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SUNDAY WORSHIP
@ 9:30 AM (Nursery provided)
SUNDAY EVENING @ 5:00 PM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Wednesday at noon. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

Summer OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday : 8:30 am—1:30 pm
Thursday : 8:30 am—12:30 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

NURSERY: Dec 25: Dorothy Broekhuizen & Glen Wagner
January 1: Barb Nieboer & Teri Wagner

COFFEE SERVERS: Dec 25/Jan1: Rick & Donna Lingbeek, Norbert & Joy Hegelmann, Gary & Dorothy Broekhuizen Jan 8 & 15: Harold & Phyllis Triezenberg, Teri Wagner, Norm & Bonnie Langeland

HEARTLAND HEALTHCARE CENTER
(Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approximately 30 minutes)

December 25: Harold Triezenberg
January 1: Harold Triezenberg & Phyllis Triezenberg

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: December: Gretchen Vanders/January: Judy Wieringa

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: Dec 25: Zach Razenberg January 1: Lisa Durian
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 CHRISTMAS DAY 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Why Did Christ Come?” Luke 2:8-14; Romans 8:18-27 No Evening Worship	26	27	28	29	30	31
1 HAPPY NEW YEARS! COMMUNION 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Teach Us to Number Our Days” Psalm 90 No Evening Worship	2	3	4 Men’s Bible Fellowship 8 am	5	6	7
8 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Lifestyles of the Rich & Foolish” Esther 1 5 pm Pastor Simon “The Order of Salvation: Election” Ephesians 1:3-14	9	10 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Admin Board Meeting 7 pm	11	12	13	14
15 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Beauty and the Beast” Esther 2 5 pm Pastor Simon “The Order of Salvation: Calling” 2 Corinthians 5:11-21	16	17 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Shepherding Elders 3 pm	18 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	19	20	21



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What’s up in Worship



The Book of Esther: God’s Silent Sovereignty

Where is God in the midst of chaos and uncertainty? Is He there? Does He care? We often ask these questions when we encounter events that seem to contradict what we believe about God. In the book of Esther, an all-powerful, perfect and ever-present God seems hidden yet the message is timeless; God’s sovereignty calls people in every age to Himself even when we do not know what He is up to in this world. Plan to join us on Sunday, January 8, as Pastor Simon begins a sermon series on the book of Esther.

Celebrations

Birthdays
Amanda Miller ~ December 29
Matthew Carlisle ~ December 31
Melissa Keeley ~ December 31

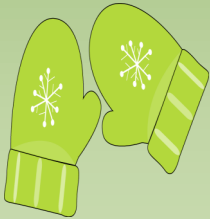


Ministry

Men’s Bible Fellowship gathers around the table again on Wednesday, January 4, 2017. See you there!

Coffee break ladies Bible study will resume on Tuesday, January 10 starting at 9:30 am. See you there!

Coffee Break Ladies are again collecting winter coats, hats & mittens for all ages. A box for this purpose is in the Narthex. Please remember those who are without these necessities during the cold winter months. Thank you.



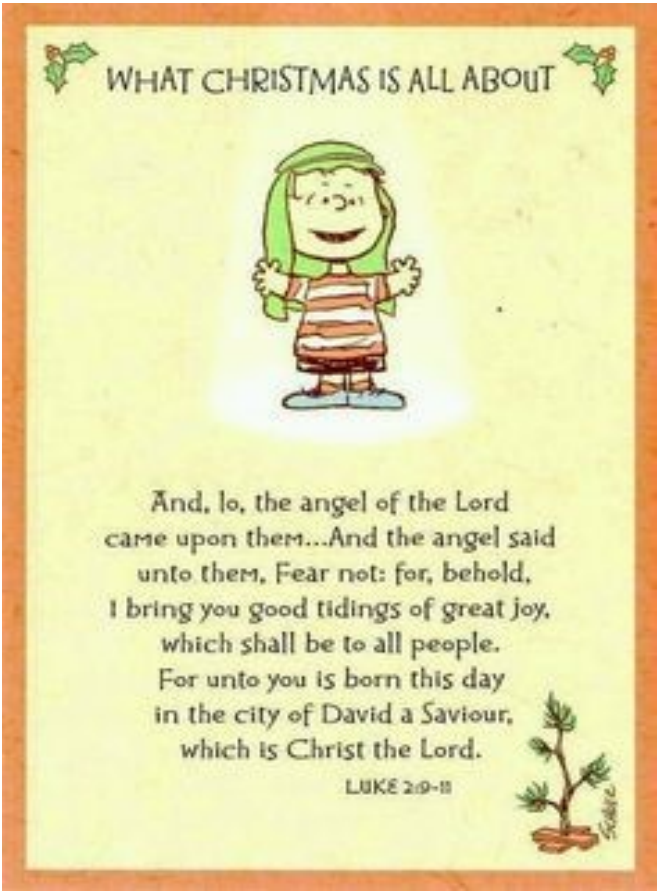
January 2017 Birthday/Anniversary calendars can be found at the Information Center for your use.

January 2017 Prayer Guides from the Christmas Reformed Church are available at the Information Center. Pick up a copy today!

Thank you

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



Out-of-the-Office: Pastor Simon will be working off-site December 26—December 30 so that he and his family will be able to spend time with extended family in Ancaster, Ontario. And Sue will be working Wednesday, December 28 only next week. Merry Christmas!

Tithes & Offerings: January 1, 2017 marks the end of the year for financial gifts that will be included in the 2016 summary of tithes and offerings to Heritage Church. Contributions received by January 1, 2017 will be included on your summary for 2016. 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.

Missions & Missionaries...

Loaves & Fishes wish list:
December: Canned Meat
January: Beef Stew
Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall

Emails or Letters to Missionaries...
Rich & Sara VanMaaren ~ Jairo Solano
Gerrit & Betty Visser ~ Larry Spalink
Rich Visser ~ Van Ankum family

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 25	General Fund: Building Fund Loose Change: Kzoo Gospel Mission
Jan 1	General Fund: TBA Loose Change: TBA
Jan 8	General Fund: TBA Loose Change: TBA
Jan 15	General Fund: TBA Loose Change: TBA

Offerings (for December 18)

Benevolence Fund ~ \$236.00
Building Fund ~ \$25.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$50.00
Faith Promise ~ \$545.00
General Fund ~ \$4,710.00
Kalamazoo Gospel Mission ~ \$15.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$240.00

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.



Requested Announcements

Coffee Break Training Reminder: You can still sign up (through December 30) for the Coffee Break Leadership training workshop to be held at Milwood Community Church from 9-1 on Thursday, January 5. This training would also be valuable for women in other Bible study leadership roles. Contact Terri Scheffers at 377-7704 if you are interested.

The Voices of Victory, a male quartet from the Hudsonville, Michigan area will present their annual New Year's Eve Concert at Hudsonville Reformed Church (3950 Highland Drive, Hudsonville) on Saturday, December 31. The concert begins at 8 pm and will last until 11 pm. We will be joined by the Sacred Harmonies Quartet and the Covenant Quartet. Coffee and cookies will be served. There is no admission charge; an offering will be taken for Georgetown Harmony Homes. All are welcome to attend. The concert will be the same format as usual—come and go whenever you want to—OR stay for the entire evening of praise to God!



Building Hope Campaign for the Gospel Mission: There is a new campaign launched to try and raise awareness and funds to support a new women and children's shelter being built for the Gospel Mission. Please go to www.kzooobuildinghope.org for more information. Let's all pitch in to help show Christ's love to these women and children in need. **We will supporting this endeavor with our Christmas Day Special offering.**

His Birth

Angels	Gold	Nativity	Virgin
Augustus	Herod	Noel	Wisemen
Baby	Inn	Peace	
Bethlehem	Jesus	Promise	
Elisabeth	Joseph	Savior	
Emmanuel	Manger	Shepherds	
Frankincense	Mary	Star	
Gifts	Myrrh	Swaddling	

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