

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, KALAMAZOOHERITAGECRC.ORG

Heritage CRC

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Thursday by 9:00 am. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

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

Volunteer Schedule...

NURSERY

January 5: Matthew Carlisle & Kim Bruinwood
January 12: Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur

COFFEE SERVERS


Jan 5/12: Norm & Bonnie Langeland, Sue Mejeur, Fred & Pam Gould
Jan 19/26: Matt & Lisa Durian, Bob & Barb Razenberg, Bill & Ruth Vroegop

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: January: Judy Wieringa

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: January 5: Lisa Durian January 12: LillieAnn Durian
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 COMMUNION 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Dear Church: Rekindle Your First Love” Revelation 2:1-7 5 pm Pastor Simon “To Hear & to Continue to Hear” 2 Chronicles 34:14-33	6	7 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am	8 Men’s Bible Fellowship 8 am	9	10	11
12 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Dear Church: Be Faithful” Revelation 2:8-11 5 pm Pastor Simon “The Way of Truth” Titus 2:1-15	13	14 Admin Board Meeting 7 pm	15 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	16	17	18
19 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Dear Church: Be True” Revelation 2:12-17 5 pm Pastor Simon “What is the Gospel?” Psalm 73:23-26	20	21 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Shepherding Elders 7 pm	22 Book Club 2 pm	23	24	25 Mobile Food Initiative Centerpoint 8 am set up 9 am food delivery
26 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Dear Church: Be Holy” Revelation 2:18-29 5 pm Rev. Mike Koetje	27	28 Council Meeting 7 pm	29	30	31	1 

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What’s up in Worship

Dear Church: Letters from Revelation:

Imagine if our church received a letter from Jesus. What would He say about our love for God? Our faithfulness? Our endurance in trials? Would His words bring commendation...or condemnation? The book of Revelation contains Jesus’ final words to His Church through 7 letters to 7 churches. In a series called *Dear Church*, we will see what Jesus said to these churches then and what He is saying to us today. Join us today for the launch of this new series in our morning worship.

Today is also Communion Sunday. We invite all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God and confess Jesus as their Savior, to join us at the table of our Lord for Communion. Please note that in the center of each basket of bread are gluten-free crackers.

Take Note

Following the morning service, Pastor Simon will leave immediately as he was invited to take part in the installation service of Rev. Todd Eckstein, who recently accepted the call to serve as pastor at Southern Heights CRC.

Celebrations Birthdays...

Amanda Miller ~ December 29
Matthew Carlisle ~ December 31
Ginny Carlisle ~ January 2
Lisa Durian ~ January 2
Jonathan Mejeur ~ January 7
Nadine VanDam ~ January 8 ~ 80 years young!
Eileen Brussee ~ January 10 ~ 85 years young!
Bill Cobern ~ January 11

Thank you

WOW ~ on behalf of the “Coffee Break” gals, thank you all so much for the generous & many contributions of winter wear for our friends at the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission. Thank you too for the personal hygiene items & coloring books/crayons. Surely it will all be put to good use! Until next year...


On December 16 we had the pleasure of delivering holiday goodies to three lovely ladies at the Hope Woods. All three seemed so pleased with the cards, plant & cookies that they requested we extend their thanks to all for remembering them at this special time of year and for keeping them in prayer.
Val VerHage, Gene Brussee, & Ann DeMaagd

Thank you for all the prayers, words of encouragement, kindness, & love during my recent spine surgery and recovery. Thank you for not only praying over me but our family. We are grateful and so blessed to belong to such an amazing church family.
Barb Razenberg

Heritage CRC: Thanks so much for letting the Tai Chi Group once again share your wonderful space during the holidays.
Tai Chi Group

Ministry

Book Club



The Book club will gather again on Wednesday, January 22 at 2 pm to discuss the book “Unveiling Grace” by Lynn Wilder. All are invited.

Ministry continued...

Today Booklets: The January/February 2020 Today booklets have arrived! Please pick up a copy outside the southeast sanctuary door if you so desire a copy.

- Available at the Information Center:**
- January 2020 Birthday/Anniversary Calendars
 - CRC Prayer guides for January, 2020

Men’s Bible Fellowship meets again this Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 8 am. See you there!

P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting is moved to Wednesday, January 15 at 7 pm.

International Campus Ministry Update: Every year we host 30 international student lunches, where we have an average of 200 students attend. That is 6,000 lunches served every year. It is also 6,000 opportunities for us to connect with students and share Christ with them. It is a large undertaking to make this ministry happen and we would not be able to do this without the amazing support of so many churches like you! Your support with your finances, time, food and prayers are so valuable to our work on campus. The Holy Spirit is working in the lives of our students and it is amazing to see lives that are being changed. This ministry would not be able to continue to be on campus without your dedication and support. **And Heritage’s next opportunity to help provide lunch is Thursday, January 30, 2020. Watch for sign up sheets next week!**



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...
Dave & Carol Bonselaar ~ Larry Spalink
Paul & Marge Booden ~ Jerry An
Gary & Dorothy Broekhuizen ~ Sovann Neth
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

Jan 5:	General Fund: Christian Ed Assistance Loose Change: Rehoboth
Jan 12:	General Fund: Ministry Shares Loose Change: Bethany Chr Services
Jan 19:	General Fund: Faith Promise Loose Change: Kalamazoo Chr Schools
Jan 26:	General Fund: Building Fund Loose Change: World Renew

Offerings (deposited for December 22)
Building Fund ~ \$240.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$100.00
Faith Promise ~ \$415.00
Forgotten Man Ministries ~ \$703.00
General Fund ~ \$8,550.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$110.00

(deposited for December 29)
Benevolence Fund ~ \$509.00
Building Fund ~ \$20.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$25.00
General Fund ~ \$18,417.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$70.00
World Renew ~ \$782.00



Requested Announcements

The January Series: The January Series cultivates deep thought and conversations about important issues of the day in order to inspire cultural renewal and make us better global citizens in God’s world. We invite you to join us at this FREE 15-day lecture series that takes place each January on the campus of Calvin University. Our 2020 series will take place on weekdays from January 8-28, 2020 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. EST. Save the dates and we hope you can join us onsite, at any one of our 50+ remote sites, or online for LIVE audio streaming!


Valentine’s Getaway: February 14-15, 2020 at Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference. Join us this Valentine’s Weekend for a Valentine’s getaway! With a dinner menu designed to satisfy your taste buds and a performance by Josh Wilson that you will surely enjoy. The event will begin at 6:15 pm Friday night. Purchase tickets online or call before January 17 for a discounted rate (vacationwithpurpose.org or 231-798-2161). Option One: Dinner, concert, lodging, breakfast & devotional: \$190/couple before January 17. Option Two: Dinner & Concert (no lodging) \$90/couple before January 17.



Points to Ponder:

In his sermon last week (12/29/2019), “You Have One Year to Live”, Rev. Fritz Kruithof quoted four points from a book he was reading. For those of us who could not get a pen and paper out in time to copy, here are the four points:

Live passionately
Love completely
Learn humbly
Leave boldly



Family Faith Formation Tip

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance” (Ecclesiastes 3:1-4). As we enter a new year full of unknowns, remind each other to take comfort in the knowledge that all your times are in God’s hand.

