

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, KALAMAZOOHERITAGECRC.ORG

Heritage CRC

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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 10:00 AM

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Thursday by 8:00 am. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
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OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm
Thursday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

COFFEE SERVERS:
Nov 10 & 17 Bob & Barb Razenberg/Bonnie Colvin & Teri Wagner
Nov 24 & Dec 1 Norbert & Joy Hegelmann/Bob & Jane Pangle

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse
PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: hccrcprayer@gmail.com
SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

Districts

A-M
N-Z

Elder

Glen Wagner
Rick Lingbeek

Deacon

Cheri Gavin
Roger Selles

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:
Nov. 17 - Paul Booden
Nov. 24 - Lisa Durian
Nov. 28 -

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:
11/17 - Sharon Stryd & Barb Razenberg
11/24 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur
11/28 - Barb Razenberg

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				14 9:30 GROW Group	15	16
17 10 am Pastor Simon "Rebuilding: Dedication Service" Nehemiah 12	18	19 9:30 Coffee Break 3:30 Shep. Elders	20	21 9:30 GROW Group	22	23 7:45 Mobile Food Initiative
24 10 am Pastor Simon "Rebuilding: The Danger of Complacency" Nehemiah 13	25	26 10:00 Book Club 7:00 Council	27	28 10:00 Thanksgiving Day Service	29 9:00 Help decorate the church for the Advent season	30 10:00 Help decorate the church for the Advent Season
1 Communion Sunday 10 am Pastor Simon "Be Sure: Not If but When" Matthew 24:30-51	2	3 9:30 Coffee Break	4 8 am Men's Bible Study	5 9:30 GROW Group	6	7

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HAPPENINGS

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What’s up in Worship

Rebuilding: The Book of Nehemiah ~ Nehemiah is called by God to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem so that the remnant in Israel may dwell again in the city. It’s ultimately the story of an unfaithful people’s encounter with the unrelenting faithfulness of God who longs to see His people restored. In this series on the book of Nehemiah, we see what it means to be “living stones” whom God uses to build His church. This week’s sermon is based on Nehemiah 11-12, **“Rebuilding: Dedication Service”**.

Church Calendar for November 17-23:

Sunday

10:00 Worship Service

Tuesday

9:30 Coffee Break
3:30 Shepherding Elders

Thursday

9:30 GROW Group

Saturday

7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Pam Gould ~ November 17

Bonnie DeLoof ~ November 21

Nick Piontek ~ November 21

Terry Florian ~ November 23

Thanksgiving Day: Join us Thanksgiving Day at 10:00 am for a time of worship and giving thanks for God’s many blessings. As part of our Thanksgiving Day worship, Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes is once again the designated ministry for the offering. Along with our financial support, you are invited to bring food items for the Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes pantry. Here is a food wish list from KLF:

PROTEINS: canned meats, hearty soups, nuts

FRUITS & VEGGIES: Canned without sugar or salt

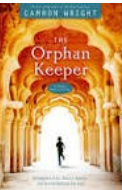
GRAINS: Pasta, rice, oatmeal, granola bars

OTHER: Jam/jelly, peanut butter, cooking oil, all-in-one meals

Let Earth Receive Her King: Through a special offer from Crossway Publishing, 50 copies of this devotional by Alistair Begg are now available. The devotional includes 24 readings that span the whole of Scripture to celebrate Christ’s advent and Christ’s return. Pick up a free copy at the table in the lobby (one per family please). An online version is available at uploads.crossway.org/excerpt/everyday-gospel-christmas-devotional.pdf. Just copy and paste the link in a browser to access the devotional.



We are in need of a few more volunteers to come and join us in the nursery with the littlest member. Please prayerfully consider if you would be willing to join our nursery team. It is a fun place to play and meet new friends. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex.



The Orphan Keeper by Camron Wright is the next book to be discussed. It is based on the true story of seven-year-old Chellamuthu who is kidnapped from his village in India, sold to a Christian orphanage and then adopted by an unsuspecting couple in the U. S. We meet Tuesday November 26 at 10:00 am in the library. Book club will not meet in December. The book for January Molokai will be available after the new year.

Time to go shopping, or get out those knitting needles and crochet hooks. The hat, mitten and scarf tree is going up again this year. We look forward to helping local schools as well as the gospel mission, alternatives and domestic abuse to name a few. If you have any questions, please ask Linda DeLoof.



Offering Schedule

- Nov. 17 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
- Nov. 24 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose change: Int’l Campus Ministries
- Thanksgiving: Loaves & Fishes
- Dec. 1 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Hospice Care of SW Michigan (Centrica)

Offerings (deposited for November 10, 2024)

- Building Fund ~ \$1,590.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$90.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$105.00
- General Fund ~ \$4,065.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$244.00
- Wycliffe Bible Translators ~ \$202.00

It’s that time again. Time to make room for new winter wear! Once more, the Coffee Break ladies will be gathering winter coats, hats, scarves, blankets, etc. for those in need within the community. This will be an ongoing effort until the holiday season is over. Right after the year’s end we will gather the items and deliver them to Kal. Gospel Ministries. Look for the box in the lobby area to place your donations. Any questions, please talk to Joyce Truscott.



God’s Love at Christmas - As we begin the Advent season, share the warmth of God’s love with a person living in poverty through your donation for World Renew’s Gift Catalog. Donate today at worldrenew.net/gifts. Catalogs on are on table in the narthex.

Mobile Food Initiative is
Saturday, November 23.

7:45 AM at **Heritage CRC.**

See you there!

A green outline of a delivery truck with the text "KALAMAZOO LOAVES & FISHES MOBILE FOOD INITIATIVE" on its side.

Christmas Time is coming:
ALL NEW IDEAS AND HELP ARE WELCOME
To decorate the sanctuary, many hands make lighter work and more fellowship fun.
Come join in the FUN!
We would love to have your help.
So that we stagger the people and don’t have people feel there is nothing they can do or they are comfortable doing, here is the game plan and schedule of event happenings for Friday, November 29 and Saturday, November 30:

Friday 9 a.m.
*remove the fall decoration and put them in storage boxes, place on east side of hall.
*start emptying out the Christmas decorations and trees from the storage room and move the trees into the sanctuary and starting to set them up. Then get out the big ladders.
Hopefully by 10 AM we can start putting the lights on. **Oh how we need light stringers to help!**
Next we will be placing the decorations on the trees around 10:30.
Fun Fun(breaking a few bulbs is expected and has made for some good laughs in past years)

Other jobs
Hanging the garland
Decorate the window sills
Arranging poinsettias
Setting up advent candles and nativity sets
Hanging and decorating the four wreaths on the walls
Add ribbons and bows
Change the banner and table colors
Add candles and chimneys



Saturday 10a.m.
Finishing touches and cleaning up the Angel dust (glitter) off the carpet and make sure we have everything back in order for Sunday service.
We need to weed out the storage room and pass on some of our excess.

We are blessed to have our sanctuary used by the preschoolers for their Christmas program and Christian High School Choirs Christmas presentation in addition to our own celebration of the Advent Season.

We will also be doing a lot of cleaning out!

Family Faith Formation Tip

Advent begins on December 1. How will you celebrate the season of Advent this year? Whether you light an Advent wreath at home each week, use a Jesse Tree devotional guide, or follow a daily Advent calendar—there are lots of ways to prepare your heart for the celebration of Christ’s coming at Christmastime. Gather any supplies you’ll need, and check out the helpful ideas in this post: bit.ly/ThriveAdventResources. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

A background image for the Family Faith Formation Tip section. It features a bright star in a dark blue sky, with silhouettes of people in the foreground.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Beatitude 7: Peacemakers - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Matthew 5:9 says, “God blesses those people who make peace. They will be called his children! God wants each of us to do our part to bring peace to the world. When we do that, God’s love spreads. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids in Action video Bookmarks for Peace.

Groundwork: The Day of the Lord - Have you ever wondered what will happen when Christ returns? Join our Groundwork conversation as we study 2 Peter 3 to reflect on God’s divine timing and patience, and learn from Peter what we should expect and how we can live holy, purposeful lives in light of the coming Day of the Lord. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

Do you enjoy doing puzzles? It’s great for hand dexterity and eye coordination, plus its a great way to pass the time on those cold and snowing days that are heading our way. 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.

