

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

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

**PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY:** hccrcprayer@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

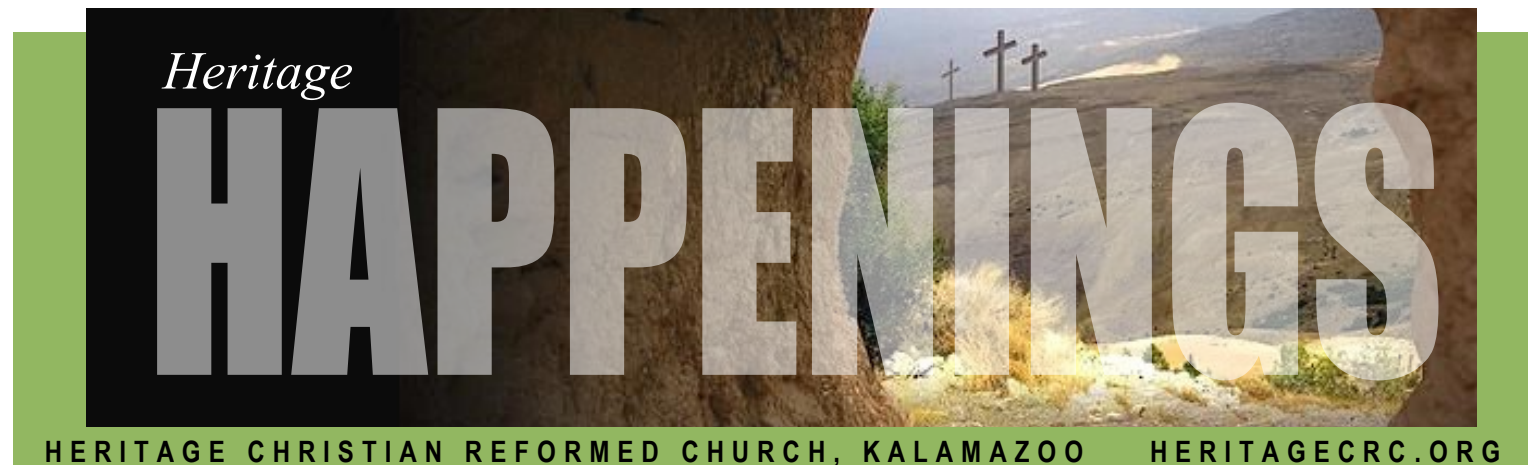
**MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:**

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

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:**

2/8 - Mary Deters & Joyce Truscott  
2/15 - Barb Razenberg & Wendy Rose  
2/22 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				5 9:30 GROW Group	6	7
8 10 am Pastor Simon "Judgement: Sodom and Gomorrah" Genesis 18:1-19:38	9	10 7 pm Admin Board	11 10 am Adult Bible Study	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

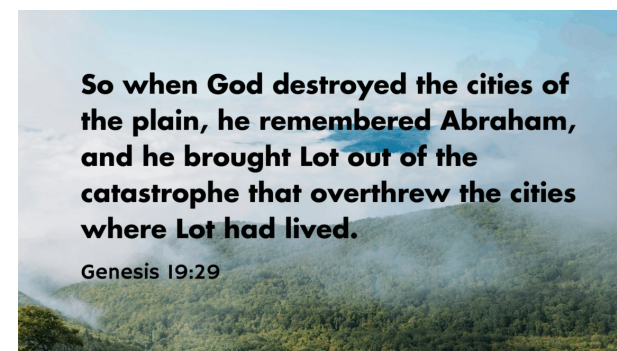


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**February 5, 2026**

**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 "Judgement: Sodom and Gomorrah", based on Genesis 18:1-19:38.



**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...**

Dan VanderBerg ~ February 11  
Chris VandenBerg ~ February 12  
Gert Nieboer ~ February 14  
Deb VanderMeer ~ February 14



**Anniversaries...**

Vince & Val Romano ~ February 10  
Nick & Stephanie Finch ~ February 14

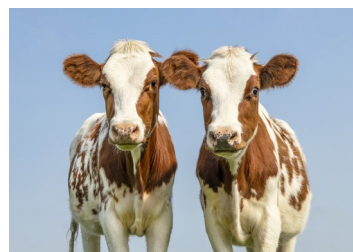
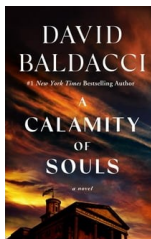


**Church Calendar for February 8-14:**

Sunday 10:00 Worship Service  
Tuesday 7:00 Admin Board  
Wednesday 10:00 Adult Bible Study  
Thursday 9:30 GROW Group



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: [hrcprayer@gmail.com](mailto:hrcprayer@gmail.com)

**Offering Schedule**

- Feb. 8 General Fund  
Loose Change: Christian Schools International
- 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

**Offerings**

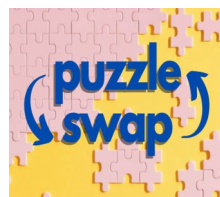
**Deposited for February 1, 2026**

- Building Fund ~ \$2,600.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$145.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$715.00
- General Fund ~ \$7,754.00
- Initial offering ~ \$25.00
- Kalamazoo Valley Gleaners ~ \$107.00
- Memorial Fund ~ \$575.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$200.00



Our church collected \$640 for the Bible League International, what a blessing! Thank you to all who donated.

Dear Congregation of Heritage CRC, thank you for your generous contribution to the 2025-2026 Comet Fund. We are so appreciative of your support, which will directly impact families here at our school. Thank you again for partnering with us. Bob Overbeek, board member at Kalamazoo Christian.



Do you enjoy doing puzzles? It's great for hand dexterity and eye coordination, plus its a great way to pass the time on all the cold and snowy days. 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.



As believers, it is imperative that we know what it is that we believe by studying the Word of God and then equally important that we know what God expects us to be and do. Starting Wednesday, January 28th and for 6 weeks (10:00 am in the Council Room) we will look at the virtues that carry us into the desire to know God's Word and practice a Christian Lifestyle. God reminds us that for those whom He has called, He commissions to do His work, then empowers them so they may carry it out. Come and learn what virtues and values come by the Holy Spirit and how to foster them in your Christian Walk.



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 proves 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*

**As you prepare to celebrate Valentine's Day this week, spend some time learning about Saint Valentine and his ministry to persecuted Christians. Explore why Valentine's Day was first celebrated, and spend time as a family, with your friends, or on your own, praying for persecuted Christians around the world. If you know missionaries serving in areas where Christians are persecuted, consider making and sending cards to encourage them in their ministry. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)**

**ReFrame Ministries**

**Kids Corner Devotions: Kindness: Practice, Practice, Practice** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Kindness: Practice, Practice, Practice," at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Kindness is something you can get better at by practicing a little every day, just like a sport or a talent. Even small choices—like sharing, helping, or speaking gently—can make a big difference and inspire others to be kind too. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like Kids Corner Valentine's Day Cards.

**Groundwork: What it Means to Forgive and Why it Matters** - We're human in a sin-filled world; brokenness and grievances will happen. God calls us to forgive. Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 4:31-32, Colossians 3:12-13, Matthew 18:21-35, Romans 12:17-21, and Psalm 13:1-2 to learn how our ability to forgive others grows out of God's forgiveness, what forgiveness looks like in everyday life, and what to do when it's not easy. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

There is an opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal while giving back to the community. **On Thursday February 12th, from 4-8 pm**, you are invited to dine at one of three local Panera locations. During this time, **20%** of the proceeds of your meal will be donated to **Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries**, which supports those in need within the community. You can make a difference simply by enjoying a meal! **Flyers are on the table by our church office.**

