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SUNDAY WORSHIP:
@ 9:30 AM (Nursery provided)
SUNDAY EVENING @ 5:00 PM

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

OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 8:30 am—12:30 pm
Thursday: 8:30—12 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

NURSERY
November 24: Kris Carlisle & Ellen Byle
December 1: McKena Razenberg & Hannah Mejeur


COFFEE SERVERS
Nov 24/Dec 1: Glen & Ruth Wagner, Herm & Gretchen Vanders, Bill & Joyce Truscott
Dec 8/15: John & Kim Bruinwood, Judy Wieringa, Jack & Evie Wenke

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: **November:** Joy Hegelmann/**December:** Betty Vlietstra

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: **November 24:** Ferrel Stremler **December 1:** Lisa Durian
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 CHRIST THE KING 9:30 am Pastor Simon “To Him Who Is Able” Jude 17-25 5 pm Pastor Simon “He Is Mighty to Save” Zephaniah 3:14-20	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day Worship 9:30 am	29	30
1 COMMUNION <i>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i> 9:30 am Pastor Simon “The Surprising Messiah” Matthew 1:1-17 ~ No Evening Worship~	2 	3 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am	4 Men’s Bible Fellowship 8 am Book Club 2 pm	5	6	7
8 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:30 am Pastor Simon “What’s in A Name?” Matthew 1:18-25 ~ CONGREGATIONAL MTG ~ 5 pm Pastor Simon “He Will Be Their Peace” Micah 5:15	9	10 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Admin Board Meeting 7 pm	11 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	12	13	14
15 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:30 am Pastor Simon “To Worship the King” Matthew 2:1-12 Service of Lessons & Carols	16	17 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Shepherding Elders 7 pm	18	19	20	21 Mobile Food Initiative Centerpoint 8 am set up 9 am food delivery

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HAPPENINGS

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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, 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 as part of our thank offering. Special request items include high protein soup & stews, canned meat (tuna, salmon, chicken, etc.), low sodium veggies, low sugar fruit, healthy snacks (granola bars, trail mix), whole grain pasta and all-in-one meals. Please give as you are able.

Series: The Christmas Story: Throughout the Bible, God promised the Advent or coming of his Son, Jesus. This is one of the most important events in all human history—the almighty, eternal, creator of the universe becoming human, living among us, and suffered on our behalf in order to give us life. Join us this Advent which begins next Sunday, December 1 as we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Jesus’ first coming and anticipate His coming again.

Upcoming Special Services: Plan to join us for the special services planned for this Advent season:

- Lessons & Carols** ~ Join us on Sunday, December 15 at 5 pm for our annual “Lessons and Carols” service. This traditional service includes nine Scripture lessons, tracing salvation history from Genesis through the gospels, interspersed with singing of Christmas carols and hymns.
- Candlelight Service** ~ Join us on Sunday, December 22 at 5 pm for our annual Candlelight Service. Through the singing of carols and the lighting of candles we will journey together to Bethlehem and rejoice in all we have seen and heard.!

Celebrations Birthdays...
Norbert Hegelmann ~ November 25
Jerry Mather ~ November 26
Glen Wagner ~ November 27



Ministry
Book Club: will meet again on Wednesday, December 4 at 2 pm to discuss the book titled “Murphy’s Law” by Rhys Bowen. See you there!

It’s That Time Again! The gals from Coffee Break are ready to collect winter things again for distribution to help those at the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission. We need any of the following:

- ♦ Mittens
- ♦ Hats
- ♦ Scarves
- ♦ Jackets
- ♦ Vests
- ♦ Sweaters
- ♦ Sweatpants
- ♦ Sweatshirts
- ♦ Boots
- ♦ Blankets

Everything is appreciated! Please drop off items in large box in Narthex. Thank you.





Ministry continued...

Severe Weather Cancellation: In the event of severe weather and Sunday services are cancelled, closing information will be posted on Channel 3 WWMT as well as WOODTV 8 at least 1-hour prior to the worship service start time. You can also sign up to receive text or email alerts from Channel 3, WWMT. Go to WWMT website. Click on School/Business/Church Closing Alerts. Then sign up to receive texts on your phone or email alerts for Heritage Christian Reformed Church.

Annual Congregational Meeting: The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 8, 2019 following the morning Worship Service to vote on a budget for 2020 and a recommendation on selling property along 11th Street. A copy of the proposed budget for 2020 was placed in mailboxes. Extra copies are available at the Information Center. Information on the property sale recommendation is available in your mailboxes. If you are unable to be present at the meeting, absentee ballots are available at the Information Center. Please vote on the ballot, seal your ballot in the envelope provided, and sign your name on the outside of the envelope and place your envelope in the box.

Council News from November 19, 2019

1. The council opened the meeting in a time of prayer.
2. The Shepherding elders gave a verbal report on their work.
3. The Shepherding Deacons shared a verbal report on their work.
4. The work of the Administrative Board was reviewed, including the following items:
 - Matt Durian has agreed to serve as chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee.
 - The 2019 Budget was approved and recommended for congregational approval.
 - The council approved the recommendation to sell the lot along 11th street. This will be taken to the congregation and voted on at the meeting on Sunday, December 8.
5. The October financial report was reviewed.
6. Pastor Simon gave a detailed report of his activities in October and November.
7. The next Council meeting is Tuesday, January 28, 2019.
8. Deacon Teri Wager closed the meeting in prayer.

Missions & Missionaries...

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

Emails or Letters to Missionaries...

Jean Vader ~ David Heath
Barb VanDalen ~ Van Ankum family
Dick & Nadine VanDam ~ Joseph Mutebi
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 17: General Fund: Faith Promise
Loose Change: Inter Campus Ministries
Nov 24: General Fund: Building Fund
Loose Change: Wycliffe
Thanksgiving: Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes
Dec 1: General Fund: Christian Ed Assistance
Loose Change: Rose Arbor Hopsice
Dec 8: General Fund: Christian Ed Assistance
Loose Change: Rose Arbor Hospice

Offerings (deposited for November 17)

Building Fund ~ \$10.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$100.00
Faith Promise ~ \$410.00
General Fund ~ \$5,153.00
Growing Hope Globally ~ \$120.00
International Campus ~ \$193.00
Kalamazoo Gospel Mission ~ \$5.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$396.00



Christmas Cards & Cookies

If you are able, please remember our home-bound members (an updated list can be found in your mailboxes this morning) with a card and/or cookies. Please place the cards in the basket at the Information Center and the cookies in the kitchen by **December 15**.
Thank you!



Requested Announcements

Fair Trade Sale: Westwood United Methodist Church (538 Nichols Road) is hosting a Fair Trade Sale on Saturday, December 7 from 9 am—3 pm. Vendors bring in wonderful items from all over the world to sell and fair trade helps artisans and growers be able to make a living wage from the items that they produce. No middle men! This is a great way to buy gifts for our loved ones at Christmas that actually make a difference in others' lives. Make your gift "give twice!" Featuring vendors: SERRV, Global Mamas, Women at Risk, Equal Exchange, Trades of Hope, Women of Salam, Confections and Convictions and Ten Thousand Villages.





Family Faith Formation Tip

Advent starts next Sunday! How might you celebrate this time of expectant waiting with the people in your household? Here is one idea: Participate in the Advent Word project at advent-word.org. AdventWord is a global, online Advent calendar that offers meditations and images to inspire and connect individuals and a worldwide community of believers to the themes of Advent.



Making a Grocery Run?

Consider grabbing a few extra items to donate to Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes. Below you'll find 10 rarely donated items that are in high demand at our pantries.

1		Jelly/Jam
2		Butter
3		Cooking Oil
4		Dried Spices/Herbs
5		Shelf-Stable/Powdered Milk
6		Infant Formula
7		Ensure
8		Canned/Bagged Nuts
9		Granola Bars
10		Meals in a Box

One in eight people in the United States face hunger each day—that's equal to the entire population of Canada.

