

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, KALAMAZOOHERITAGECRC.ORG

Heritage CRC

2857 South 11th Street  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009  
(just south from Stadium Drive)

Phone: 269.372.3830  
Prayer Line 372.3830 x 5  
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SUNDAY WORSHIP:  
@ 9:30 AM (Nursery provided)  
SUNDAY EVENING @ 5:00 PM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:  
Thursday by 10:00 am. Call,  
leave a note, or e-mail to  
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

OFFICE HOURS:  
Wednesday: 10:00 am—3:00 pm  
Thursday: 10:00 am—3:00 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

NURSERY: November 26: Barb Razenberg & Ruth Wagner  
December 3: Joyce Truscott & Ellen Byle

COFFEE SERVERS:  
Nov. 26 & Dec. 3: Phil & Barb Nieboer; Jack & Evelyn Wenke; Bob & Barb Razenberg  
Dec. 10 & 17: Pat & Carol Schewe; Nick & Ann Nieboer; Ken & Judy Fletcher


HALLMARK LIVING  
(Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approximately 30 minutes)  
November 26: Glen Wagner  
December 3: Gary Broekhuizen & Judy Wieringa

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: November: Joy Hegelmann

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: Nov. 26: Ferrel Stremler Dec. 3: Lisa Durian  
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 9:30 am Pastor Simon “The Lord Is On His Throne” Psalm 11  No Evening Worship	27	28 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30 –11 am  Christmas Gathering 6:15 pm	29	30 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	1 	2
3 COMMUNION SUNDAY ADVENT #1 9:30 am Pastor Simon “What Are You Waiting For?” Isaiah 64:1-9  5:00 pm Pastor Simon “Trinity— God Is”	4	5 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30 –11 am  Admin. Board 3:30 pm	6 Men's Bible Fellowship 8 am  Book Club 2 pm	7	8	9
10 ADVENT #2 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Are You Ready?” Isaiah 40:1-11  Congregational Meeting  5:00 pm Pastor Simon Lessons & Carols	11	12 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30 –11 am  Admin. Board 3:30 pm	13	14	15	16 Mobile Food Initiative Prairie Ridge Elem. 8 am Set Up 9 am Food Distribution
17 ADVENT #3 9:30 am Pastor Simon “How Do You Hear This News?” Isaiah 61:1-11  5:00 pm Pastor Simon Candlelight Service	18	19 Shepherding Elders 3 pm	20 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	21	22	23

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HAPPENINGS

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What’s up in Worship



O Come, O Come Emmanuel

The season of Advent is for those who know Jesus has come and will come again. It is also for those who need to hear the Good News of the One who is the light that shines in the darkness. This Advent season, which begins on Sunday, December 3, join us as we discover through the prophet Isaiah why we celebrate Jesus’ birth and how to live in hopeful expectation of His return in glory.


Celebrations Birthdays

Jerry Mather ~ November 27  
Glen Wagner ~ November 27

An Update from the Office:

After many weeks away following her stem cell transplant, we are excited to say that Sue DeVries will be returning to work this week as our Administrative Assistant! We give much praise for God’s faithful care to Sue during this time.

Sue’s new office hours will be Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am — 3:00 pm.



This Advent season, you can stand in the gap with people in need by following Jesus into the lives of the poor through the **World Renew 2017-2018 Gift Catalog**. Have fun together while giving gifts that are meaningful and powerful in this world and the next by helping people who live in scarcity to embrace the fullness that God intends for them . You will find a catalog in your boxes this morning. Please consider standing in the gap!



Ministry Continued. . .

A **Congregational Meeting** meeting is scheduled for **Dec. 10, 2017** at 10:45 a.m. following the morning Worship Service to review the past year of ministry and adopt a budget. During this meeting, we will also deal with the adoption of the Restated Articles of Incorporation for Heritage Christian Reformed Church, a copy of which were placed in each family member’s mailbox a few weeks ago. Additional copies are available upon request.

The **Coffee Break Ladies** will be collecting winter **coats, mittens, hats, scarves, blankets, and other warm clothing** for all ages. Children’s clothing will be delivered to Prairie Ridge Elementary and the adult clothing will go to a downtown organization. A box has been placed in the narthex for your items. Thank you!



**Book Club** will be meeting Wednesday, December 6 at 2:00 pm to discuss the book **Ordinary Grace** by William Kent Krueger.

Address Information:

Dennis & Ruth Gruizenga  
48930 27th Street  
Mattawan, MI 49071

Thank you . . .

Than you for being so faithful to the ministry of Kalamazoo Deacons Conference. We thank God for your steadfast love toward the working poor and the people living in crisis.

May the Lord continue to bless you as you have been a blessing to others.  
Gratefully,  
**Terry Spieplinga**  
Executive Servant Director

Missions & Missionaries...

**Loaves & Fishes wish list:**  
**November:** Low or no-salt canned vegetables

*Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall*

**Emails or Letters to Missionaries...**  
Nick & Stephanie Finch ~ Jerry An  
Bruce & Ruth Fletcher ~ David Heath  
Ken & Judy Fletcher ~ Joseph Metubi

*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. 26	General Fund & Building Fund Loose Change: Kal. Gospel Mission
Dec. 3	General Fund & Christian Education Loose Change: Rose Arbor Hospice
Dec. 10	Genera Fund & Ministry Shares Loose Change:
Dec. 17	General Fund & Faith Promise Loose Change: Benevolence Fund

**Offerings (deposited for November 19)**  
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$25.00  
Faith Promise ~ \$400.00  
General Fund ~ \$4,684.00  
Memorial Fund ~ \$105.00  
Ministry Shares ~\$105.00  
Wycliffe Bible Translators ~ \$245.00

FOOD *for* THOUGHT

Fresh fruits and vegetables are not always available or affordable to many in our community. Fresh produce donations are always accepted at the warehouse. Always on the wish list for **Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes** are macaroni and cheese, boxed instant potatoes, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, canned tuna and high-protein soups and stews. Remember, the grocery cart for Loaves and Fishes is located in the Fellowship Hall and can hold any food at any time.

Requested Announcements

Twin Lakes Reformed Church will be hosting an **Advent/Christmas Concert and Sing-Along** featuring The Silvertones. The concert will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Twin Lakes Reformed Church is located at 5475 Ravine Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49009. For more information, please contact the church at 269-382-1158.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SING:** Grace CRC invites you to join them as they present, "How to Save the World: The Story of Christmas through Scripture and Song" on Sunday, December 10 at 7p.m. A light lunch will be served before the carol sing.

**Advent Devotional Series** - Looking for more meaning in the midst of a busy Christmas season? This Advent, ReFrame Media offers a special email devotional series just for you. With daily devotions and encouragements from Today, Family Fire, Groundwork, and the fun of Kids Corner, we designed it to help your whole family experience the true wonder of Christmas, the coming Christ. Subscribe at [reframemedia.com/advent](http://reframemedia.com/advent).

**Reformed Heritage Christian School** invites you to their annual **Holiday Open House & Silent Auction** on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 PM. This free event will be held at Second Christian Reformed Church’s Activity Building, 3015 Nichols Road, and will be featuring 25 vendors and crafters. Come shop, bid, and have an enjoyable time!



Annual Christmas Gathering

The Annual Christmas Gathering will be on Tuesday, November 28! Delicious soup and a salad bar will be served at 6:15 pm with dessert at each tabled provided by the Hostess.

A very interesting evening is planned with the theme of **"Christmas Around the World."** We will have the privilege to hear from several women who will be giving brief talks about Christmas celebrations in various countries, interspersed with singing and good fellowship. Following the program, the church will be open for your guests to see where we worship each week.

Questions? Ask any committee member: Betty Vlietstra, Ruth Mather, Marilyn Stremmler, Judy Fletcher, Kris Carlisle, Irene VanderBerg or Jenni Scheel.

**Winter Weather Cancellation:** In the event of severe winter 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.

