HERITAGE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, KALAMAZOO HERITAGECRC.ORG

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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 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: hcrcprayer@gmail.com **SERVICE MINISTRY:** Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

Districts Elder Deacon Glen Wagner Cheri Gavin A-M N-Z Rick Lingbeek Roger Selles

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

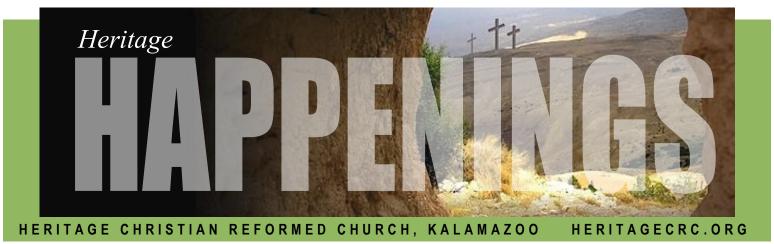
Nov. 28 - Dorothy Broekhuizen Dec. 1 - Ian Tuin

Dec. 8 - Chris Vanden Berg

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

11/28 - Barb Razenberg/Bruinwoods 12/1 - Pam Gould & Cheri Gavin 12/8 - Barb & Tara Razenberg

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				10:00 Thanksgiving Day Service THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE		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	9:30 Coffee Break	4 8 am Men's Bible Study	5 9:30 GROW Group	6	7
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	9:30 GROW Group	9:30 Heritage Piecemakers	14
15 10 am Pastor Simon "Be Faithful: Stewarding His Gifts" Matthew 25:14-30	16	9:30 Coffee Break 3:30 Shep. Elders	18 & PM KCSA Pre- school Christmas Program	19 9:30 GROW Group		7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative

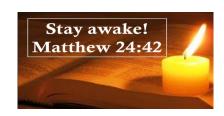


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What's up in Worship

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. This week's sermon is based on Matthew 24:30-51, "Be Sure: Not If but When."





Church Calendar for Nov. 28-Dec. 7:

10:00 Thanksgiving Day Worship Thursday Service

9:00 Help Decorate the church for Friday

Advent

Saturday 10:00 Help Decorate the church for

Advent

10:00 Worship Service Sunday

Tuesday 9:30 Coffee Break

Wednesday 8:00 am Men's Bible Study

9:30 GROW Group Thursday

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Della Porter ~ December 3 Evelyn Vroegop ~ December 5 Carol Bonselaar ~ December 6 Cheri Gavin ~ December 7



Anniversaries...

Norbert & Joy Hegelmann ~ December 7

thank you

Dear church friends, thank you all so much for vour expressions of caring during my recent surgery and unexpected side trip to rehab. As I continue to heal I'll look forward to soon being able to join you in worship. Gratefully, Joy Knurr

I want to thank my church family for the many cards, calls, and especially prayers as I have walked through my cancer journey. I feel so blessed to be a member of Heritage Church and to experience the love of God through each of you! Judy Wieringa



This Sunday, December 1, is Communion Sunday. We invite all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God and confess Jesus as their Savior, to join us at the table of our Lord for Communion. Trays will be passed down each pew, if you prefer you can pick up prefilled cups in the lobby before the service.

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Annual Congregational Meeting: The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 8 following the morning Worship Service. A copy of the proposed budget for 2025 was sent out via e-mail this week. Extra copies are available on the table outside the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Bosch, council president. Bob Razenberg, council VP/clerk or Jonathan Mejeur, Administrative Deacon.



COAT MIT'S that time again. Time to HAT GLOVE make room for new winter DRIVE 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 would love to have many volunteers come to church Friday, Nov. 29 and Saturday, November 30 to help decorate the church for the Advent season. We will start at 9 am on Friday and 10 am on Saturday. We would love to see you there! Thank you!



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

Offering Schedule

General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance Dec. 1 Loose Change: Hospice Care of SW

Michigan (Centrica)

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

General Fund & Faith Promise Dec. 15 Loose Change: World Renew

General Fund & Building Fund Dec. 22 Loose Change: Kalamazoo Valley

Gleaners

Offerings (deposited for November 24, 2024)

Benevolence Fund ~ \$300.00 Building Fund ~ \$175.00 Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$40.00 Faith Promise ~ \$2,850.00 General Fund ~ \$8,050.00 Growing Hope Globally ~ \$40.00 International Campus ~ \$223.00 Ministry Shares ~ \$185.00 Organ Fund ~ \$300.00 Wycliffe Bible Translators ~ \$50.00



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.



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. Thank you.

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.

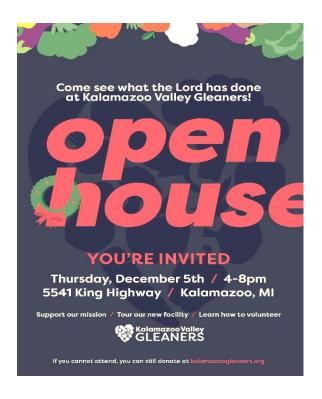


Do you enjoy doing puzzles? It's great for hand dexterity and eye coordination, plus its a great way to pass the time on those cold and snowing days that are heading our way. We have a

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.



The Kalamazoo Valley Gleaners are looking to hire a general manager. This is a full time paid position. If interested, contact Jim VanTuinen @ jvantuinen@gmail.com.



Family Faith Formation Tip Advent is a season of waiting. We wait expectantly for the birth of Christ, and we wait with hope for his coming again. Yet this season is often marked by hurried consumerism and overfilled calendars. How might you practice "waiting" in new ways this Advent season? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

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ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Advent Week 1: The Prophecy -Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. During this Advent season, we can remember God's faithfulness and our hope in Jesus, our Lord. Think of the names of Jesus in Isaiah 9:6: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. How do these names bring us hope? How do they express God's faithfulness? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast The Story of the Prophets.

Groundwork: Jesus: Our Wonderful Counselor -The prophet Isaiah calls the coming Messiah a "Wonderful Counselor." Join Groundwork as we explore Isaiah 9:6, Proverbs 1:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:18-24. and Colossians 1:15-19 to discover what this title communicates to us about Jesus and its connection to the biblical wisdom tradition. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

