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SUNDAY WORSHIP
@ 9:30 AM (Nursery provided)
SUNDAY EVENING @ 5:00 PM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Wednesday at noon. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

Summer OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday : 8:30 am—1:30 pm
Thursday : 8:30 am—12:30 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

NURSERY: **January 15:** Ellen Byle & Gary Broekhuizen
January 22: Barb Razenberg & Gert Nieboer

COFFEE SERVERS: **Jan 15:** Harold & Phyllis Triezenberg, Teri Wagner, Norm & Bonnie Langeland **Jan 22/29:** John & Kim Bruinwood, Donna Penning, Judy Wieringa

HEARTLAND HEALTHCARE CENTER
(Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approximately 30 minutes)
January 15: Gary Broekhuizen & Ellen Byle
January 22: Harold Triezenberg

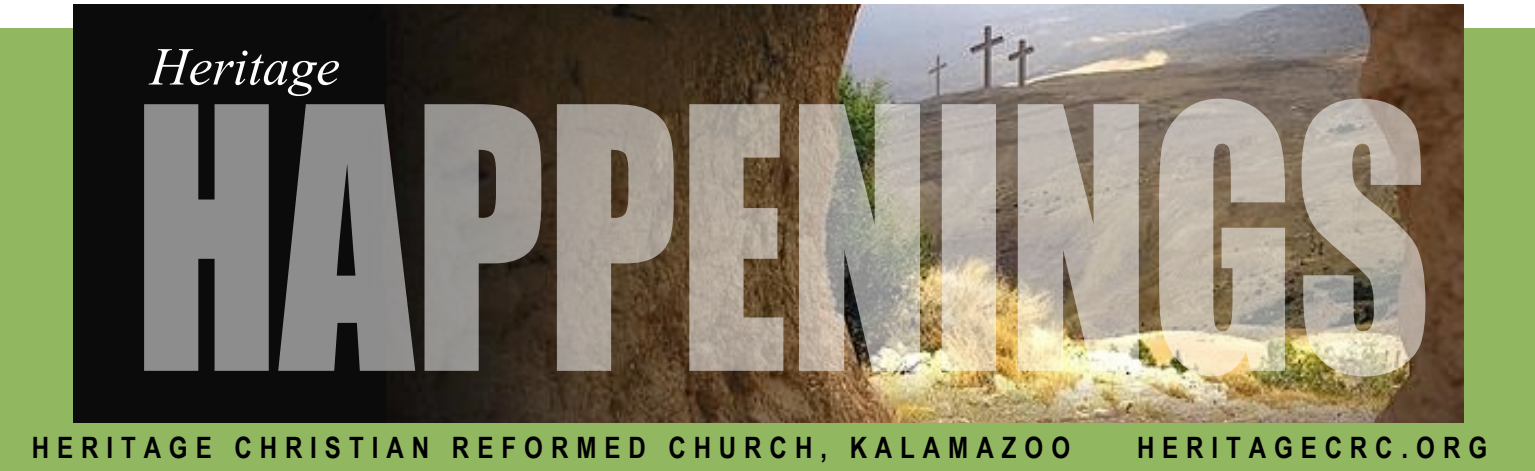
PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: **January:** Judy Wieringa

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: **January 15:** Ferrel Stremler **January 22:** Zach Razenberg
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 15 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Beauty and the Beast” Esther 2 5 pm Pastor Simon “The Order of Salvation: Calling” 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 | 16 | 17 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Shepherding Elders 3 pm | 18 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm | 19 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am | 20 | 21 |
| 22 9:30 am Pastor Simon “When the Empire Strikes Back” Esther 3 5 pm Mr. Ron Lugten | 23 | 24 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Council 7 pm | 25 Book Club 2-4 pm | 26 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am | 27 | 28 Mobile Food Initiative Prairie Ridge Elem 8 am set up 9 am food drop |
| 29 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Identity Crisis” Esther 4 5 pm Pastor Simon “The Order of Salvation: Regeneration” John 3:1-8; Acts 16:11-15 | 30 | 31 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am | 1 Men’s Bible Fellowship 8 am february | 2 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am International Student Luncheon For WMU | 3 | 4 |
| 5 COMMUNION 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Mission Impossible?” Esther 5 5 pm Pastor Simon “The Order of Salvation: Conversion” Acts 2:36-41 | 6 | 7 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am | 8 | 9 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am | 10 | 11 |



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What’s up in Worship

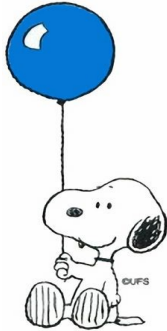
The Book of Esther: God’s Silent Sovereignty

Where is God in the midst of chaos and uncertainty? Is He there? Does He care? We often ask these questions when we encounter events that seem to contradict what we believe about God. In the book of Esther, an all-powerful, perfect and ever-present God seems hidden yet the message is timeless; God’s sovereignty calls people in every age to Himself even when we do not know what He is up to in this world. Today Pastor Simon continues a sermon series on the book of Esther.

Celebrations

Birthdays
Donna Lingbeek ~ January 15
Carter Scheel ~ January 17
Sy Ellens ~ January 18

Anniversaries
Jim & Marian Razenberg ~ January 16



Thank you

A sincere thank you for the lovely Christmas cards, the poinsettia plant & cookies. Everything is greatly appreciated.
Dean Troyer

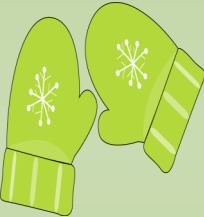
Ministry



G.R.O.W.—Begin the New Year by suiting up! The *Armor of God* is more than merely a biblical description of the believer’s inventory. It is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory in the strength of His might.

Please join us as we study Ephesians 6:10-19 with Priscilla Shirer’s *Armor of God*, beginning on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 9:30 am.

Coffee Break Ladies are again collecting winter coats, hats & mittens for all ages. A box for this purpose is in the Narthex. Please remember those who are without these necessities during the cold winter months. Thank you.



Book Club meets again on Wednesday, January 25 at 2 pm. We will discuss the book “A Man Called Ove” by Fredrik Backman.



P.U.S.H. (Pray Until Something Happens) Prayer group will meet again this Wednesday, January 18 at 7 pm. Won’t you join us for a time of prayer with our Heavenly Father?

International Student Luncheon is here again! If you can help provide lunch for the international students at Western Michigan University on Thursday, February 2, please sign up on the table in the Narthex. Salads, drinks, fruit, and casseroles are needed! Please have all items to church no later than 10:30 am on that Thursday, February 2. Thank you! (A few disposable pans are available now & more are coming soon!)



From the Resource Committee: If you notice something that needs repair in the church building or have a concern related to the facilities, please drop a note in the mailbox by the office door or contact Dave Bon-selaar so we can take care of them.

Opportunities to Serve...
Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes: A grocery cart in the Gym/Fellowship Hall is available every week to collect non-perishable food items for Loaves & Fishes. Please support this ministry!

Oshtemo Area Churches Food Pantry: Help staff and expand a food pantry through Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes. Talk to Christine Barr, Leader of the Food Pantry at Voyage Church: cbarrj@frontier.com, 269.760.3384

Alternatives of Kalamazoo: A baby basinet is available in the Fellowship Hall for donations to support Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center of Kalamazoo. Needed items include diapers, baby food, new or gently used clothing, receiving blankets, etc. A list is available in the basinet.



Missions & Missionaries...

Loaves & Fishes wish list:
January: Beef Stew
Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall

Emails or Letters to Missionaries...
Mel Woolley ~ Van Ankum Family
Judy Zwart ~ Kathleen Lauder
Allan Bickle ~ Jerry An

If you do not have a copy of our missionaries' email addresses, both their most current newsletter and email addresses are on the Missionary table next to the mailboxes

Offering Schedule

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| Jan 15 | General Fund: Faith Promise Loose Change: Benevolence Fund |
| Jan 22 | General Fund: Building Fund Loose Change: Rehoboth |
| Jan 29 | General Fund: Loose Change: Christian Sch Intern |
| Feb 5 | General Fund: Christian Education Loose Change: World Renew |

Offerings (for January 8)
Building Fund ~ \$830.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$20.00
Faith Promise ~ \$135.00
General Fund ~ \$1,905.00
Kalamazoo Building Hope Campaign ~ \$20.00
Kalamazoo Gospel Mission ~ \$50.00
Kalamazoo Christian Schools ~ \$137.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$136.00

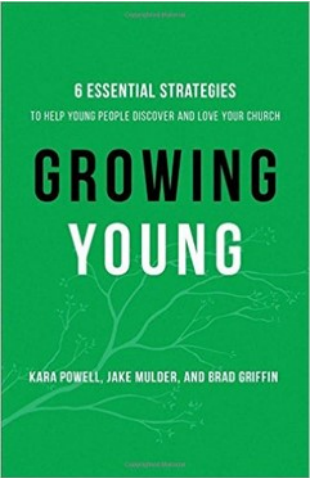
Winter Weather Cancellation: In the event of severe winter weather and Sunday services are cancelled, closing information will be posted on Channel 3 WWMT as well as WOODTV 8 at least 1-hour prior to the worship service start time. You can also sign up to receive text or email alerts from Channel 3, WWMT:

- Go to WWMT website.
- Click on School/Business/Church Closing Alerts.
- Then sign up to receive texts on your phone or email alerts for Heritage Christian Reformed Church.



Requested Announcements

GROWING YOUNG 1-DAY SEMINAR: Saturday, January 21 from 10-2:30pm at Southern Heights CRC. Building on his experience as the former ministry director at Youth For Christ and youth pastor in Kalamazoo, Growing Young co-author Jake Mulder will show pastors, ministry leaders, and anyone who cares about young people how to position their churches to engage younger generations in a way that breathes vitality, life, and energy into the whole church. Cost: \$30/person; \$25/person, groups of 4 or more from the same church so let Pastor Simon know if you are interested in attending this event with him. Lunch, snacks, and a copy of Jake's book "Growing Young" are included in your registration. For questions or more information please contact: growingyoungkalamazoo@outlook.com



Kalamazoo Christian Schools will host a Kindergarten information night on Thursday, January 26 at 7 PM at the 12th Street campus, 3800 S. 12th Street. You will have an opportunity to see the classrooms and visit with the teachers. If you know anyone who is interested in a Christ centered education for their child, please invite them to come and hear all about our school. Preschool information is also available. If you have questions, please call the elementary at 269-544-2332. No RSVP needed.



Food Resource Bank...

- ♦ Are you in the *mood* to help?
- ♦ Together, we can change the world.
- ♦ Won't you help feed Daisy this year through Food Resource Bank? The cost is \$40/week or \$160/month.
- ♦ Sign up today at the display in the Narthex if you are able to contribute to this vital ministry.
- ♦ Thank you for joining us in imagining a world without hunger, and working to make it happen. We are inspired by all that you have done and continue to do.

