

**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:**

Feb. 15 & 22 Bill & Joyce Truscott, Yvonne DeHollander, Ron & Sharon Stryd  
Mar. 1 & 8 Dorothy Broekhuizen, Rose Dame, Glen & Ruth Wagner

**PRAYER LINE MINISTRY:** Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

**PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY:** hccprayer@gmail.com

**SERVICE MINISTRY:** Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

<b>Districts</b>	<b><u>Elder</u></b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>
A-M	Glen Wagner	Teri Wagner
N-Z	Rick Lingbeek	Roger Selles

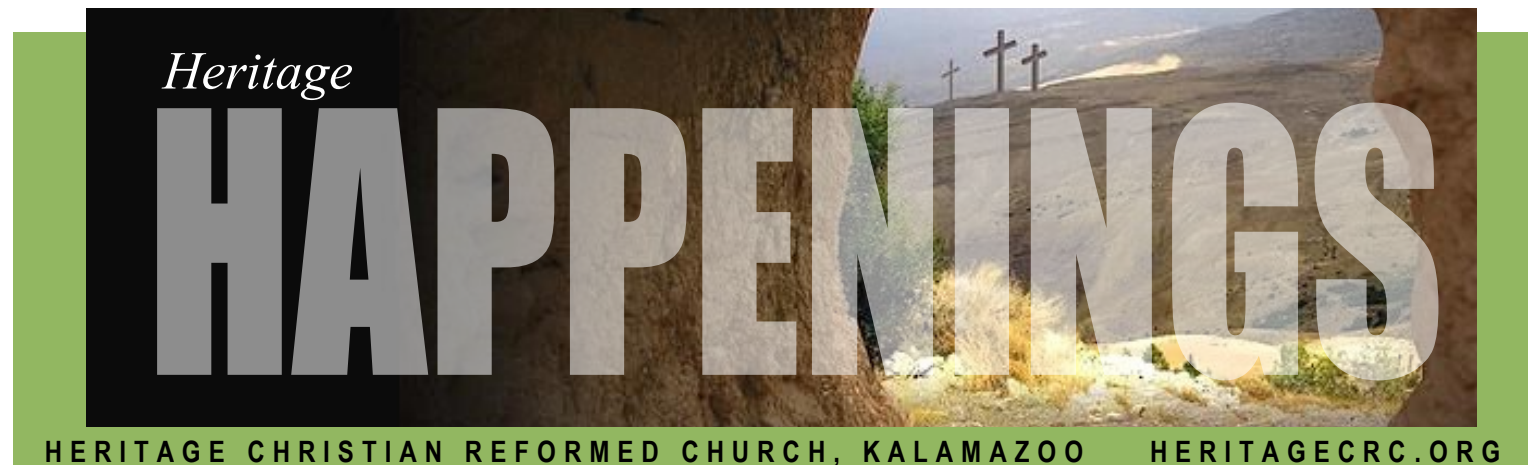
**MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:**

Feb. 15 - Paul Booden  
Feb. 22 - Lisa Durian  
Mar. 1 - Dorothy Broekhuizen  
Mar. 8 - Chris Vandenberg

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:**

2/15 - Barb Razenberg & Wendy Rose  
2/22 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur  
3/1 - Cheryl Koning, Nancy Vandenberg  
3/8 - Barb Razenberg, Kim Bruinwood

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				12 9:30 GROW Group	13	14
15 10 am Pastor Simon "Old Habits, New Hope" Genesis 20-21	16	17 9:30 Coffee Break 3:30 Shepherding Elders	18 10 am Adult Bible Study	19 9:30 GROW Group 12:00 Heritage Piecemakers	20	21
22 10 am Pastor Simon "Tested: Where Is the Lamb?" Genesis 22	23	24 10 am Book Club	25 10 am Adult Bible Study	26 9:30 GROW Group	27	28 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative
1 Communion Sunday 10 am Pastor Simon "Death and a Deed of Land" Genesis 23	2	3 9:30 Coffee Break	4 8 am Men's Bible Study 10 am Adult Bible Study	5 9:30 GROW Group	6	7

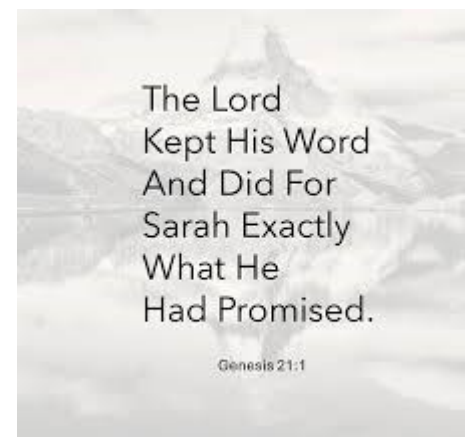


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**What's up in Worship**

**The Journey of Faith: The Life of Abraham** ~ In Genesis 15:6 we read: "Abraham believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness." Join us as we consider how God shows us through Abraham what it means to have a life of faith! This week's sermon is titled "Old Habits, New Hope", based on Genesis 20-21.



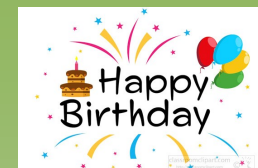
**FIVE MINUTES:** Here's the challenge: When the service ends, let's do our utmost to give the first five minutes to someone we don't know or to someone we don't know well. There will be time to catch up with the people you know. But first we can make a difference in someone's day if we will make the most of the moments following that final "amen." The power of a sincere welcome matters!



**Celebrations...**

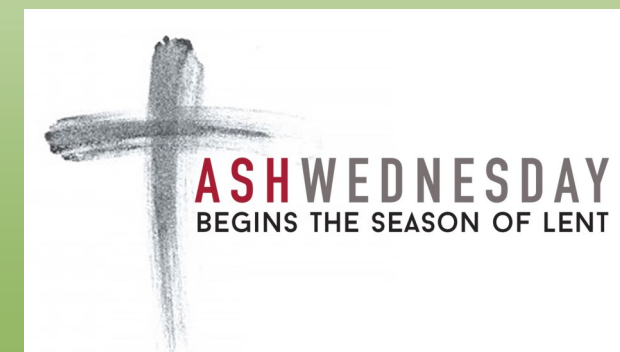
**Birthdays...**

LillieAnn Durian ~ February 18  
Carole Bickle ~ February 20  
Stephanie Finch ~ February 21



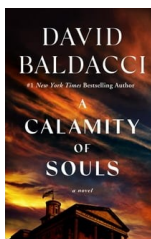
**Church Calendar for February 15-21:**

Sunday 10:00 Worship Service  
Tuesday 9:30 Coffee Break  
3:30 Shep. Elders  
Wednesday 10:00 Adult Bible Study  
Thursday 9:30 GROW Group  
12:00 Heritage Piecemakers





Stay warm in your house, relax and read *A Calamity of Souls* by David Baldacci. We will be discussing it on Tuesday, February 24 at 10:00. Set in 1968 in Southern Virginia it tells of a racially charged murder case. A duo of White and Black lawyers are set against the system as they defend wrongfully accused Black defendants.



**Adopt Daisy and Maisy!** Over the past 19 years, Heritage CRC has partnered with Growing Hope Globally (<https://www.growinghopeglobally.org/>) and 2 other churches in Kalamazoo (Grace and Third CRC) to tackle world hunger through the Dairy Project!

As we look to a new year of support for Growing Hope Globally, be on the look out for the "Adopt-a-Cow" poster. This will provide an opportunity for members to adopt Daisy and Maisy for \$60/week or \$255/month in 2026. Every dollar donated is typically matched 3-1 through the Dairy Project. Over the past 19 years just over \$500,000 has been raised! More details will come soon as well as information on the World Renew programs we support in Kenya and Uganda.



**Prayerline:**  
All prayer requests, prayer updates, praise items, and requests should be sent to: [hrcrprayer@gmail.com](mailto:hrcrprayer@gmail.com)

### Offering Schedule

- Feb. 15 General Fund  
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
- Feb. 22 General Fund  
Loose Change: Resonate Global Mission
- Mar. 1 General Fund  
Loose Change: Park Village Pines
- Mar. 8 General Fund  
Loose Change: Centrica (Hospice of SW MI)

### Offerings

#### Deposited for February 8, 2026

- Building Fund ~ \$50.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$70.00
- Kal. Christian Schools ~ \$350.10
- Faith Promise ~ \$225.00
- General Fund ~ \$4,707.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$255.00
- Kalamazoo Valley Gleaners ~ \$35.00
- Memorial Fund ~ \$35.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$249.00
- World Renew ~ \$35.00

**Update on the KCSA Preschool project:** Things are progressing along. Here are a few things that are happening now:

- There are completed architectural drawings/plans, from Matt Hazelhoff, in the council room for those who like to view them. Just a reminder that the plans are off the original plans of Heritage church. The next step for them is to review the cost numbers, which they are hoping to have some time in March.
  - Marc Verkaik has submitted a request to the state licensing/fire organization and hopes to hear from them by the end of March.
  - The Admin Board and the school are still working on other items, such as safety, storage, and cleaning.
  - The tentative start date for the start of construction is June 1st.
- If you have any further questions, please contact Bob Razenberg, Jim Bosch, Kim Bruinwood, or Ernie Waterhouse.

### Bible Studies



This coming week we have multiple opportunities for Bible studies. On Tuesday at 9:30 am, you can join the Coffee Break Ladies, they are studying the prophets Elijah & Elisha. Wednesday we have Adult Bible Study at 10:00 am. On Thursday at 9:30 am, you can join the ladies at GROW Group, they are studying "The Chosen" season 5. All are always welcome to join any of these groups.



Items needed at Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries.

- ~New or gently used, clean twin sheets. Adult/kids
  - ~New or gently used full sheets
  - ~New or gently used, clean bath towels
  - ~Underwear, many have only a pair for a week! Basic styles, adult sizes, men and women, Med-2XL.
- There is a collection box in the narthex. On the bulletin board in the fellowship hall there is full list of other needed items.

**Alternatives of Kalamazoo:** A baby basinet is available in the gym/fellowship hall for donations to support Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center of Kalamazoo. Alternatives provides material assistance to their clients. They accept gently used items such as maternity outfits, children's clothing, toys and strollers. **The center's urgent needs are: Baby Wipes, Clothes 18m or larger, diapers, sizes 4,5,6,7, and pull-ups 3T-5T.** Lets fill the basinet. The donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for all your generous giving.



### Family Faith Formation Tip

**This week we begin the season of Lent with the observance of Ash Wednesday. As we enter this season of spiritual reflection, preparation, and renewal, take time to consider how the pursuit of justice in your daily life can reflect the justice-centered journey of Christ—which led ultimately to the cross. Write down five ways in which you intend to approach the Lenten season this year in alignment with Christ's call to justice, mercy, and love. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)**

### ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner Devotions:** Shalom: The Peace of God - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Shalom: The Peace of God," at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Discover how you can feel calm and brave even when life feels stormy, just like when Jesus brought peace in the middle of crashing waves. Learn how God's special kind of peace fits everything together like a perfect puzzle and fills your heart with joy and purpose! Prepare for Easter with all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like Kids Corner's Lent Devotional.

**Focus on the Cross** - Lent is a season to focus on the hope of Jesus Christ. Receive a free Today devotional email series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Or download the ebook! Subscribe at [todaydevotional.com/lent](http://todaydevotional.com/lent).

**Groundwork:** When Forgiveness is Complicated - How do I forgive myself? What if someone died before I could offer them forgiveness? Can I even forgive someone who is not sorry? Join Groundwork as we study 2 Corinthians 5:17-19, Micah 7:18-19, Luke 17:3-4, 1 Peter 2:21-23, Psalm 62:5-8, and Philippians 4:6-7 to see how Scripture helps us address the hard questions that arise when life situations make forgiveness complicated. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.