HERITAGE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, KALAMAZOO HERITAGECRC.ORG

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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:

Nick & Melissa Piontek/Ron & Sharon Stryd Dec. 8 & 15

Dec. 22 & 29 Arnie Keur, Linda DeLoof, Becky Smith, Linda VanGoeye

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: hcrcprayer@gmail.com **SERVICE MINISTRY:** Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

Districts Elder Deacon Glen Wagner Cheri Gavin A-M N-Z Rick Lingbeek Roger Selles

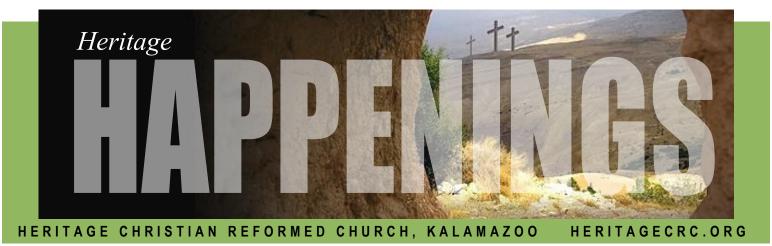
MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

Dec. 8 - Chris Vanden Berg Dec. 15 - Paul Booden Dec. 22 - Lisa Durian

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

12/8 - Barb & Tara Razenberg 12/15 - John Bruinwood & Sue Florian 12/22 - Cheri Gavin & Wendy Rose

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				5 9:30 GROW Group	6	7
3 10 am Pastor Simon " Be Wise: When the Wait is Long" Matthew 25:1-13		10 7 pm Admin Council	11	12 9:30 GROW Group	9:30 Heritage Piecemakers	14
15 10 am Pastor Simon "Be Faithful: Stewarding His Gifts" Matthew 25:14-30	16	17 3:30 Shep. Elders	18 6 pm KCSA Pre- school Christmas Program	19 9:30 GROW Group	20	7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative
22 10 am Pastor Simon "Be Genuine: Loving Obedience" Matthew 25:31-46 6 pm Candlelight Service	23	24	25 10 am Christmas Day Service		27	28



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What's up in Worship

The Return of the King: While He first came as a babe in a manger and lived gently and lowly, when He comes again He will come as King of kings and Lord of lords. Join us this Advent season as we consider what Jesus says in Matthew 24 & 25 about how we should wait and what we should do as we wait for that day. This week's sermon is based on Matthew 25:1-13, "Be Wise: When the Wait Is Long."





Thank you to everyone who donated food at our Thanksgiving Day Service, we donated 390 pounds of food to Loaves and Fishes!

Thank you to all who came and helped decorate the church for the Advent Season. You are all very much appreciated, the church looks beautiful!

Thank you to all who have taken home towels from the kitchen to be washed, we are getting low so if you could check to see if you have any at home and return them back to the kitchen, that would be greatly appreciated.

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Taylor Bruinwood ~ December 10





Church Calendar for Dec. 8-14:

10:00 Worship Service Sunday

7:00 Kal. Christian Choir Concert Monday

7:00 Admin Council Tuesday

9:30 GROW Group Thursday

Friday 9:30 Heritage Piecemakers

Two new addresses to update in your church directories:

Hank DeGraaff

Park Village Pines, Room 430 2920 Crystal Lane

Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Ferrel & Marilyn Stremler Park Village Pines, Room 146 2920 Crystal Lane Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Annual Congregational Meeting: The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 8 following the morning Worship Service. A copy of the proposed budget for 2025 was sent out via e-mail this week. Extra copies are available on the table outside the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Bosch, council president, Bob Razenberg, council VP/clerk or Jonathan Mejeur, Administrative Deacon.

It's that time again. Time to make room for new winter wear! Once more, the Coffee Break ladies will be gathering winter coats, hats, scarves, blankets, etc. for those in need within the community. This will be an ongoing effort until the holiday season is

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over. Right after the year's end we will gather the items and deliver them to Kal.
Gospel Ministries. Look for

the box in the lobby area to place your donations. Any questions, please talk to Barb Nieboer or Jovce Truscott.



ATTENTION COFFEE BREAK LADIES Coffee Break Bible Study will not be meeting on Tuesday Dec. 17 and will resume on Tuesday January 7. We will be discussing material from our book on the Disciple John. Look forward to seeing you in 2025.

Time to go shopping, or get out those knitting needles and crochet hooks. The hat, mitten and scarf tree is going up again this year. We look forward to helping local schools as well as the gospel mission, alternatives and domestic abuse to name a few. If you have any questions, please ask Linda DeLoof.

Offering Schedule

Dec. 8 General Fund & Ministry Shares Loose Change: Kal. Christian Schools

Dec. 15 General Fund & Faith Promise Loose Change: World Renew

Dec. 22 General Fund & Building Fund Loose Change: Kalamazoo Valley

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Dec. 25 Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes

Dec. 29 General Fund

Loose Change: Park Village Pines

Offerings (deposited for December 1, 2024)

Building Fund ~ \$105.00 Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$175.00 Faith Promise ~ \$230.00 General Fund ~ \$9,040.00 Growing Hope Globally ~ \$165.00 Hospice Care of SW Michigan ~ \$179.00 Kal. Gospel Ministries ~ \$200.00 Loaves & Fishes ~ \$2,128.00 Ministry Shares ~ \$35.00



God's Love at Christmas - As we begin the Advent season, share the warmth of God's love with a person living in poverty through your donation for World Renews Gift Catalog. Donate today at worldrenew.net/gifts. Catalogs on are on table in the narthex.



Lisa's Office Hours next week (Dec. 10 & 11):
Tuesday: 8-12
Wednesday: 8-12



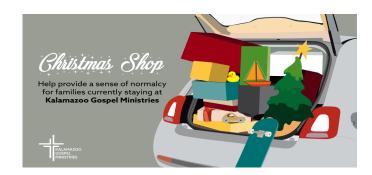
You are invited to Grace CRC on December 8 at 5pm to join us for our annual Christmas Carol Sing, featuring Scripture readings, lessons, and Christmas carols both old and new. All are welcome!



share.

The Kalamazoo Valley Gleaners are looking to hire a general manager. This is a full time paid position. If interested, contact Jim VanTuinen @ jvantuinen@gmail.com.

Do you enjoy doing puzzles? It's great for hand dexterity and eye coordination, plus its a great way to pass the time on those cold and snowing days that are heading our way. We have a table set up in the north wing with all sizes, 300 up to 1000 pieces. So take a look and if you want, bring one from home to



The Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries have two ways you can help to bless families staying at the mission. They are having a toy drive on Saturday, December 7 at the Menards on Gull Road from 9am-3pm where you can drop off an unwrapped toy to their truck in the parking lot or they have a wish list from Walmart where you can purchase items. You can go to their website to find the Walmart wish list link and more information.

Family Faith Formation Tip

Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel." This refrain from the beloved Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" calls us to rejoice—not because of our immediate circums acces but because of the promises we we in Jesus Christ. Ponder a few thing that cause you to rejoice. Offer them up to God in gratitude. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Advent Week 2: The Servant - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. This week, read the story of Mary in Luke 1:26-45. God had an important role for Mary. She responded, "I am the Lord's servant! Let it happen as you have said." Whatever God has for us to do, let our reply be the same as Mary's. No matter how young or old we are, God will give us everything we need to be a faithful servant. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast The Birth of Jesus.

Groundwork: Jesus: Our Mighty God - The prophet Isaiah next calls the coming Messiah "Mighty God." Join Groundwork as we explore Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 10:21, Acts 1:6-8, and Revelation 5:6,11-14 to discover what this title communicates to us about Jesus. Together, we'll discuss how his presence as a helpless baby displays the awesomeness of God's power and gives us hope as we anticipate his return. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Calvin University

The January Series - The January Series of Calvin University returns January 20 through January 31. From Paralympians to historians, adventurers, and innovators, we have a topic for you to deepen your curiosity. Join us in the Covenant Fine Arts Center on the campus of Calvin University or online. More information can be found at www.calvin.edu/january-series