

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, KALAMAZOOHERITAGECRC.ORG

Heritage CRC

2857 South 11th Street
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: 8:30 am—12:30 pm
Thursday: 8:30—12 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

NURSERY
December 2: Sue Mejeur & Pam Gould
December 9: Glen Wagner & Gert Nieboer

COFFEE SERVERS
Dec 2: Glen & Ruth Wagner, Herm & Gretchen Vanders, Ken & Dorothy Vandenberg
Dec 9/16: Dave & Carol Bonselaar, Sue Mejeur, Fred & Pam Gould

HALLMARK LIVING
(Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approximately 30 minutes)
December 2: Simon Tuin & Judy Wieringa
December 9: Glen Wagner

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: December: Betty Vlietstra

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: Dec 2: Paul BoodenDec 9: Ferrel Stremler
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 COMMUNION FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Hope: Finding God’s Way” Luke 1:26-38 5 pm Pastor Simon “Getting Away with Murder” Matthew 5:21-22 | 3 | 4 Christmas Gathering 6:15 pm | 5 Men’s Bible Study 8 am | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Peace: Have No Fear” Luke 1:26-38 5 pm Pastor Simon Lessons & Carols | 10 | 11 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Admin Board Meeting 3:30 pm | 12 Daniel Bible Study 6:45 pm In Library | 13 | 14 | 15 Mobile Food Initiative Centerpoint 8 am set up 9 am food delivery |
| 16 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Joy: The Lord Is With You” Luke 1:39-56 ~Congregational Meeting~ 5 pm Pastor Simon Candlelight Service | 17 | 18 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Shepherding Elders 3 pm | 19 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Love: That Changes the World” Luke 2:1-20 ~ No Evening Worship~ | 24 | 25 Christmas Day Worship 9:30 am “Peace on Earth?” Isaiah 9:6 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |

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What’s up in Worship

Advent 2018:
Series: We Believe
The Advent season is an invitation to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. In His incarnation, Jesus stepped into our world as the Son of God our Savior and We Believe He came to redeem, transform, and make all things new and will one day come again. Join us the 4 Sundays leading up to Christmas for the We Believe series as we seek to experience the hope, joy, peace, and love of God and believe in the One who has come and will come again! The series begins today!

Upcoming Special Services: Plan to join us for the special services planned for this Advent Season:

- Lessons and Carols:* Join us on Sunday, December 9 at 5 pm for our annual “Lessons and Carols” service. This traditional service includes nine scripture lessons, tracing salvation history from Genesis through the gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols and hymns.
- Candlelight Service:* Join us on Sunday, December 16 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!

Winter Ice Cream Social is planned for Sunday, December 9 immediately following our Lessons and Carols service. This is a “thank you” to Heritage for use of the Fellowship Hall by the 4th grade girls basketball team of Kalamazoo Christian.

Celebrations

Birthdays
Della Porter ~ December 3
Carol Bonselaar ~ December 6

Anniversaries
Norbert & Joy Hegelmann ~ December 7

Ministry

Change in Schedule:

- Sue will be working Tuesday, December 4 instead of Thursday, December 6.
- Sue will be on vacation the week of December 10-14 therefore ***there will be no newsletter Sunday, December 16.*** Please plan your announcements accordingly.

Annual Congregational Meeting (Note the date change): The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 16, 2018 following the morning Worship Service to vote on several proposals and to adopt a budget for 2019. A copy of the agenda and the proposals along with the proposed budget for 2019 were placed in mailboxes. Extra copies are available at the Information Center. If you are unable to be present at the meeting, absentee ballots are also available at the Information Center. Please vote on the ballot, seal your ballot in the envelope provided, and sign your name on the outside of the envelope. Place your envelope in the box.

Directory Update:
Angie Schippers
2920 Crystal Lane, Room 231
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Ministry continued...



Christmas Gathering...is this Tuesday, December 4! All the fun kicks off at 6:15 in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Vlietstra, Marilyn Stremmer, Irene VanderBerg, Jeni Scheel, Ruth Mather, Kris Carlisle or Judy Fletcher.



December 31, 2018 marks the end of the year for financial gifts that will be included in the 2018 summary of tithes and offerings to Heritage Church. All

contributions received after January 1, 2019 will be included on your summary for 2019. 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.

Thank you

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to Heritage for their support through phone calls, visits, meals and prayers during the last few months as I recovered from my fall.

Donna Penning & Family

Thank you Pastor Simon for your encouragement and comfort during my dad’s funeral. Also a big thank you to the men and ladies that prepared the luncheon for us after the service. It was delicious. Thank you to the congregation for the cards, phone calls and encouragement that you gave to my dad during the six years that he lived in Indiana with us. Even though he was far away from his church, he always felt loved and remembered by you. Our heartfelt thanks to you all!

Jim & Sandy Laning

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...

Dave & Carol Bonselaar ~ Jairo Solano
Paul & Marge Booden ~ Joseph Mutebi
Gary & Dorothy Broekhuizen ~ Larry Spalink

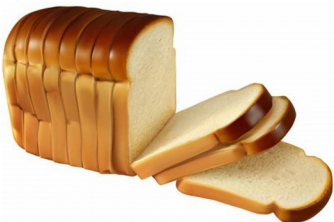
If you do not have a copy of our missionaries’ email addresses, both their most current newsletter and email addresses are on the Missionary table next to the mailboxes

Offering Schedule

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| Dec 2 | General Fund: Christian Education Loose Change: Rose Arbor Hospice |
| Dec 9 | General Fund: Ministry Shares Loose Change: Kzoo Gospel Mission |
| Dec 16 | General Fund: Faith Promise Loose Change: Benevolence Fund |
| Dec 23 | General Fund: Building Fund Loose Change: Kzoo Gospel Mission |

Offerings (deposited for November 25)

Adopt a Cow ~ \$200.00
Back to God Hour ~ \$10.00
Building Fund ~ \$120.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$25.00
Faith Promise ~ \$1,595.00
General Fund ~ \$8,038.32
Kalamazoo Gospel Mission ~ \$120.00
Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes ~ \$857.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$25.00
Organ Fund ~ \$200.00
World Renew ~ \$640.00
Wycliffe Bible Translators ~ \$178.00



From the Deacons: The Christmas project offering for next Sunday, December 9, will be a monetary offering for the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission. They have put out an urgent plea for bread

because they have lost their bread vendor. They will need donations until they can write some grants for new vendors. We will use the money from the offering to buy bread for them. Thank you in advance for your generous giving!!

Requested Announcements...

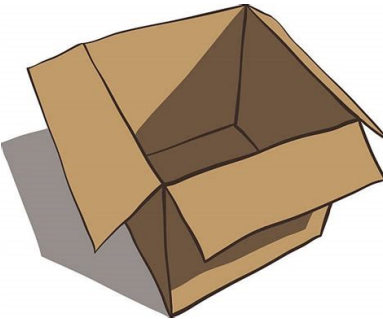
Attention 60+ singles, widows, & widowers: We are pleased and excited to announce the second social hour with donuts and coffee provided to be held on Monday, December 3 at 9 am at Grace CRC (1724 Whites Road). Our continued theme is I Timothy 5:9-10, challenging those over the age of 60 to continue to work and do good deeds. Pastor Brown, Director of the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission, will be our featured speaker. Your RSVP is preferred. Please call or text Marci or Ed Muller at 269-806-1899.

Vendor Blender: Our annual Vendor Blendor sale will be Saturday, December 15 from 9 am—2 pm in the Kalamazoo Christian High school gym. All proceeds will be for the KCHS student trip to Israel in the spring of 2019. If you have a craft or business that you want to promote, you may “buy” a table for the day! If you have any questions, please contact teacher/chaperone, Dawn Brown at dbrown@kcsa.org.



It’s That Time Again! The gals from Coffee Break are ready to collect winter things again for distribution to “new” homes. We need:

- ♦ Mittens
- ♦ Hats
- ♦ Scarves
- ♦ Jackets
- ♦ Vests
- ♦ Sweaters
- ♦ Sweatpants
- ♦ Sweatshirts
- ♦ Boots
- ♦ Blankets



Everything is appreciated! Please drop off items in large box in Narthex. Thank you.

- From the Council Meeting of November 27**
1. President Bill Cobern opened the meeting with prayer.
 2. The Shepherding Deacons shared a verbal update of their work including that the Christmas project offering on December 9 is scheduled for the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission Bread Fund and the Christmas Day offering will be for the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission general fund.
 3. The work of the Administrative Board was reviewed, including the following items:
 - * Approval was given to propose to the congregation that we change our morning service from 9:30 am to 10 am effective February 3, 2019.
 - * The Motion to replace church driveway and parking lot was tabled and a new motion was made, seconded and carried to propose to the congregation the following:
 - * Obtain the value of Site #2 on 11th Street
 - * List Site #2 for sale
 - * Use the sale proceeds for church property improvements.
 - * An increase in pulpit supply from \$150 to \$175, effective Jan. 1, 2019 was approved.
 - * The 2019 Budget was approved for congregational approval.
 - * A motion to establish a Long-Range Planning Team was approved. Donn Carlisle agreed to serve as both Chair and Elder Representative; Matt Durian agreed to serve as Deacon Representative; other suggested team members will be contacted.
 4. The Annual Congregational Meeting was moved from Dec. 9 to Dec. 16 to allow adequate time for the congregation to study the 3 proposals and meet the requirements of our “By-Laws.” The agenda will be placed in member mailboxes on Sunday, December 2.
 5. The October financial report was reviewed.
 6. Pastor Simon gave a detailed report of his activities in October and November.
 7. A time of Mutual Censure was exercised.
 8. The next Council meeting is Tuesday, January 22, 2019.
 9. Deacon Teri Wager closed the meeting in prayer.