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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Thursday by 9:30 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 30: Gary Broekhuizen & LilliAnn Durian
January 6: Gert Nieboer & Ruth Mather

COFFEE SERVERS
Dec 30: Dave & Kathy VanderMeer, Ken & Ellen Byle, Bonnie Colvin
Jan 6/13: Matt & Lisa Durian, Bob & Barb Razenberg, Bill & Ruth Vroegop


HALLMARK LIVING
(Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approximately 30 minutes)
December 30: Harold Triezenberg
January 6: Herm Vanders & Ellen Byle

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: December: Betty Vlietstra/January: Judy Wieringa

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: Dec 30: Ferrel Stremler Jan 6: Lisa Durian
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9:30 am Rev. Dale Slings “The Bright Morning Star” Isaiah 9:2, Revelation 22:16 5 pm Pastor Simon “Prayer Service”	31	1 	2	3	4	5
6 COMMUNION 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Where is the King?” Matthew 2:1-12 5 pm Pastor Simon “Getting Away With Murder” Matthew 5:21-22	7	8	9 Men’s Bible Study 8 am	10	11	12
13 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Love One Another” John 13:34-35, Romans 12:9-13 5 pm Pastor Simon “The Fight Against Lust” Various Texts	14	15 Shepherding Elders 3 pm	16 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	17	18	19
20 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Serve One Another” Galatians 5:13-15 1 Peter 4:9-11 ~ POTLUCK~ 5 pm Rev. Mike Koetje	21	22 Council 7 pm	23 Book Club 2 pm	24 International Campus Ministry Luncheon	25	26 Mobile Food Initiative Centerpoint 8 am set up 9 am food delivery



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What’s up in Worship

Upcoming Sermon Series: Sprinkled throughout the New Testament are several “one another” commands—love one another, serve one another, admonish one another, forgive one another, etc. With every command God describes what Jesus’ disciples ought to look like as a biblically functioning community. Join us beginning Sunday, January 13 as we explore God’s design for a Christ-centered community.



While Pastor Simon and family wraps up their time in Canada, we welcome Rev. Dale Slings to our pulpit this morning. We pray God’s blessings on Pastor Dale as he leads our worship.

Celebrations

Birthdays
Matthew Carlisle ~ December 31
Ginny Carlisle ~ January 2
Lisa Durian ~ January 2



Thank you

To my church family: I would like to thank everyone for my Christmas goodies ~ the poinsettia is still lovely and the cookies are gone! The many cards and notes have been read and read again. As I look at them, I can almost remember where everyone sits. What a joy to be a child of the King! God’s blessings to all!

Ann DeMaagd

To Heritage CRC: Thanks to all of you for the beautiful cards, plant and visit. I really am blessed.

Angie Schippers

Ministry

Save the Date! Our next potluck will be on Sunday, January 20. Watch future newsletters for more information.

International Campus Ministry Luncheon (formerly known as International Student Luncheon) at Western Michigan University: our next opportunity to help with this ministry is Thursday, January 24, 2019. Look for the sign up sheets at the table in the Narthex next week!

At the Information Center today:

- January Birthday/Anniversary Calendars
- January Prayer Guides from the Christian Reformed Church

Men of Heritage: the Men’s Bible Study for January will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 8 am instead of January 2. We will study lesson #5: Putting on New Clothes from Colossians.



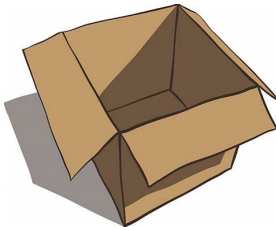
Ministry continued...

TITHES & OFFERINGS

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.

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.

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.



Missions & Missionaries...

Loaves & Fishes wish list:
January: beef stew
Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall

Emails or Letters to Missionaries...

Ed & Karan Finch ~ Kathleen Lauder
Nick & Stephanie Finch ~ David Heath
Bruce & Ruth Fletcher ~ Jairo Solano

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

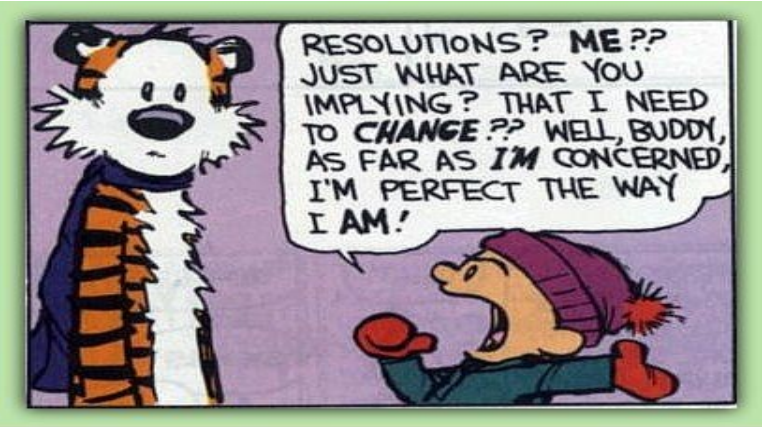
Offering Schedule

Dec 30 General Fund
Loose Change: Forgotten Man Minis
Jan 6: General Fund: Christian Ed Assistance
Loose Change: Rehoboth
Jan 13: General Fund: Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
Jan 20: General Fund: Faith Promise
Loose Change: Kzoo Christian Schools

Offerings (deposited for December 23 & 25)

Benevolence Fund ~ \$20.00
Building Fund ~ \$260.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$50.00
Faith Promise ~ \$125.00
General Fund ~ \$28,793.00
Gideon International ~ \$140.00
Kalamazoo Gospel Mission ~ \$365.00
Memorial Fund ~ \$435.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$300.00
World Renew ~ \$1,013.50*

*Christmas morning offering in support of World Renew (formerly CRWRC). Thank you Heritage!



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Requested Announcements

2019 January Series—the award winning free liberal arts education delivered in 15 weekly, lunchtime lectures. This year the series begins on January 3 and continues weekdays through January 23 from 12:30 –1:30 pm EST with topics such as technology and faith, the church and disabilities, restorative justice, cancer research, the #metoo movement, and so much more, by top experts in their fields. Thousands in west Michigan will join us on Calvin College's campus; others will watch the live feed at more than 50 remote webcast sites (*Kalamazoo Christian High School is a remote webcast site*), while others listen online. For information about speakers, topics, remote sites, and listening options, go to www.calvin.edu/january.

Calvin Symposium on Worship—You are invited to register and attend the annual Calvin Symposium on Worship, January 24-26, 2019 at Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary. The three-day conference brings together a wide audience of artists, musicians, pastors, scholars, students, worship leaders and planners, and other interested worshipers. There are excellent rates for students and groups from churches. All worship services are free and open to the public. See worship.calvin.edu/symposium/ for complete information and the registration link.

The Voices of Victory will be holding their annual Old Year's concert on Monday evening, December 31. Please note this year's concert location—the concert will be held at Grandville's First Reformed Church—3060 Wilson Avenue, Grandville, MI 49418 (across the street to the east of the Grandville Public Library). 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. Join the Voices of Victory and their guests, the Sacred Harmonies quartet, and participate in joyful audience singing throughout the evening!



Family Faith Formation Tip

As one year ends and a new year begins, gather as a family to remember the highs and lows of this past year. Thank God for being with you through everything that happened. Then talk about what's coming up in the new year. This is also a great time to start new family faith formation practices in your home!

T'was the night before Christmas,
God glanced over the earth.
He looked to and fro,
All over it's girth.
They missed it again He said with a sigh,
A heavy heart and a tear in his eye.
I gave them my son,
So they could be free.
My greatest gift,
To them from me.
They traded me in,
For a man in red.
A little tree,
And horse drawn sled.
How do I save them,
And make them see.
My love is complete,
My grace is free.
How do I help them,
When all they know
Is a talking snowman,
And a box with a bow.
Maybe next year,
They will stop and see.
The biggest gift of Christmas
Is the little child from me.

