

Heritage CRC

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Wednesday at noon. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

Summer OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday : 8:30 am—1:30 pm
Thursday : 8:30 am—12:30 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

NURSERY: November 6: Dorothy Broekhuizen & Kim Bruinwood
November 13: Glen Wagner & Ann Nieboer

COFFEE SERVERS: Nov 6: Dave & Carol Bonselaar, Sue Mejeur, Fred & Pam Gould
Nov 13/20: Dave & Kathy VanderMeer, Ken & Ellen Byle, Bonnie Colvin

HEARTLAND HEALTHCARE CENTER
(Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approximately 30 minutes)

November 6: Dave Bickle & Phyllis Triezenberg
November 13: Glen Wagner

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: November: Joy Hegelmann

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: November 6: Lisa Durian November 13: Pat Schewe
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 COMMUNION 9:30 AM Pastor Simon "Set Free to Live Free: Do Not Lie" Exodus 20:16 5 pm Pastor Simon "Lord's Supper: Christ and All His Benefits" Acts 2:42, Psalm 34:8	7	8 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am	9 Men's Bible Fellowship 8 am	10	11	12
13 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Set Free to Live Free: Do Not Covet" Exodus 20:17 5 pm Rev. David Armstrong	14	15 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Admin Board Meeting 7 pm Shepherding Elders 3 pm	16 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	17 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	18	19
20 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Christ the King Sunday: The Incomparable Christ" Colossians 1:15-20 5 pm Pastor Simon "Of Government and God's People" Romans 13:1-2	21	22 Council Meeting 7 pm	23	24 Thanksgiving Day Worship 9:30 am	25	26 Mobile Food Initiative Prairie Ridge 8 am set up 9 am food drop
27 ADVENT #1 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Who Is Coming?" Genesis 3:14-15; Matthew 25:31-46 No Evening Worship	28	29 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30-11 am	30	1 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am <i>December 2016</i>	2	3

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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 please fill out one of the "Count Your Blessings" slips available today in the bulletin as well as at the Information Center. Submissions will be used as part of our worship on Thanksgiving Day.

Advent: Then & Now: The Season of Advent invites us to celebrate Christ's first coming but also to long for His return. Christ has come and someday Christ will come again! Join us in this season of memory and hope that recounts what God has done and anticipates what God will do someday.



November 27~ Who is Coming?
December 6 ~ When is He Coming?
December 12 ~ How is He Coming?
December 18 ~ Where is He Coming?
December 25 ~ Why Did Christ Come?

Please plan to join us as well for our annual **Advent Lessons & Carols** service at 5 pm on Sunday, December 11 and our annual **Candlelight Service** at 5 pm on Sunday, December 18.

Ministry

Coffee Break Ladies are again collecting *winter coats, hats & mittens for all ages*. A box for this purpose is in the Narthex. Please remember those who are without these necessities during the cold winter months. Thank you.

Men's Bible Fellowship will gather around the table again this Wednesday, November 9 at 8 am. See you there!

Celebrations

Birthdays
Kelsey Bruinwood ~ November 6
Marilyn Stremmer ~ November 7

Anniversaries
Jerry & Ruth Mather ~ November 8

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 8!



Thank you...

It's Appreciated! Thank you for the cards, notes, tasty treats (a.k.a. chocolate!), lunch outings and gifts as part of Pastor Appreciation Month. My family and I are blessed to belong to such a kind and gracious community. It is a privilege and honor to serve Heritage Church in this capacity and I hold all of you in high regard as well.

Pastor Simon and family

Ministry Continued...

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!! Save the date!

Our Christmas Hostess Gathering is set for Wednesday, December 7 starting at 6:15 pm. Our theme this year is "The Music of Christmas" There are two ways to enjoy this wonderful night:



1. Be a Hostess of a table of 8
2. Be a guest at a table.

All ladies are invited to be a Hostess for a table of 8. Hostesses can invite anyone they choose to join them at their table: friends, neighbors, relatives, and other ladies from church.

The evening will begin with a time of punch and a light supper from 6:15—7 pm. This will be followed by an entertaining program and dessert.

If you think you might want to be a hostess, begin brainstorming who you might like to invite. More details on being a hostess can be found below.

Let's share another great evening together as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior!

Note: there are two sign up sheets on the table in the Narthex; one to simply come to the Christmas Hostess Gathering and one to be a Hostess! Sign up today!

Willing to serve as a Hostess? You won't be sorry. You can be creative and share a wonderful evening with family and friends. Here's what you do: Invite a few friends, family members, or neighbors to come to the Christmas Gathering. On the day of the event you may come to church to set your table. Tables will be up and table cloths are available. Use your own dishes or choose to use paper products or the dishes here at church along with your table decorations you choose. The only thing you will be asked to provide for dinner is the dessert for your table and if you would like a small gift or favor for the people at your table. Last year we had 11 beautiful tables set for the event! We hope to add a few more this year!! If you have questions, please see Betty Vlietstra, Jennie Scheel, Marilyn Stremmer, Judy Fletcher, Lisa Durian, Ruth Mather, or Evie Wenke.

Missions & Missionaries...

Loaves & Fishes wish list:

November: Low or no-salt vegetables
Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall

Emails or Letters to Missionaries...

Phil & Barb Nieboer ~ Jairo Solano
Jerry & Trudy Oele ~ Larry Spalink
Donna Penning ~ Van Ankum family

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 6 General Fund: Christian Education
Loose Change: Kzoo Deacons Conf
- Nov 13 General Fund: Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Kzoo Christian Sch
- Nov 20 General Fund: Faith Promise
Loose Change: Love, INC
- Nov 24 Thanksgiving: Kzoo Loaves/Fishes
- Nov 27 General Fund: Building Fund
Loose Change: Kzoo Gospel Mission

Offerings (for October 30)

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$5.00
- Christian Education Assistance ~ \$25.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$35.00
- General Fund ~ \$3,982.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$244.00
- World Renew/Hurricane Matthew ~ \$1,215.00

**Ladies Night
Vendor/Craft Show**

East Martin Christian School
516—118th Avenue, Martin, MI
269-672-5722

Monday, November 7, 2016
6-8:30 pm

Join us for a relaxing night of fun with live holiday music! Come hungry for our delicious homemade soups and desserts.

We've invited over 40 creative crafters & vendors for this fun filled night.

Requested Announcements

Kalamazoo Christian Middle School Fundraiser- CHICAGO BUS TRIP- Tuesday, December 6th. The bus is reserved- no guarantee how many buses we will take this year! Sign up NOW to make sure you will be on the bus and able to join us for a fun day in the Windy City. Chartered bus departs sharply at 8 AM from Valley Family Church. The ride will include fun fellowship, snacks and prizes! We are offering an early bird price of \$49/person until October 31. Regular price of \$59 begins November 1. Seats will only be reserved once payment is received. Checks can be made out to Kalamazoo Christian Middle School and turned in at the 12th Street Campus or sent to Rachel Sanderson, 7480 Morganshire Court, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Any questions, contact Rsanderson@allenedwin.com or 269-352-7678. Please include your email and cell number with your payment.

"Prairie Edge CRC, 9316 Oakland Dr, Portage is having their **5th Annual Holiday Bazaar** on Saturday, November 12 from 9am-2pm in the Activity Center. Admission is free. We have 40 vendors featuring several unique gift ideas. It's a great early Christmas shopping event, and we will have concessions for Breakfast/ Lunch. Please visit our website at pecrc.org to get more information and a full list of vendors. We still have a couple of booth spots open; if interested contact Cheryl Yonkers at 269-547-4533.

Are you concerned about "burnout" when caring for a senior? Do you want to know what assisted living is like for seniors and the adjustments they (and their families) face when they move in? Do you want to know why everyone should designate a power of attorney and medical patient advocate? If so, please come to Park Village Pines, a Christian assisted living community for seniors at 2920 Crystal Lane in Kalamazoo, on Thursday, November 10 to attend the "Issues in Aging" Open House at which seminars on these topics will be presented at both 6 pm and 7 pm. Please RSVP to Allison Phelps at 269-364-6062.

An Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing with The Helmsmen

You are invited to worship God and usher in the season of Advent through an Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing featuring the southern gospel group, The Helmsmen. The hymn sing is scheduled to begin at 2 pm at Twin Lake Church on Sunday afternoon, November 27, 2016. A free-will offering will be received for The Helmsmen and copies of their CDs will be available for purchase with payment to be mailed to them at a later date to avoid the transacting of business on Sunday. Twin Lakes Church is located at 5475 Ravine Road in Kalamazoo. We hope you will join us for a time of worshipping God through fun, fellowship and Christmas music!



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"I don't know all Ten Commandments. The only ones I remember are 'settle down', 'act your age' and 'take that out of your mouth'."