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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...

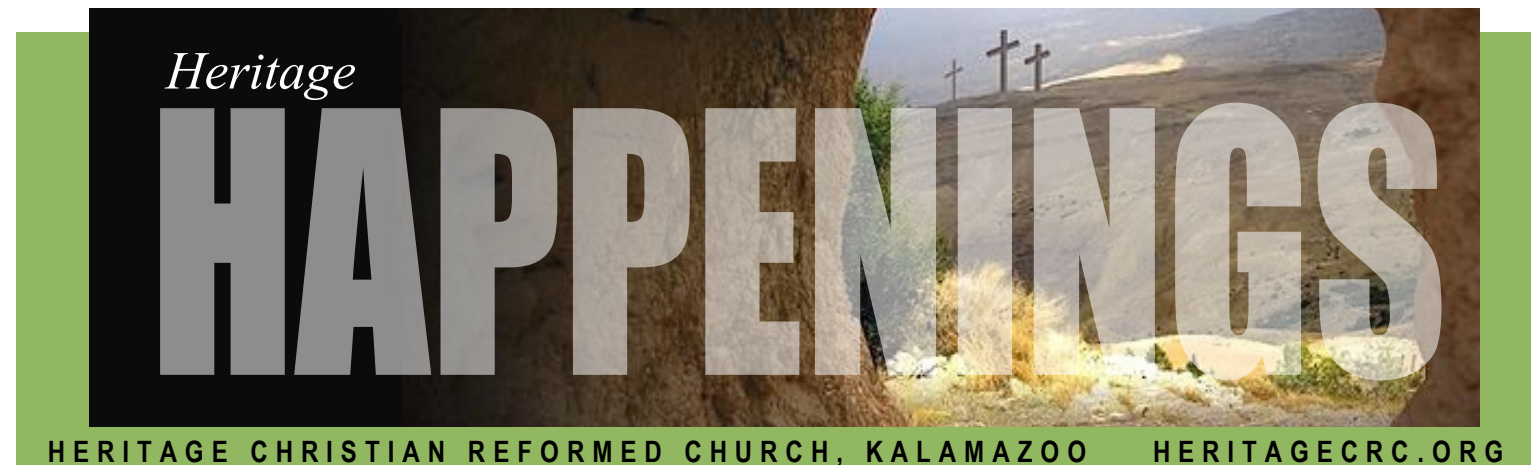
COFFEE SERVERS:
 Feb. 15 & 22 Bill & Joyce Truscott, Yvonne DeHollander, Ron & Sharon Stryd
 Mar. 1 & 8 Dorothy Broekhuizen, Rose Dame, Glen & Ruth Wagner

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse
PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: hccprayer@gmail.com
SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

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

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:	NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:
Feb. 22 - Lisa Durian	2/22 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur
Mar. 1 - Dorothy Broekhuizen	3/1 - Cheryl Koning, Nancy Vandenberg
Mar. 8 - Chris Vandenberg	3/8 - Barb Razenberg, Kim Bruinwood
Mar. 15 - Paul Booden	3/15 - Michelle Koning, Joyce Truscott

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				19 9:30 GROW Group	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 MARCH	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
8 10 am Pastor Simon "Waiting in Faith" Genesis 24	9	10 7 pm Admin Board	11 10 am Adult Bible Study	12 9:30 GROW Group	13	14



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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 "Tested: Where is the Lamb?", based on Genesis 22.



Council News

Nominations for Elder and Deacon: It will soon be time to give thanks for those who have served the Lord and His Church and elect new members to Council as either elder or deacon. As we begin this process, the council asks you to join them in praying God will raise up those who will fill these leadership roles at Heritage Church. Please also consider nominating those you believe are qualified and gifted to serve as an elder or deacon. A letter describing the qualifications necessary to serve and a nomination form will be sent out via e-mail. Extra copies are available at the Information Center.

Celebrations...

Birthdays...
 Becky Smith ~ February 26
 John Bruinwood ~ February 28
 Ernie Waterhouse ~ February 28



Church Calendar for February 22-28:

- Sunday 10:00 Worship Service
- Tuesday 10:00 Book Club
- Wednesday 10:00 Adult Bible Study
- Thursday 9:30 GROW Group
- Saturday 7:45 Mobile Food Initiative



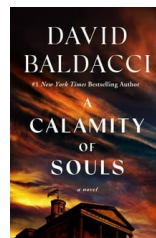
Mobile Food Initiative is this **Saturday, February 28.**

7:45 AM at Heritage CRC.

See you there!



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.



Coffee Break will not be meeting on Tuesday, March 17, we will resume on April 7th.



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.

Offering Schedule

- 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)
- Mar. 15 General Fund
Loose Change: Dordt University

Offerings

Deposited for February 15, 2026

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$275.00
- Building Fund ~ \$105.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$25.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$605.00
- General Fund ~ \$6,542.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$480.00
- Initial Offering ~ \$5.00
- Memorial Fund ~ \$100.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$120.00
- Miscellaneous ~ \$350.78
- Rental Income ~ \$1,750.00

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.

We have two missing Jan Karon books from the library. Please check your homes to see if you might have forgotten to return them.

#12 Somewhere Safe With Somebody Good

#13 Come Rain or Shine

Thank you,
Library Staff



thank you

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the wonderful outpouring of the church's love at the recent passing of our Dad and Husband, Bruce Fletcher. Your kind words of sympathy and encouragement, cards and well wishes demonstrated the community of the saints and the love we share for our fellow Christians. Thank you to all those who prepared and served the meal after the funeral and for Pastor Tuin being at our side for those last days with Bruce and remembrance that followed. The Fletcher Family

Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes thanks our congregation for our continued support and partnership. Our support helps to sustain our local food pantry, mobile food distributions, home deliveries, and school based programs, as these services now reach more than 850 individuals every day



Today Booklets: The March/April booklets are here, you can pick one up by the southeast sanctuary doors if you desire a copy.

Family Faith Formation Tip

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. The forty days of Lent bring to mind the forty years of Israel's sojourn in the wilderness and the forty days of fasting that preceded Jesus' public ministry. During Lent, Christians around the world reflect on the weight of sin, the cost of salvation, and the love that motivated Jesus' earthly sojourn and sacrificial death. This year during Lent, find an object that reminds you of the wilderness (like a small stone or a container of sand) and place it in plain sight. Whenever you see it, pause and remember the depth of Jesus' love and how far he went to rescue you from sin and death. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Faithfulness: Never Give Up - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Faithfulness: Never Give Up," at www.kidscorner.net. God is always with us and shows us what true loyalty looks like, no matter what we face. Discover how his never-ending love can help us become faithful, kind, and trustworthy friends to others! Prepare for Easter with all the great content at 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.

Groundwork: In the Garden of Gethsemane: Jesus Prays, Judas Betrays, and Jesus is Arrested. - As Lent begins, let's prepare our hearts in this season by following Jesus to Golgotha and studying the biblical events that comprise the traditional stations of the cross. Join Groundwork as we begin our journey by studying Matthew 26:31-56 to reflect on what happened to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane and consider the effects of his prayer, betrayal, and arrest for Jesus and for us. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.