

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, KALAMAZOOHERITAGECRC.ORG

Heritage CRC

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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 10:00 AM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Thursday by 8:00 am. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm
Thursday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

COFFEE SERVERS:
Nov. 23 & 30Cameron & Helen Brown, Sue, Hannah, Jonathon Mejeur
Dec. 7 & 14Fred & Pam Gould, Norm & Bonnie Langeland

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

Districts

A-M
N-Z

Elder

Glen Wagner
Rick Lingbeek

Deacon

Teri Wagner
Roger Selles

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:
Nov. 23 - Lisa Durian
Nov. 30 - Lisa Bosch
Dec. 7 - Dorothy Broekhuizen
Dec. 14 - Chris VandenBerg

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:
11/23 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur
Thanksgiving - Barb Razenberg
11/30 - Wendy Rose & Michelle Koning
12/7 - Joy Knurr & Barb Razenberg

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What’s up in Worship

Sermon Series: Revelation: Until He Comes ~ The book of Revelation is a letter written to encourage persecuted Christians to remain steadfast to the One who has come and will come again. Join us for this series as we discover hope and comfort for those who follow Christ. This week’s sermon is based on Revelation 22:6-21 “Behold, I Am Coming Soon!”

Thanksgiving Day Worship: Our annual Thanksgiving Day worship service will be Thursday, November 27 at 10:00 a.m. Join us as we give thanks to God for His faithfulness. We will once again be offering an “open mic” time for anyone in the congregation to offer up specific thanks to God for His blessings from this past year. Our offering will be for Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes. Along with your financial support, you are invited to bring food items for the Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes pantry.

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Terry Florian ~ November 23
Norbert Hegelmann ~ November 25
Jerry Mather ~ November 26
Glen Wagner ~ November 27
Ron Eshuis ~ November 28
Allison Piontek ~ November 28

Thank you for all the well wishes, meals and prayers for healing for my recent foot surgery. I am so blessed to be a part of such a loving church family. God bless you all! Marge Booden

Thank you for all the get well cards, birthday cards, phone calls and meals. Please pray we don’t have to stay at Park Village Pines too long and pray for good results from my back MRI. We are thankful for our church family.

Jerry & Ruth Mather

My Heritage Church Family,
Many thanks to all who came to our place to remove leaves off the yard last Saturday. We appreciate your kindness. Thanks for all your prayers and support in many other ways also. We are so grateful for our church family. God bless you all. Carole Bickle

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 28 and Saturday, November 29:

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!

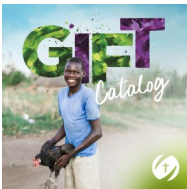


Offering Schedule	
Nov. 23	General Fund & Building Fund Loose Change: International Campus Ministries
Thanksgiving:	Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes
Nov. 30	General Fund Loose Change: Centrica Hospice Care of SW Michigan
Dec. 7	General Fund & Ministry Shares Loose Change: Kal. Christian Schools

Offerings (deposited for November 16, 2025)
Benevolence Fund ~ \$1,015.00
Building Fund ~ \$3,225.00
Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$70.00
Faith Promise ~ \$2,895.00
General Fund ~ \$7,814.00
Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries ~ \$100.00
Kalamazoo Valley Gleaners ~ \$60.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$130.00

From the Deacons:
We have two opportunities coming this holiday season.
1. Cards and Poinsettias for our shut-ins. Once again we will be collecting cards for our shut-ins. We are requesting cards be at church by Sunday, December 14. The list of shut-ins and a basket will be in the narthex. If you are able and willing to deliver cards and poinsettias the week following, please contact Teri Wagner.
2. Park Village Pines. The deacons will be holding a special collection December 21 to bless the people at Park Village Pines. We will be using the collection to help stock the store to bless those who might be struggling. If you would like to contribute at another date, please make a notation in the memo and we will distribute it accordingly.
Thank you for partnering with us as we bless the elderly in our community.

“As we enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, World Renew’s Gift Catalog is a meaningful way to share Christ’s love with those in need! From a goat to disaster recovery supplies, each gift brings hope and makes a lasting difference for families around the world. Explore the catalog at worldrenew.net/gift-catalog.”



Church Calendar for November 23-29:

Sunday	10:00	Sunday Worship
Tuesday	10:00	Book Club
	6:30	Council
Thursday	10:00	Thanksgiving Day Service
Friday	9:00	Advent Decorating
Saturday	10:00	Advent Decorating

Book Club ~ Join us on November 25 at 10:00 am to discuss The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman. The story follows Joyce and her elderly friends as they attempt to solve a series of murders happening at their retirement village. See if these senior sleuths are clever enough and enjoy some of their antics.



Our church is collecting winter coats, hats, scarves, blankets and more for those in need in our community. This will be an ongoing effort until the holiday season is over. New or gently used items are needed. After the holidays the items will be delivered to Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries. Look for the box in the lobby area to place your donations. Any questions, please talk to Joyce Truscott, Kathy VanderMeer or Joy Knurr.



Each year the Bible League volunteers send out a special fundraising letter to you. Together we are equipping Christians and churches all over the globe to engage people in the Word of God. As a result, God’s Kingdom is growing! \$25 will buy five Bibles. Look for this letter in your church mailbox soon and pray for God’s word to change lives. Thank you, Bonnie Colvin & Barb Nieboer.

Family Faith Formation Tip

Caregivers know what it’s like to live out Philippians 2:3–4: “In humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”
How can you support the caregivers in your church or community? Could you offer a break to someone caring for an aging family member or a family member with a disability? If you are a caregiver, think of one tangible way to ask for help this week from someone who can support you. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Advent: The Season of Waiting - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Advent: The Season of Waiting” at www.kidscorner.net. Advent starts next week—it’s the four weeks before Christmas, a time to get our hearts ready for Jesus. We remember that He was born for us and that one day He will come again, so we can trust God while we wait. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the KC video series, “Kids in Action”, telling stories of kids who serve God right now!

Groundwork: Blessed are...the Merciful, the Pure in Heart, the Peacemakers, and those Who are Persecuted - Discover what Jesus taught us about the heart and mind of an ideal disciple. Study Matthew 5:7-12 with Groundwork as we examine the remaining beatitudes of Jesus as recorded in Matthew, and explore mercy, purity of heart, peacemaking, and the surprising blessing hidden behind persecution. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

Mobile Food Initiative is this Saturday, November 22.

7:45 AM at Heritage CRC.

See you there!

