

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
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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 24 & Dec 1 Norbert & Joy Hegelmann/Bob & Jane Pangle
Dec. 8 & 15 Nick & Melissa Piontek/Ron & Sharon Stryd

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. 24 - Lisa Durian
Nov. 28 -
Dec. 1 - Ian Tuin

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:
11/24 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur
11/28 - Barb Razenberg
12/1 - Pam Gould & Cheri Gavin

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HAPPENINGS


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What’s up in Worship

Guarding against Complacency as We Band Together
Nehemiah 13:1 - 31



This week’s sermon is based on Nehemiah 13, “Rebuilding: The Danger of Complacency”.

The Return of the King: While He first came as a babe in a manger and lived gently and lowly, when He comes again He will come as King of kings and Lord of lords. Join us this Advent season as we consider what Jesus says in Matthew 24 & 25 about how we should wait and what we should do as we wait for that day.





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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				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
8 10 am Pastor Simon “Be Wise: When the Wait is Long” Matthew 25:1-13 	9 7 pm KCSA Choir Concert	10 7 pm Admin Council	11	12 9:30 GROW Group	13 9:30 Heritage Piecemakers	14

Celebrations...

Birthdays...
Norbert Hegelmann ~ November 25
Jerry Mather ~ November 26
Glen Wagner ~ November 27
Ron Eshuis ~ November 28
Allison Piontek ~ November 28

Church Calendar for November 24-30:

Saturday	7:45 am	Mobile Food Initiative
Sunday	10:00	Worship Service
Tuesday	10:00	Book Club 7:00 Council
Thursday	10:00	Thanksgiving Day Service
Friday	9:00	Decorate Church
Saturday	10:00	Decorate Church

Next week Lisa will be in the office Tuesday & Wednesday morning.

Mobile Food Initiative is
Saturday, November 23.

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

See you there!

New Members

It is always a joy for our congregation to welcome new members into our fellowship. At the recent meeting of the Shepherding Elders the following membership transfers were formally received:

- Ron & Ruth Eshuis from Second CRC
- Cheryl Koning & Michelle Koning from Covenant URC
- Yvonne DeHollander from Oshtemo UMC

Please join us in welcoming them to Heritage CRC. A page for the directory has already been made or is in your mailboxes now.

- Please change Ron Eshuis’ birthday in your directory to 11/28
- There is a new page for Dean Troyer in your mailboxes

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.

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 Renews Gift Catalog. Donate today at worldrenew.net/gifts. Catalogs on are on table in the narthex.

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. 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)
- Dec. 8 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Kal. Christian Schools

Offerings (deposited for November 17, 2024)

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$333.00
- Building Fund ~ \$40.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$45.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$747.00
- General Fund ~ \$4,882.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$76.00
- Wycliffe Bible Translators ~ \$20.00



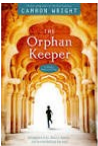
It’s that time again. Time to make room for new winter wear! Once more, the Coffee Break ladies will be gathering winter coats, hats, scarves, blankets, etc. for those in need within the community. This will be an ongoing effort until the holiday season is over. Right after the year’s end we will gather 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 Barb Nieboer or Joyce Truscott.



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.



A reminder to submit contributions for Daisy and Maisy if you haven’t already done that. Thank you!



Book club meets Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 10:00 am in the library to discuss the book, The Orphan Keeper by Camron Wright. Book club will not meet in December. The book for January Molokai will be available after the new year.

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)

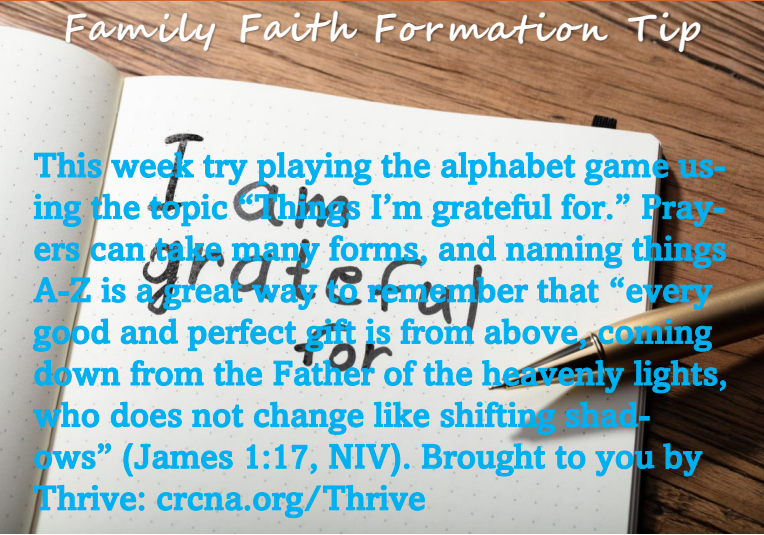
Other jobs
Hanging the garland
Decorate the window sills
Arranging poinsettias
Setting up advent candles and nativity sets
Hanging and decorating the four wreaths on the walls
Add ribbons and bows
Change the banner and table colors
Add candles and chimneys



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 being doing a lot of cleaning out!



ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Beatitude 8: Following God (Even When It’s Hard) - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. In Matthew 5:10, Jesus explained that his friends would be persecuted or punished for following him. Today, people will make fun of us, be mean, or even hurt us, and there are many countries in the world where being a Christian is tough. Jesus told us we would face problems because of our faith, but we can stay joyful because Jesus is king over everything. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](https://www.kidscorner.net), like the Bible Story Podcast The Story of Paul’s Conversion.

Groundwork: Your Questions about Christmas - Did the Christmas story really happen? Wasn’t Christmas originally a pagan holiday? Why do some churches celebrate Advent? Join Groundwork as we study Luke 2:1-7, John 1:5, Isaiah 53:4-6, and Psalm 78:1-6 to let Scripture guide our discussion answering questions we’ve received about Christmas and Advent. 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.

