

Heritage CRC

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Thursday by 9:00 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 8: Barb Razenberg & Barb Nieboer
December 15: Ginny Carlisle & John Bruinwood

COFFEE SERVERS

Dec 8/15: John & Kim Bruinwood, Judy Wieringa, Jack & Evie Wenke
Dec 22/29: Dave & Kathy VanderMeer, Ken & Ellen Byle, Bonnie Colvin

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: December: Betty Vlietstra

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: December 8: LillieAnn Durian December 15: Paul Booden
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:30 am Pastor Simon “What’s in A Name?” Matthew 1:18-25 ~ CONGREGATIONAL MTG ~ 5 pm Pastor Simon “He Will Be Their Peace” Micah 5:15	9	10 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Admin Board Meeting 7 pm	11 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	12	13	14
15 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:30 am Pastor Simon “To Worship the King” Matthew 2:1-12 5 pm Service of Lessons & Carols	16	17 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Shepherding Elders 7 pm	18	19	20	21 Mobile Food Initiative Centerpoint 8 am set up 9 am food delivery
22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:30 AM Pastor Simon “Out of Egypt” Matthew 2:13-23 5pm Candlelight Service	23	24	25 Christmas Day Worship 9:30 am “The Word Became Flesh & We Have Seen His Glory” John 1:1-14	26	27	28
29 9:30 am Rev. Fritz Kruithof ~No Evening Worship~	30	31	1 	2	3	4



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What’s up in Worship

Series: The Christmas Story: Throughout the Bible, God promised the Advent or coming of his Son, Jesus. This is one of the most important events in all human history—the almighty, eternal, creator of the universe becoming human, living among us, and suffered on our behalf in order to give us life. Join us this Advent which begins today as we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Jesus’ first coming and anticipate His coming again.

Upcoming Special Services: Plan to join us for the special services planned for this Advent season:

- **Lessons & Carols** ~ Join us on Sunday, December 15 at 5 pm for our annual “Lessons and Carols” service. This traditional service includes nine Scripture lessons, tracing salvation history from Genesis through the gospels, interspersed with singing of Christmas carols and hymns.
- **Candlelight Service** ~ Join us on Sunday, December 22 at 5 pm for our annual Candlelight Service. Through the singing of carols and the lighting of candles we will journey together to Bethlehem and rejoice in all we have seen and heard.

Winter Ice Cream Social
is planned for next Sunday,
December 15 immediately following
our Lessons and Carols service.
This is a “thank you” to Heritage for
use of the Fellowship Hall by the
4th grade girls basketball team of
Kalamazoo Christian.



December 8, 2019

Celebrations

Birthdays...

John Bruinwood ~ December 10



Ministry

It’s That Time Again! The gals from Coffee Break are ready to collect winter things again for distribution to help those at the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission. We need any of the following:

- ♦ Mittens
- ♦ Hats
- ♦ Scarves
- ♦ Jackets
- ♦ Vests
- ♦ Sweaters
- ♦ Sweatpants
- ♦ Sweatshirts
- ♦ Boots
- ♦ Blankets



Everything is appreciated! Please drop off items in large box in Narthex. Thank you.

Coffee Break Ladies: Please bring your love offering for World Renew to our meeting this Tuesday, December 10. This will go toward purchasing items from the World Renew booklet. If you forget, please get it to Joyce Truscott by Sunday, December 15. Thank you!

Ministry continued...



Christmas Cards & Cookies

If you are able, please remember our home-bound members (extra lists can be found on table in Narthex) with a card and/or cookies. Please place the cards in the basket at the Information Center and the cookies in the kitchen by next Sunday, **December 15**. Thank you!



Annual Congregational Meeting: The annual Congregational Meeting is today following the morning Worship Service to vote on a budget for 2020 and a recommendation on selling property along 11th Street. Extra copies of the proposed budget are available at the Information Center. If you are unable to be present at the meeting, absentee ballots are available at the Information Center. Please vote on the ballot, seal your ballot in the envelope provided, and sign your name on the outside of the envelope and place your envelope in the box.



people World Renew serves. Every gift loosens the chains of injustice and poverty in a real and sustainable way. Individual's lives are transformed. Communities are changed.

Looking for that special gift? Look no further than the World Renew's gift catalog! (Extras can be found at the Information Center). From hand-washing stations to whole houses, you can find something to honor everyone on your Christmas list while also honoring Jesus, the real reason for the season! Gifts like goats, nutrition kits, and kindergartens changes the story of the

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...
Herm & Gretchen Vanders ~ Sovann Neth
Richard Visser ~ David Heath
Betty Vlietstra ~ Van Ankum Family

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 8: General Fund: Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Benevolence
- Dec 15: General Fund: Faith Promise
Loose Change: Kzoo Gospel Mission
- Dec 22: General Fund: Building Fund
Loose Change: Forgotten Man
- Dec 25: World Renew
- Dec 29: General Fund
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund

Offerings (deposited for December 1)

- Christian Education Assistance ~ \$115.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$2,000.00
- General Fund ~ \$4,641.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$80.00
- Kalamazoo Gospel Mission ~ \$145.00
- Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes ~ \$664.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$10.00
- Rose Arbor ~ \$221.00
- World Renew Bahamas Relief ~ \$500.00

Severe Weather Cancellation: In the event of severe 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.



Advent Word Search

W	E	G	T	H	M	K	I	C	X	J	Q
R	W	R	E	A	T	H	S	A	Z	O	C
M	P	E	K	D	J	E	S	N	B	Y	A
A	Y	A	D	V	I	M	P	D	H	O	P
R	J	O	S	E	P	H	E	L	O	V	E
Y	E	B	A	N	C	O	A	E	O	G	A
P	S	X	G	T	H	P	C	S	P	K	C
Z	U	G	M	L	O	E	Z	E	A	Y	E
Y	S	Q	P	U	R	P	L	E	X	R	A

Words to Find

Words can be found left to right and up and down.

- Advent
- Wreath
- Candles
- Purple
- Hope
- Peace
- Joy
- Love
- Mary
- Joseph
- Jesus



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Family Faith Formation Tip

During Advent, we light the candle of Peace. Through Jesus Christ, God gives us peace. In what area of your life do you most need God's peace? How might you be a peacemaker this week? Wonder and talk about that this week.



Mobile Food Initiative is **Saturday, December 21** at Centerpoint Church.



8 am set up/9 am food deliveries
See you there!

