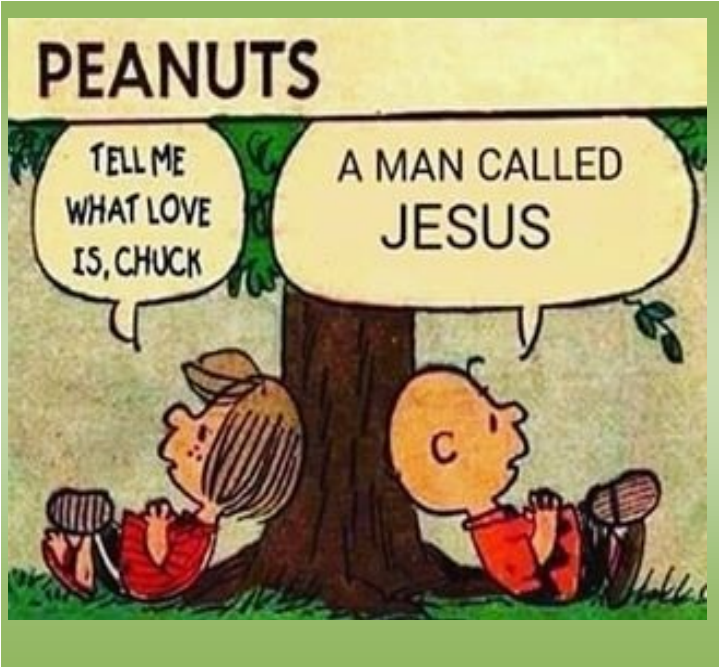
- Benevolence Fund ~ \$235.00
- Building Fund ~ \$1,510.00
- Christian Education Assistance ~ \$25.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$1,090.00
- General Fund ~ \$5,472.00
- Initial Offering ~ \$5.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$278.00
- World Renew (Coffeebreak) ~ \$116.00
- World Renew ~ \$5.00

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

**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.

**Estate Planning and Planned Giving Made Easy—Really!** As a service to you from the Kalamazoo Christian School Foundation, we are providing an estate planning seminar on Thursday, January 25, 2018 between 6-8 pm at the Kalamazoo Country Club (6 pm Hors d’oeuvres and refreshments start, presentation starts at 6:30 pm) Our speaker this year is Attorney Michael Willis (class of 1992), recognized as an expert in the legal field of trust and estates, listed in the Best Lawyers in America. More details will be available soon. Why a will, a trust, power of attorney forms, an estate plan? Bring your questions! **Reservations are required.** We only have 30 seats available—first come first service basis. If you would like to attend this event, have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Larry Stehouwer at 269-760-4711 or lstehouwer@kcsa.org.



**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.

