

**Heritage CRC**

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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 9:30 AM

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

OFFICE HOURS:  
Wednesday: 8:00 am —1:00 pm  
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**Connecting with our Community**

Please continue to reach out via phone or e-mail to our church community.



Thank you for your faithful support through your tithes and offerings. If you mail your contributions, the mailbox is checked each day of the week.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 8 am Mobile Food Initiative
22 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Whose Slave Am I" Romans 6:15-23	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day 9:30 am Fritz Kruithof "A Happy, Praying, Thankful Church" 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	27	28
29 9:30 am Rev. Curry Pikkaart "When Will God Come?" Luke 21:25-28	30	1 DECEMBER	2	3	4	5
6 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Elizabeth & Zechariah: Ordinary People, Extraordinary God" Luke 1:5-25,57-80	7	8	9	10	11	12 10am-2pm Roshan Project Fund Raiser in Fellowship hall

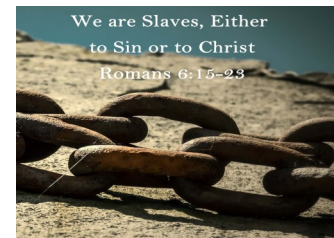
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## HAPPENINGS

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**Volume #19, Issue 22****November 19, 2020****Sermon Series on Romans**

The book of Romans is the Apostle Paul's longest and most theological letter. It's main theme is freedom in Christ - why we need it, how it is achieved and what it looks like in everyday life. This week's sermon title - "Whose Slave Am I". Romans 6:15-23.

**Celebrations...****Birthdays...**

Gary Broekhuizen ~ November 23  
Norbert Hegelmann ~ November 24  
Jerry Mather ~ November 26  
Glen Wagner ~ November 27



**Office Hours:** Next week with Thanksgiving on Thursday, Lisa will be working in the office Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Please have all newsletter requests into the office by 9 AM Wednesday morning.

**Out-of-the Office:** Pastor Simon will be on vacation next week (November 23-30). If a need should arise, please contact one of the shepherding elders (Ron Stryd and Glen Wagner).

**Announcements****Safety Items**

- Please wear a mask when entering and exiting the building. Masks may be removed when seated in the sanctuary.
- It is essential that 6 feet of physical distancing be observed when entering the church prior to the service and during the time of fellowship after the service.
- Please continue to enter the building at the front entrance or the Fellowship Hall.
- Hand sanitizer and masks are available at each entrance.

**A Roshan Opportunity**

Saturday, December 12, is being reserved in our Fellowship Hall for the display of 90 small paintings done by Sy Ellens. All proceeds from the sale of these works, reasonably priced from \$50 to \$150, will be donated to the building of the Roshan school in Pakistan. From 10 AM to 2 PM, interested persons are invited to come as the CDC guidelines are observed. No food or drinks may be taken into the building. Updated information will be given if the guidelines are changed. Questions may be directed to Jan at 269-873-7282.

**Decorating Opportunities**

Transforming the sanctuary for Advent. Come and help decorate the church for the Advent season. Come on Friday, November 27 at 12:00 pm with a follow up time on Saturday at 10:00 am. Please see Jane Pangle for more information.





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, 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 located at Voyage Church.

Special request items this year are for breakfast items: kids' cereal, pop tarts, granola bars, jelly/jams, pancake mix & syrup. They will also accept all-in-one meals: hamburger helper and high protein soup & stews, low sodium veggies, and low sugar fruit. Due to COVID-19, the donations will not be brought up during the Thanksgiving Day service but may be placed in the Loaves & Fishes grocery cart in the Fellowship Hall.

Video Recording

A video recording of the morning worship service will be posted to our church YouTube page either on Sunday or Monday. Here is the link to our YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCutET663hVzpPohBMiCXEQA>. If you haven't already done so, be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the notification bell to receive updates whenever a new video becomes available.



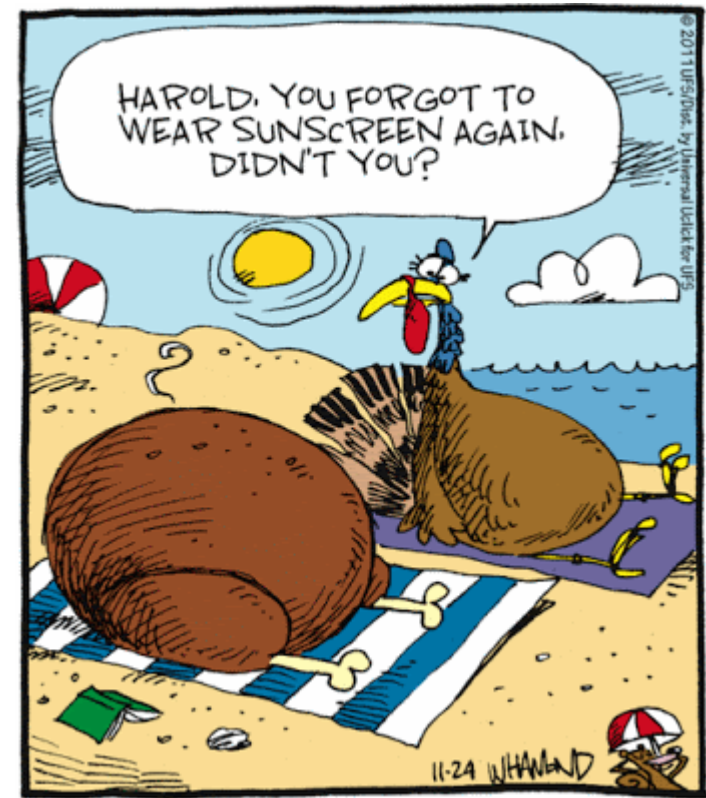
**Annual Congregational Meeting:** The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 13, 2020 following the morning Worship Service to vote on a budget for 2021. A copy of the proposed budget for 2021 was placed in mailboxes. Extra copies are available at the Information Center. If you have any questions, please contact Donn Carlisle, council president, or Bob Razenberg, council VP/clerk.

Offering Schedule

- Nov. 22: General Fund & Building Fund  
Loose Change: Wycliffe
- Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Day - Kal. Loaves & Fishes
- Nov. 29: General Fund & General Fund  
Loose Change: International Campus Ministries
- Dec. 6: General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance  
Loose Change: Rose Arbor Hospice
- Dec. 13: General Fund & Ministry Shares  
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund

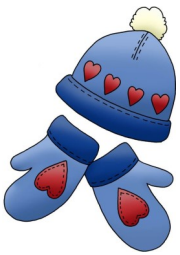
Offerings (deposited for Nov. 15, 2020)

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$8000.00
- Christian Education Assistance ~ \$25.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$295.00
- General Fund ~ \$7,926.00
- Jairo & Kelly Solano ~ \$128.00
- Kalamazoo Gospel Mission ~ \$216.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$15.00



Greetings Heritage Church Family!

I am presently teaching kindergarten at William C Abney Charter Academy. My students have a need for winter hats and mittens. I am reaching out in hopes of your assistance with this need. There will be a box in the narthex to place items if you wish to contribute. I currently have 13 students. This has been a challenging time to begin my teaching career and I covet your prayers for myself and my students. Thank you for your support.



McKena Razenberg

The **Coffee break** ladies are again requesting winter items for Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries.

Items needed are winter coats and clothing for all ages, blankets, sleeping bags. There is a box in the foyer in which to put your donations.



Ministry News

Please note that the GROW Group, Coffee Break and P.U.S.H. have decided to not meet until further notice due to Covid concerns.

**Prepare Your Heart** - Starting December 2, 2020, World Renew, Resonate Global Mission, and the CRC Office of Social Justice will distribute a free email devotional to your inbox during Advent. Don't let Christmas presents overtake the Christmas Presence. Sign up to receive reflections on this year's theme of He Will Be Our Peace every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday through Christmas Day. Join us as we journey through lamenting injustice to looking forward to the coming of the Prince of Peace using the book of Micah. Go to [justice.crcna.org/advent](http://justice.crcna.org/advent) to sign up today!

Family Faith Formation Tip

We often associate generosity with financial giving,  
**but we can also cultivate a generous spirit in our relationships.**

Ponder how you might practice this in daily life, perhaps by focusing on refraining from mental criticism, attributing the best motives to people's actions, being "present" and attentive when spending time with others (especially children), or doing acts of random kindness.

[crcna.org/FaithFormation/practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/practices)



Volunteer Schedule...

**PRAYER LINE MINISTRY:**  
Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

**PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY:**  
[prayerline@heritagecrc.org](mailto:prayerline@heritagecrc.org)

**MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:**  
Nov 22 - Gary Broekhuizen  
Nov. 29 - Gary Broekhuizen  
Dec 6 - Lisa Durian

**Prayer line Reminder:** If your email address has changed, you wish to have your or a friend's email added to the Prayer Line, or you wish to no longer receive Prayer Line emails, please send an email request to: [prayerline@heritagecrc.org](mailto:prayerline@heritagecrc.org) or [jerry.oele@yahoo.com](mailto:jerry.oele@yahoo.com)