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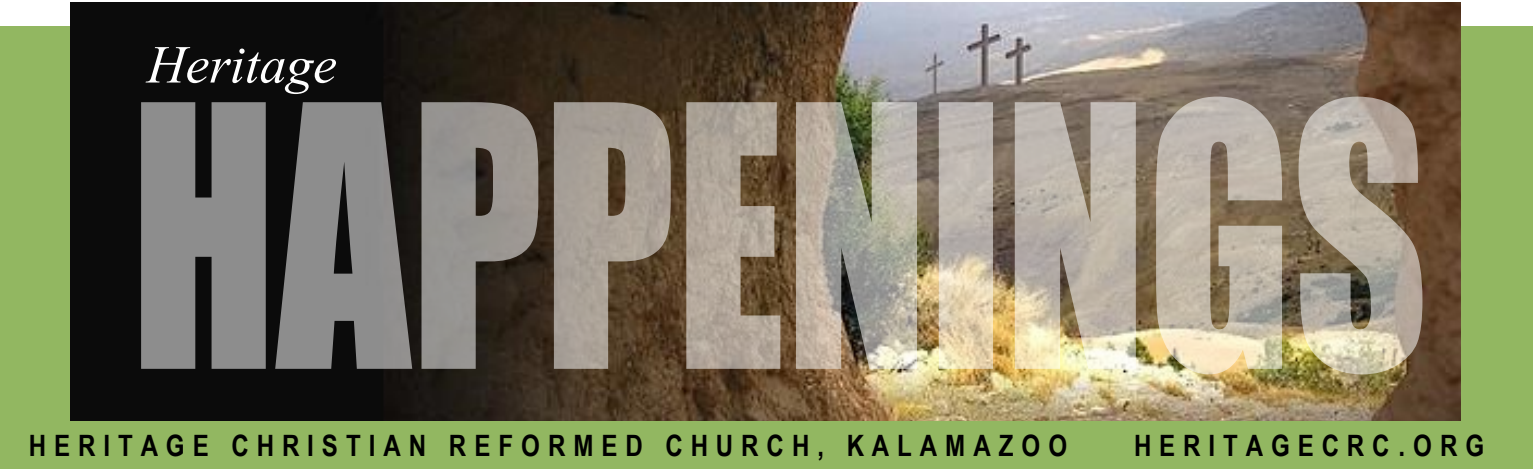
SUNDAY WORSHIP  
@ 9:30 AM (Nursery provided)  
SUNDAY EVENING @ 5:00 PM

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 8:** Heather Tuin & Evie Wenke  
**January 15:** Ellen Byle & Gary Broekhuizen  
  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** **Jan 8/15:** 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 8:** Simon Tuin & Marilyn Stremler  
**January 15:** Gary Broekhuizen & Ellen Byle  
  
**PRAYER LINE MINISTRY:** Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher  
  
**PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY:** prayerline@heritagecrc.org  
  
**SERVICE MINISTRY:** **January:** Judy Wieringa  
  
**MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:** **January 8:** Ferrel Stremler   **January 15:** Ferrel Stremler  
**PM:** Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Lifestyles of the Rich & Foolish” Esther 1  5 pm Pastor Simon “The Order of Salvation: Election” Ephesians 1:3-14	9	10 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am  Admin Board Meeting 7 pm	11	12	13	14
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 	2 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am  International Student Luncheon For WMU	3	4



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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 begins a sermon series on the book of Esther.

Celebrations

**Birthdays**  
Nadine VanDam ~ January 8  
Eileen Brussee ~ January 10 ~ 81 years young!  
Bill Cobern ~ January 11

**Anniversaries**  
Tobey & Amy Brown ~ January 14

Thank you

Thank you for the Christmas cards, ornament, and for remembering me. I appreciated them.  
*Fran Platske*

Address Requested

Sue DeVries  
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Ministry

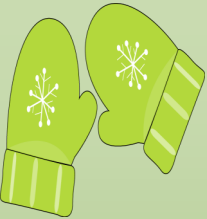
**Coffee break ladies Bible study** will resume this Tuesday, January 10 starting at 9:30 am. See you there!



**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.

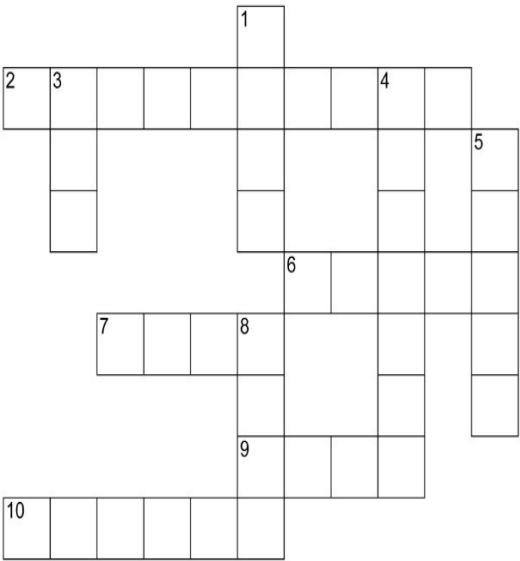


**International Student Luncheon** is here again! If you can help provide lunch for the international students at Western Michigan University on Thursday, February 2, please sign up on the table in the Narthex. Salads, drinks, fruit, and casseroles are needed! Please have all items to church no later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



People in the Bible

Genesis



ACROSS

- 2 Oldest man in the Bible
- 6 His name means laughter
- 7 Killed his brother
- 9 First man
- 10 Was a dreamer

DOWN

- 1 Sold his birthright for a bowl of soup
- 3 First Woman
- 4 Father of many nations
- 5 God changed his name to Israel
- 8 Built an ark

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...

Teri Wagner ~ Joseph Mutebi  
Jack & Evie Wenke ~ Jairo Solano  
Judy Wieringa ~ Larry Spalink

*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 8 General Fund: Ministry Shares  
Loose Change: Kzoo Christian Sch
- 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

Offerings (for December 31 & Jan 1)

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$100.00
- Building Fund ~ \$50.00
- Christian Education Assistance ~ \$285.00
- Faith Alive ~ \$40.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$165.00
- Forgotten Man Ministries ~ \$245.00
- General Fund ~ \$2,956.00
- Initial Offering ~ \$45.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$110.00

**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:

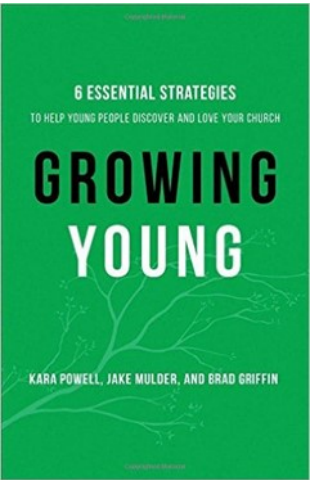
- Go to WWMT website.
- Click on School/Business/ Church Closing Alerts.
- Then sign up to receive texts on your phone or email alerts for Heritage Christian Reformed Church.



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](mailto:growingyoungkalamazoo@outlook.com)



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.

