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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: **November 13:** Glen Wagner & Ann Nieboer
November 20: Ruth Wagner & Evie Wenke

COFFEE SERVERS: **Nov 13/20:** Dave & Kathy VanderMeer, Ken & Ellen Byle, Bonnie Colvin
Nov 27/Dec 4: Matt & Lisa Durian, Bill & Kathy Cobern, Bill & Ruth Vroegop

HEARTLAND HEALTHCARE CENTER
(Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approximately 30 minutes)
November 13: Glen Wagner
November 20: Gary Broekhuizen & Marilyn Stremmer

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: **November:** Joy Hegelmann

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: **November 13:** Pat Schewe
November 20: Paul Booden
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
13 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Set Free to Live Free: Do Not Covet” Exodus 20:17 5 pm Rev. David Armstrong “Holding It Together When It’s All Falling Apart” Isaiah 65:17-25 Luke 21:5-19	14	15 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Admin Board Meeting 7 pm Shepherding Elders 3 pm	16 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	17 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	18	19
20 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Christ the King Sunday: The Incomparable Christ” Colossians 1:15-20 5 pm Pastor Simon “Of Government and God’s People” Romans 13:1-2	21	22 Council Meeting 7 pm	23	24 Thanksgiving Day Worship 9:30 am	25	26 Mobile Food Initiative Prairie Ridge 8 am set up 9 am food drop
27 ADVENT #1 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Who Is Coming?” Genesis 3:14-15; Matthew 25:31-46 No Evening Worship	28	29 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30-11 am	30	1 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am December 2016	2	3
4 ADVENT #2 COMMUNION 9:30 am Pastor Simon “When Is He Coming?” 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 5 pm Pastor Simon “The Last Judgment: Living for that Day” 2 Peter 3:1-13	5	6 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am	7 Men’s Bible Fellowship 8 am Christmas Hostess Gathering 6:15 pm	8	9	10



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What’s up in Worship



Thanksgiving Day: Join us Thanksgiving Day at 9:30 am for a time of worship and giving thanks for God’s many blessings. As part of our Thanksgiving Day worship please fill out one of the “Count Your Blessings” slips available today in the bulletin as well as at the Information Center. Submissions will be used as part of our worship on Thanksgiving Day. *As in years past we will be collecting canned goods for Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes as our offering during our Thanksgiving worship celebration. Please give as you are able.*

Advent: Then & Now: The Season of Advent invites us to celebrate Christ’s first coming but also to long for His return. Christ has come and someday Christ will come again! Join us in this season of memory and hope that recounts what God has done and anticipates what God will do someday.



November 27~ Who is Coming?
December 6 ~ When is He Coming?
December 12 ~ How is He Coming?
December 18 ~ Where is He Coming?
December 25 ~ Why Did Christ Come?

Please plan to join us as well for our annual **Advent Lessons & Carols** service at 5 pm on Sunday, December 11 and our annual **Candlelight Service** at 5 pm on Sunday, December 18.

Ministry

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.

Planning ahead! For the week of Thanksgiving, Sue will only be working on Monday, November 21 and there will be NO newsletter for Sunday, November 27. Please plan ahead accordingly with your newsletter announcements.

Celebrations

Birthdays
Jerry Oele ~ November 14
Dave Ericks ~ November 16
Pam Gould ~ November 17



Thank you...

The staff and residents of Park Village Pines send their most sincere thanks and appreciation to Heritage CRC for participating in their “Bakeless Bake Sale” several weeks ago. The \$365 that was received along with the support that was given by those in other churches will truly bless those residents who have lived past their savings and can no longer afford the full cost of their care. They are truly thankful for your partnership. Also, gifts are still being accepted should you wish to send the envelope that was previously distributed direct to Park Village Pines.

Ministry Continued...

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!! Save the date!

Our Christmas Hostess Gathering is set for Wednesday, December 7 starting at 6:15 pm. Our theme this year is “The Music of Christmas” There are two ways to enjoy this wonderful night:

1. Be a Hostess of a table of 8
2. Be a guest at a table.



All ladies are invited to be a Hostess for a table of 8. Hostesses can invite anyone they choose to join them at their table: friends, neighbors, relatives, and other ladies from church.

The evening will begin with a time of punch and a light supper from 6:15—7 pm. This will be followed by an entertaining program and dessert.

If you think you might want to be a hostess, begin brainstorming who you might like to invite. More details on being a hostess can be found below.

Let’s share another great evening together as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior!

Note: there are two sign up sheets on the table in the Narthex; one to simply come to the Christmas Hostess Gathering and one to be a Hostess! Sign up today!

Willing to serve as a Hostess? You won’t be sorry. You can be creative and share a wonderful evening with family and friends. Here’s what you do:

Invite a few friends, family members, or neighbors to come to the Christmas Gathering. On the day of the event you may come to church to set your table. Tables will be up and table cloths are available. Use your own dishes or choose to use paper products or the dishes here at church along with your table decorations you choose. The only thing you will be asked to provide for dinner is the dessert for your table and if you would like a small gift or favor for the people at your table. Last year we had 11 beautiful tables set for the event! We hope to add a few more this year!! If you have questions, please see Betty Vlietstra, Jeni Scheel, Marilyn Stremmler, Judy Fletcher, Lisa Durian, Ruth Mather, or Evie Wenke.

Missions & Missionaries...

Loaves & Fishes wish list:
November: Low or no-salt vegetables
Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall

Emails or Letters to Missionaries...
Bob & Barb Razenberg ~ Kathleen Lauder
Jim & Marian Razenberg ~ Jerry An
Chad & Jeni Scheel ~ David Heath

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

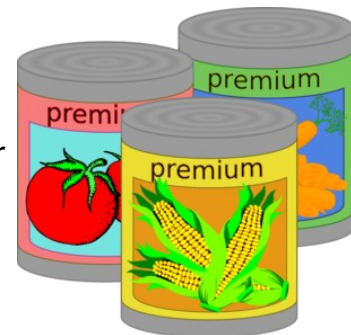
Offering Schedule

Nov 13	General Fund: Ministry Shares Loose Change: Kzoo Christian Sch
Nov 20	General Fund: Faith Promise Loose Change: Love, INC
Nov 24	Thanksgiving: Kzoo Loaves/Fishes
Nov 27	General Fund: Building Fund Loose Change: Kzoo Gospel Mission
Dec 4	General Fund: Christian Education Loose Change: Rose Arbor Hospice

Offerings (for November 6)

Building Fund ~ \$330.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$235.00
Faith Promise ~ \$290.00
General Fund ~ \$5,681.00
Kalamazoo Deacons Conf ~ \$322.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$160.00
World Renew (CRWRC) ~ \$25.00

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Thank you!*



Requested Announcements

“**Prairie Edge CRC**, 9316 Oakland Dr, Portage is having their **5th Annual Holiday Bazaar** on Saturday, November 12 from 9am-2pm in the Activity Center. Admission is free. We have 40 vendors featuring several unique gift ideas. It’s a great early Christmas shopping event, and we will have concessions for Breakfast/ Lunch. Please visit our website at pecrc.org to get more information and a full list of vendors. We still have a couple of booth spots open; if interested contact Cheryl Yonkers at 269-547-4533.

Milwood Community Church (formerly Milwood CRC) will be hosting a leadership training event for **Coffee Break leaders or other female Bible study/small group leaders** on Thursday, January 5, 2017 from 9 am—1:30 pm. This event will be led by Sam Huizenga, our regional rep for Coffee Break. This training will be great for those who are new to leadership and as a refresher for those who have been in a leadership role for a while. Cost is \$25/person. We’ll have lunch. Those who are interested can contact Terri Scheffers at 269-377-7704 for more information or to RSVP.

Opportunities to Serve...

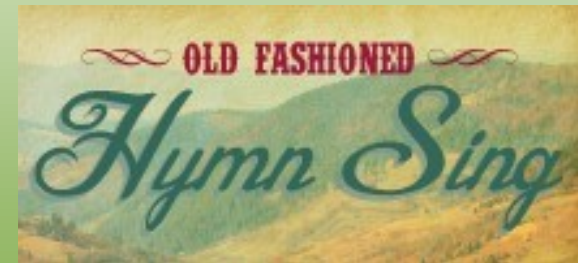
Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes: A grocery cart in the Gym/Fellowship Hall is available every week to collect non-perishable food items for Loaves & Fishes. Please support this ministry!

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.

An Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing with The Helmsmen

You are invited to worship God and usher in the season of Advent through an Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing featuring the southern gospel group, The Helmsmen. The hymn sing is scheduled to begin at 2 pm at Twin Lake Church on Sunday afternoon, November 27, 2016. A free-will offering will be received for The Helmsmen and copies of their CDs will be available for purchase with payment to be mailed to them at a later date to avoid the transacting of business on Sunday. Twin Lakes Church is located at 5475 Ravine Road in Kalamazoo. We hope you will join us for a time of worshipping God through fun, fellowship and Christmas music!



"I LOVE THIS CHURCH... I REALLY FEEL LIKE I FIT IN HERE!"