

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

Volunteer Schedule...

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

A-M
N-Z

Elder

Glen Wagner
Rick Lingbeek

Deacon

Cheri Gavin
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

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HAPPENINGS

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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

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

What’s Happening This Week

Church Calendar for Dec. 8-14:

Sunday10:00Worship Service

Monday7:00Kal. Christian Choir Concert

Tuesday7:00Admin Council

Thursday9:30GROW Group

Friday9:30Heritage 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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				5 9:30 GROW Group	6	7
8 10 am Pastor Simon "Be Wise: When the Wait is Long" Matthew 25:1-13	9 7 pm KCSA Choir Concert	10 7 pm Admin Council	11	12 9:30 GROW Group	13 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	21 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	26	27	28

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 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 Joyce 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 Gleaners
- 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 Renew's Gift Catalog. Donate today at worldrenew.net/gifts. Catalogs on are on table in the narthex.

OFFICE hours

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

Christmas Carol Sing-Along

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!



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 share.



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 circumstances but because of the promises we have in Jesus Christ. Ponder a few things 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