

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, KALAMAZOOHERITAGECRC.ORG

Heritage CRC

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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 10:00 AM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:  
Thursday by 8:00 am. Call,  
leave a note, or e-mail to  
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

OFFICE HOURS:  
Wednesday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm  
Thursday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

COFFEE SERVERS:  
Dec. 7 & 14 Fred & Pam Gould, Norm & Bonnie Langeland  
Dec. 21 & 28 Jim Bosch, Judy Wieringa, Heather Tuin, Norbert & Joy Hegelmann

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: hcrcprayer@gmail.com

SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

Districts

A-M  
N-Z

Elder


Glen Wagner  
Rick Lingbeek

Deacon

Teri Wagner  
Roger Selles

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:  
Dec. 7 - Dorothy Broekhuizen  
Dec. 14 - Chris VandenBerg  
Dec. 21 - Paul Booden  
Dec. 28 - Lisa Durian

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:  
12/7 - Joy Knurr & Barb Razenberg  
12/14 - Lisa & Olivia Bosch  
12/21 - Mary Deters & Cheryl Koning  
12/28 - John Bruinwood & Sue Florian

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				4 9:30 GROW Group	5	6
7 Communion  10 am Pastor Simon "The Mother of Jesus: Rahab" Joshua 2:1-24	8  7 pm KCHS Choral Concert	9	10	11 9:30 GROW Group Christmas Party	12	13
14 10 am Pastor Simon "The Mother of Jesus: Ruth" Ruth 1:1-22  11:30 am Congregational Meeting	15	16 9:30 Coffee Break 3:30 Shep. Elders	17 6:00 Kal. Christian Preschool Christmas Program	18 12:00 Heritage Piecemakers	19	20 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative 
21 10 am Pastor Simon "The Mother of Jesus: Bathsheba" 2 Samuel 11:1-27  6:00 Candlelight Service	22	23	24	25 10 am Christmas Day Service	26	27

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HAPPENINGS

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What’s up in Worship

**The Lineage of a King:** In the opening of his Gospel, Matthew shows us how Jesus truly is the promised Messiah and how God’s grace defines this story. Join us this Advent as each week we look at one of the five women who are named in the genealogy of Jesus, and discover what each of them tells us about the wonders of God’s grace. This week’s sermon is “**The Mother of Jesus: Rahab,**” based on Joshua 2:1 -24.

**Annual Congregational Meeting:**  
The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 14 following the morning Worship Service. A copy of the proposed budget for 2026 was sent out via email. Extra copies are available on the table outside the church office. An update on the pre-school renovation project will also be shared. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Razenberg, council president, Jim Bosch, council VP/clerk or Kim Bruinwood, Administrative Deacon.

Please update the phone numbers for Norbert & Joy Hegelmann in your directories:  
Norbert: 269-207-9426  
Joy: 269-270-9426


Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Cheri Gavin ~ December 7  
Taylor Bruinwood ~ December 10

Anniversaries...

Norbert & Joy Hegelmann ~ December 7



Church Calendar for December 7-15:

Sunday	10:00	Communion Sunday
Monday	7:00	Kalamazoo Christian Choral Concert
Thursday	9:30	GROW Group Christmas Party

**This Sunday, December 7,** is Communion Sunday. We invite all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God and confess Jesus as their Savior, to join us at the table of our Lord for Communion. Trays will be passed down each pew, if you prefer you can pick up prefilled cups in the lobby before the service.





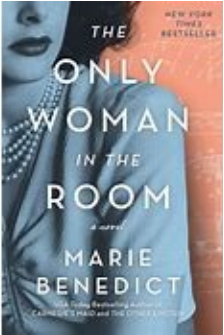
**Severe Weather Cancellation:** In the event of severe weather and Sunday services are cancelled, closing information will be posted on Channel 3 WWMT at least 1 hour prior to the worship service start time. You can also sign up to receive text or email alerts from Channel 3. Go to WWMT website, click on weather, then closings. Then sign up to receive texts on your phone or email alerts for Heritage Christian Reformed Church.



Our church is collecting winter coats, hats, scarves, blankets and more for those in need in our community. This will be an ongoing effort until the holiday season is over. New or gently used items are needed. After the holidays the items will be delivered to Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries. **Look for the “Winter Clothing Donation” box** in the lobby area to place your donations. Any questions, please talk to Joyce Truscott, Kathy VanderMeer or Joy Knurr.



Come discuss with us on Tuesday Dec. 30 10:00 the story of actress Heddy Lamarr from the book by Marie Benedict entitled The Only Woman in the Room. During the war years she moved from living as a Jew in Austria to becoming an actress in America. Surprisingly she contributed scientifically to the war effort with an invention. If you are curious read the book and join us.



**Offering Schedule**

- Dec. 7 General Fund & Ministry Shares  
Loose Change: Kal. Christian Schools
- Dec. 14 General Fund & Faith Promise  
Loose Change: World Renew
- Dec. 21 General Fund & Building Fund  
Loose Change: Kalamazoo Valley Gleaners
- Christmas Day: Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes
- Dec. 28 General Fund  
Loose Change: Park Village Pines



Thank you to all who donated for our Thanksgiving Day Service! We collected 372 lbs of food for Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes.

**From the Deacons:**

- We have two opportunities coming this holiday season.
1. Cards and Poinsettias for our homebound members. Once again we will be collecting cards for our homebound members. We are requesting cards be at church by Sunday, December 14. The list of homebound members and a basket will be in the narthex. If you are able and willing to deliver cards and poinsettias the week following, please contact Teri Wagner.
  2. Park Village Pines. The deacons will be holding a special collection December 21 to bless the people at Park Village Pines. We will be using the collection to help stock the store to bless those who might be struggling. If you would like to contribute at another date, please make a notation in the memo and we will distribute it accordingly.
- Thank you for partnering with us as we bless the elderly in our community.

“As we enter the Christmas season, World Renew’s Gift Catalog is a meaningful way to share Christ’s love with those in need! From a goat to disaster recovery supplies, each gift brings hope and makes a lasting difference for families around the world. Explore the catalog at [worldrenew.net/gift-catalog](http://worldrenew.net/gift-catalog).” There is also a copy in your mailbox.



Each year the Bible League volunteers send out a special fundraising letter to you. Together we are equipping Christians and churches all over the globe to engage people in the Word of God. As a result, God’s Kingdom is growing! \$25 will buy five Bibles. Look for this letter in your church mailbox and pray for God’s word to change lives. Thank you, Bonnie Colvin & Barb Nieboer.



**Organ recital:** On Monday, Dec. 8 at 7:00 p.m., the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists will host a recital featuring local organists playing seasonal and festive music. The audience will be invited to join in singing some Christmas carols. All are welcome to attend at Zion Lutheran Church, 2122 Bronson Blvd., Kalamazoo.



Alternatives provides material assistance to their clients. They accept gently used items such as maternity outfits, children’s clothing sizes, premie - 5T, toys, and strollers.

**Current urgent needs include:**  
Formula  
Baby Wipes  
Diapers (Size 4 & 6)  
3/4 Toddler Boys Pull-ups

A baby basinet is available in the gym/fellowship hall for donations to support Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center of Kalamazoo.



*Family Faith Formation Tip*

**Advent is a season of waiting for Jesus. This week bring awareness to moments in your daily life when you are waiting. Instead of pulling out your phone or passing time with another distraction, use that time to connect with God in prayer. For example, if you’re in a doctor’s office waiting room, try praying with your eyes open, talking to God about the people who work there and those who come for care. If you have children, invite them to point out things you can pray for as you are waiting and then pray for them together. Whether you are in the school pick-up line, sitting in traffic, or waiting for vegetables to roast, embrace the opportunity to spend time with God. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)**



**ReFrame Ministries**

**Kids Corner Devotions: Advent at Home: Silent Night** - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Advent at Home: Silent Night” at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Do your worries ever feel really loud? You can tell them, “Shhhhhh! Jesus is here,” and remember that He loves you and gives you peace. Explore all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), including the Kids Corner Christmas Collection of devotions, Bible stories, crafts, and activities.

