

Heritage CRC

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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 4: Dorothy Broekhuizen & Teri Wagner
Dec 11: Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur

COFFEE SERVERS: Nov 27/Dec 4: Matt & Lisa Durian, Bill & Kathy Cobern, Bill & Ruth Vroegop Dec 11/18: Phil & Barb Nieboer, Jack & Evie Wenke, Bob & Barb Razenberg

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

December 4: Jim Triezenberg
December 11: Bill Vroegop & Ellen Byle

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: December: Gretchen Vanders

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: December 4: Lisa Durian December 11: Ferrel Strempler
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 ADVENT #2 COMMUNION 9:30 am Pastor Simon "When Is He Coming?" 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 5 pm Pastor Simon "The Last Judgment: Living for that Day" 2 Peter 3:1-13	5	6 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am	7 Men's Bible Fellowship 8 am Book Club 2 pm Christmas Hostess Gathering 6:15 pm	8	9	10
11 ADVENT #3 9:30 am Pastor Simon "How Is He Coming?" Matthew 1:18-25; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 5 pm Service of Lessons & Carols	12	13 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Administrative Board Meeting 7 pm	14	15	16	17
18 ADVENT #4 9:30 AM Pastor Simon "Where Is He Coming?" Micah 5:2; Revelation 21:1-4 5 pm Pastor Simon Candlelight Service	19	20 Shepherding Elders Meeting 3 pm	21 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	22	23	24
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

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HAPPENINGS

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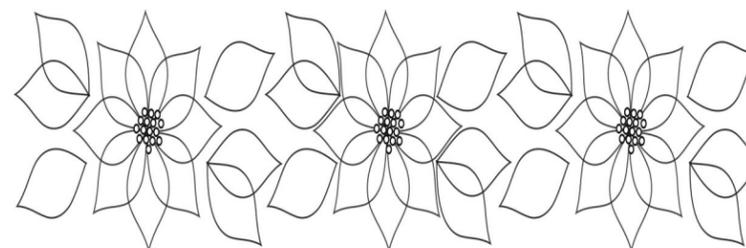
What's up in Worship



Advent: Then & Now: The Season of Advent invites us to celebrate Christ's first coming but also to long for His return. Christ has come and someday Christ will come again! Join us in this season of memory and hope that recounts what God has done and anticipates what God will do someday.

December 4 ~ When is He Coming?
December 11 ~ How is He Coming?
December 18 ~ Where is He Coming?
December 25 ~ Why Did Christ Come?

Please plan to join us as well for our annual **Advent Lessons & Carols** service at 5 pm on Sunday, December 11 and our annual **Candlelight Service** at 5 pm on Sunday, December 18.



Celebrations

Birthdays

Glen Wagner ~ November 27
Della Porter ~ December 3
Carol Bonselaar ~ December 6
Taylor Bruinwood ~ December 10

Anniversaries...

Norbert & Joy Hegelmann ~ December 7

New Directory Page!

In your mailbox this morning you will find a new directory page for Donn, Kris, Matthew, & Ginny Carlisle. Please add to your directory at your convenience.

Homebound members...

In your mailbox this morning you will find our current list of homebound members. If you are able please remember these members in this Christmas season with a card and/or cookies. Please place the cards in the basket at the Information Center and put cookies in the Kitchen. Cards and cookies are due by Sunday, December 18. Thank you.

Areas of Responsibility...

Council has requested that a copy of the "Areas of Responsibility" be placed in each mailbox so our members know who to contact regarding specific needs. This is only a guideline (not a Council mandate) and we welcome suggestions to improve the list.

Ministry

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.

Ministry Continued...

Attention all Gals...

Today is the final day to sign up to attend or to Hostess a table for our Christmas Hostess Gathering this Wednesday, December 7. All the fun begins at 6:15 pm! Hope to see you there!



A **VERY SHORT** meeting of all Hostesses will take place immediately following worship this morning in front of the sanctuary.

Book club gathers around the table again on Wednesday, December 7 at 2 pm to discuss the book "The Devil in the White City" by Erik Larson.

Men's Bible Fellowship will meet again on Wednesday, December 7 at 8 am. We will be looking at Lesson #7. See you there!

Food Resource Bank 2017...

Soon it will be time to help "feed Daisy" again for 2017! Watch for a new sign up display in the coming weeks and please be in prayer if you can help support this ministry for just one week, or two or a whole month!

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:

December: Canned Meat

Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall

Emails or Letters to Missionaries...

Bill & Joyce Truscott ~ David Heath
Simon & Heather Tuin ~ Joseph Mutebi
Jean Vader ~ 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 4	General Fund: Christian Education Loose Change: Rose Arbor Hospice
Dec 11	General Fund: Ministry Shares Loose Change: TBA
Dec 18	General Fund: Faith Promise Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
Dec 25	General Fund: Building Fund Loose Change: Kzoo Gospel Mission

Offerings (for November 20 & 27)

Building Fund ~ \$100.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$25.00
Faith Promise ~ \$1,105.00
General Fund ~ \$6,675.00
Kalamazoo Gospel Mission ~ \$263.00
Love INC ~ \$199.00
Kzoo Loaves & Fishes ~ \$630.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$175.00
World Renew ~ \$50.00



Requested Announcements

Milwood Community Church (formerly Milwood CRC) will be hosting a leadership training event for **Coffee Break leaders or other female Bible study/small group leaders** on Thursday, January 5, 2017 from 9 am—1:30 pm. This event will be led by Sam Huizenga, our regional rep for Coffee Break. This training will be great for those who are new to leadership and as a refresher for those who have been in a leadership role for a while. Cost is \$25/person. We'll have lunch. Those who are interested can contact Terri Scheffers at 269-377-7704 for more information or to RSVP.

You're invited to a Christmas concert featuring "International Christian Pianist" Jim Hendricks at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2016. An incredibly gifted pianist, who has served as Professor of Music at Chicago State University, Jim has performed on ABC, CBS, TBN, and PAX. He was also on tour with the Glenn Miller Orchestra and made three appearances at the Crystal Cathedral. He has competed in numerous international piano competitions and has made 13 piano recordings. You can learn more about Jim, and listen to samples of his playing, by visiting his website at jimhendricksmusic.com. A free-will offering will be received for Jim at the concert, and many of his recordings will be available for purchase. You can come and worship God through music, and even do some Christmas shopping! The concert is being hosted by Twin Lakes Church, 5474 Ravine Road, Kalamazoo. For more information, please call 269-382-1158.



"First Church will do anything to steal our Christmas pageant surprises!"

Council Meeting Highlights

- ◆ President Gary Broekhuizen opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.
- ◆ The shepherding elders gave a verbal report on their ministry which included a review of the holiday worship schedule, the availability of a DVD sermon resource in the place of a reading sermon if the pastor is unavailable at the last moment, the transfer of membership of Dave Ericks to Haven Church and receiving the membership of Donn and Kris Carlisle.
- ◆ The shepherding deacons gave a verbal report on their ministry. The 2017 budget envelopes are nearly ready to be placed in member mailboxes. The special offering for Christmas Day will be for the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission.
- ◆ The October financial report was received and its continued positive outlook was noted.
- ◆ The 2017 Proposed Budget Report was reviewed, discussed and approved.
- ◆ The minutes of the Administrative Board were reviewed and approved by the Council. Items of note included a review of the "Areas of Responsibility" document which was approved for distribution to the congregation, and finalizing the agenda for the Congregational Meeting scheduled for Sunday, December 11.
- ◆ Council received Pastor Simon's written report on his ministry and activities. Of special note is a 1-day conference planned in partnership with local congregations to be held at Southern Heights CRC on Jan. 21, 2017 on the topic of connecting: "Growing Young: Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church."
- ◆ Elder Ferrel Stremmer closed the meeting in prayer.

