

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:

Jan. 4 & 11 Mike & Cheri Gavin, Dave & Kathy VanderMeer
Jan. 18 & 25 Bob & Mary Deters, Bob & Barb Razenberg

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: hrcprayer@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:

Jan. 11 - Chris Vandenberg
Jan 18 - Paul Booden
Jan 25 - Lisa Durian
Feb. 1 - Dorothy Broekhuizen

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

1/11 - Michelle Koning & Barb Razenberg
1/18 - Kim Bruinwood & Barb Razenberg
1/25 - Cheryl Koning & Nancy Vandenberg
2/1 - Mary Deters & Joyce Truscott

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				8	9	10
11 10 am Pastor Simon "Land: Divide and Defend" Genesis 13:1-14:24	12	13 7 pm Admin Board	14	15 9:30 GROW Group 12:00 Heritage Piecemakers	16	17
18 10 am Pastor Simon "Trusting God in the Gap" Genesis 15:1-21	19	20 3:30 Shep. Elders	21	22 9:30 GROW Group	23	24 7:45 Mobile Food Initiative 
25 10 am Pastor Simon "To See the One Who Sees Me" Genesis 16:1-15	26	27 10 am Book Club 6:30 Council	28	29 9:30 GROW Group 11 am International Student Luncheon	30	31



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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 "Land: Divide and Defend", based on Genesis 13:1-14:24.



We are deeply grateful for your love and compassion shown to us during the last few years while Dave struggled with Dementia. We love our church family and are blessed to be members of this loving congregation. We give thanks for the many prayers, texts, emails, sympathy cards, and visits by Pastor Simon. We were especially thankful for those who braved the stormy weather for Dave's funeral. Carole and Allan Bickle

Thank you Heritage family for the poinsettia, visits, cards and holiday greetings which brighten our days. God is so good. Pete and Rose Dame

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Lucas Piontek ~ January 12
Sue Florian ~ January 14
Dan VanderMeer ~ January 14

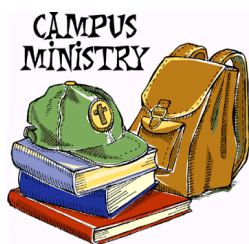


Church Calendar for January 11-17:

Sunday 10:00 Worship Service
Tuesday 7:00 Admin Board
Thursday 9:30 GROW Group
12:00 Heritage Piecemakers



Please update Pete Dame's room number in your directories: Director's Hall, Room 353



The next International Student Luncheon is on Thursday, January 29. Sign up sheets are on the table by the office along with foil pans. Sign up today! Thank you!

Offering Schedule

- Jan. 11 General Fund
Loose Change: Luke Society
- Jan. 18 General Fund
Loose Change: Kal. Christian Schools
- Jan. 25 General Fund
Loose Change: World Renew
- Feb. 1 General Fund
Loose Change: Kal. Valley Gleaners

Offerings (deposited for December 28, 2025)

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$25.00
- Building Fund ~ \$130.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$880.00
- General Fund ~ \$7,392.00
- Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes ~ \$1,005.00
- Memorial Fund ~ \$270.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$525.00
- Park Village Pines ~ \$215.00

Offering Envelopes: Offering envelopes were placed in your church mailbox the end of December. If you did not receive envelopes but would like them, please contact the office or one of the deacons. Thank you for your generous support for the mission and ministry of the Gospel at Heritage CRC.



Items needed at Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries.

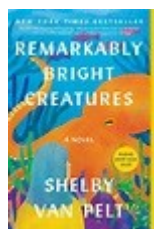
- ~New or gently used, clean twin sheets. Adult/kids
- ~New or gently used, clean bath towels
- ~Underwear, many have only a pair for a week!
- Basic styles, adult sizes, men and women, Med-2XL.

There is a collection box in the narthex. On the bulletin board in the fellowship hall there is full list of other needed items.

2026 Daily Bible Reading Plan: Unfading Truth (<https://www.unfadingtruth.com/>) is a daily Bible reading plan designed to keep you in the Word all week long. Each day, participants receive a reminder with a short teaser, the day's passage, and a link to read, listen, or reflect — delivered by text message (preferred) or email. Every post includes an embedded podcast player for those who prefer to listen. In 2026, Unfading Truth will guide you through the entire Bible in a way that's both faithful and accessible. The rhythm keeps readers grounded in God's Word each day while the Reformed Confessions keep them centered on God's unfading truth.



The first book club of 2026 meets on Tuesday January 27 at 10:00. Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt tells the story of an elderly woman who befriends an intelligent octopus at the aquarium where she cleans. Her path crosses with Cameron, a man seeking his estranged father. Their lives intertwine revealing deep truths about grief, family and connection.



Severe Weather Cancellation: In the event of severe weather and Sunday services are cancelled, closing information will be posted on Channel 3 WWMT 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. Go to WWMT website, click on weather, then closings. Then sign up to receive texts on your phone or email alerts for Heritage Christian Reformed Church.



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.



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!

Family Faith Formation Tip

Phil Reinders writes, "Through the Holy Spirit, the Word shakes off ink, paper, and pixels, stepping out of the page or screen and into our daily lives. That comes through patient attentiveness, a listening that is slow and savours." Invite the Spirit to bring God's Word alive to you in ever deeper ways. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Joy is Better Than Happiness - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Joy is Better than Happiness" at www.kidscorner.net. Discover how choosing joy can make every day brighter, even when things don't go your way! Learn how God helps us find real joy that lasts longer than just being happy. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

Groundwork: Grace is the Root, Our Works are the Fruit. - If we are saved by grace, what is the purpose of our works? Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 2:1-10, Titus 2:11-14, Philippians 2:12-13, and Romans 6:1-4 to learn how the apostle Paul clarified the relationship between grace and works and gain a deeper understanding of how God's grace and our works cooperate in our faithful journey of growing in Christlikeness. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.