

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  
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

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

Volunteer Schedule...

COFFEE SERVERS:  
Feb. 18 & 25John & Kim Bruinwood/ Judy Fletcher & Sue Florian  
March 3 & 10Jim Bosch/ Judy Wieringa/ Heather Tuin



PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:  
Feb. 25 - Lisa Durian  
Mar. 3 - Ian Tuin  
Mar. 10 - LillieAnn Durian  
Mar. 17 -

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:  
2/25 - Sue Florian & Wendy Rose  
3/3 - Nancy VandenBerg & Mary Deters  
3/10 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur  
3/17 - Lisa & Olivia Bosch

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				22 9:30 GROW Group	23	24 7:45 Mobile Food Initiative 
25 10:00 am Pastor Simon "A Permanent Priesthood" Hebrews 7:1-28	26	27 10 am Book club	28 10 am Reformation Bible Study	29 9:30 GROW Group	1 	2
3 Communion Sunday 10:00 am Pastor Simon "A Superior Covenant" Hebrews 8:1-13 11:30 Congregational Meeting	4	5 9:30 am Coffee Break	6 8 am Men's Bible Study 10 am Reformation Bible Study	7 9:30 GROW Group	8	9
10 10:00 am Pastor Simon "An Eternal Inheritance" Hebrews 9:11-28	11	12 7 pm Admin Council	13 10 am Reformation Bible Study	14 9:30 GROW Group	15	16

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HAPPENINGS

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What’s up in Worship

**Better: A Journey Through Hebrews** – There has always been pressure on those who belong to Jesus to deny Him and find something better. Join us in this series on the book of Hebrews as we discover its re-sounding message that Jesus is better than everything we might try to satisfy the deepest longing of our hearts. This week’s sermon title is: **“A Permanent Priesthood”**, based on Hebrews 7:1-28.

**Congregational Meeting:** On Sunday, March 3 a congregational meeting is planned for after the morning service. At this meeting we will have an opportunity to meet Rev. Joshua Amaezechi, Missionary President to the Leadership Education Mission for Africa and answer any questions related to the possibility of calling Pastor Joshua as a Missionary Pastor at Heritage Church. A letter was sent out to the congregation 2 weeks ago with more details. Copies are available at the Information Center.

Birthdays...

David Bickle ~ February 26  
Becky Smith ~ February 26  
John Bruinwood ~ February 28  
McKena DeJong ~ February 28  
Ernie Waterhouse ~ February 29



thank you

Dear Heritage Friends  
I want you to know how much your support has meant to me/us as we struggled with Rick’s rapid health decline and ultimate passing. Going out to the mailbox each day and receiving your beautiful cards with the comforting words was such a bright spot in my day. Knowing prayers were being sent up on our behalf as well as the hugs you gave and phone calls you made helped sustain me throughout those 10 weeks and beyond. Thank you too, Pastor Simon, for your calls, visits and praying without end for us. Gratefully, Joy Knurr

Church Calendar for February 25-March 2:

Sunday

10:00 Worship Service

Tuesday

10:00 Book Club

Wednesday

10:00 Reformation Bible Study

Thursday

9:30 GROW Group



**Nominations for Elder and Deacon:** It will soon be time to give our thanks for those who have served the Lord and His Church and elect new members to serve on the 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 was sent out via e-mail. Extra copies are available at the Information Center.



**Book Club** will meet on Tuesday February 27 at 10:00 to discuss our next book. Lessons in Chemistry follows Elizabeth Zott from a one-of-a-kind scientist in 1960's California to an unexpected detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a beloved cooking show. Read with us to find out the extraordinary events that lead to this. See you all Tuesday morning!



There are some church directory updates in your mailbox. If you would like a new picture or have changes for your page, please let Lisa know so your page can be up to date. You can email Lisa at [churchoffice@heritagecrc.org](mailto:churchoffice@heritagecrc.org) or call at 372-3830.

**Offering Schedule**

- Feb. 25 General Fund & Building Fund  
Loose Change: Kal. Loaves and Fishes
- Mar. 3 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance  
Loose Change: Park Village Pines
- Mar. 10 General Fund & Ministry Shares  
Loose Change: Hospice Care of SW Michigan
- Mar. 17 General Fund & Faith Promise  
Loose Change: Resonate Global Mission

**Offerings (deposited for February 14, 2024)**

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$240.00
- Building Fund ~ \$1,090.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$40.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$395.00
- General Fund ~ \$5,816.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$235.00
- Initial Offering ~ \$5.00
- Kalamazoo Valley Gleaners ~ \$20.00
- Kal. Loaves & Fishes ~ \$20.00
- Luke Society ~ \$100.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$1,175.00

**Adopt Daisy and her sister Maisy!** Over the past 17 years, Heritage CRC has partnered with Growing Hope Globally (<https://www.growinghopeglobally.org/>) and two 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, **you can sign up on the “Adopt-a-Cow” poster located by the church office.** This will provide an opportunity for members to adopt Daisy and her sister Maisy for \$55/week or \$235/month in 2024. Every dollar donated is typically matched 4-1 through the Dairy Project.



Are you familiar with the Shepherds Center of Kalamazoo? Our mission for the past 35 years has been to eliminate transportation barriers and support senior independence. We offer one-to-one personalized transportation services to health related appointments for adults ages 60+. We are a non-profit organization that are proudly supported by religious communities and businesses throughout Kalamazoo County and backed by leading community organizations. Pamphlets about the Shepherd's Center are on the table in the narthex. They describe our services in more detail. Bob Deters is one of the volunteer drivers and serves on their Board of Directors. He would be happy to answer questions you may have. Shepherd's Center is also looking for more volunteer drivers, which is a great way to serve others in your retirement years. Drivers can choose when and how often they would like to drive.

**Mobile Food Initiative is Saturday, February 24.**

**7:45 AM at Heritage CRC.**

***\*\*Please let the office know if you can help out. See you there!***



*Family Faith Formation Tip*

**Cornel West said, “Justice is what love looks like in public.” How might you share the love of Jesus by practicing justice in public this week in your workplace, your neighborhood, or your city? Learn more at [crc-na.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crc-na.org/FaithPracticesProject)**



**ReFrame Ministries**

**Kids Corner:** Names of God: The Righteous God - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Psalm 145:17 says, “The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.” So, what is it like to be righteous? Is it like being right? Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

**Family Fire** - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

**Groundwork:** The Curse Of The Cross - We were rightly cursed by God for our failure to keep his covenant. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Deuteronomy 28:1-19, Deuteronomy 21:22-23, Galatians 3:10-14, 2 Corinthians 5:21, and Isaiah 53:4-11 to better understand the cursed nature of the cross and discuss the implications of this curse and Jesus' death under it for our lives of faith today. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.