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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 10:00 AM

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Thursday by 8:00 am. Call,
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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 10 & 17 Bob & Barb Razenberg/Bonnie Colvin & Teri Wagner
Nov 24 & Dec 1 Norbert & Joy Hegelmann/Bob & Jane Pangle

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: hccrcprayer@gmail.com

SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

Nov. 10 - Ian Tuin
Nov. 17 - Paul Booden
Nov. 24 - Lisa Durian
Dec. 1 - Ian Tuin

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

11/10 - Lisa & Olivia Bosch
11/17 - Sharon Stryd & Nancy Vandenberg
11/24 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur
11/28 - Barb Razenberg



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What's up in Worship


Rebuilding: The Book of Nehemiah ~ Nehemiah is called by God to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem so that the remnant in Israel may dwell again in the city. It's ultimately the story of an unfaithful people's encounter with the unrelenting faithfulness of God who longs to see His people restored. In this series on the book of Nehemiah, we see what it means to be "living stones" whom God uses to build His church. This week's sermon is based on Nehemiah 10, **"Rebuilding: A People Set Apart"**.



What's Happening This Week

Church Calendar for November 10-16:

- Sunday 10:00 Worship Service
- Tuesday 7:00 Admin Council
- Thursday 9:30 GROW Group

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				7 9:30 GROW Group	8 9:30 Heritage Piecemakers	9
10 10 am Pastor Simon "Rebuilding: A People Set Apart" Nehemiah 10-11 11 am Congregational Meeting	11	12 7 pm Admin Council	13	14 9:30 GROW Group	15	16
17 10 am Pastor Simon "Rebuilding: Dedication Service" Nehemiah 12	18	19 9:30 Coffee Break 3:30 Shep. Elders	20	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 <i>Thanksgiving Day Service</i>	29 9:00 Help decorate the church for the Advent season	30 10:00 Help decorate the church for the Advent Season

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Jerry Oele ~ November 14



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

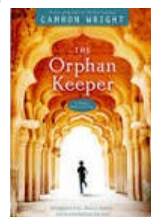
Council Update on Preschool Expansion:

Near the end of September, the council sent a letter to the congregation with an update on the KCSA Preschool Expansion plan. Soon after, a draft of the design plan for the building expansion was put up on display boards in the church, and we are grateful for the feedback we received.

When initial acceptance of this project was adopted in April it included requiring the congregation to approve the building design prior to the school moving ahead with the project. To that end a congregational meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, November 10**. Along with sharing an update on the project the congregation will be asked to approve the building design so that KCSA may move ahead and build an addition on to our facility for the Early Education Program.



The Orphan Keeper by Camron Wright is the next book to be discussed. It is based on the true story of seven-year-old Chellamuthu who is kidnapped from his village in India, sold to a Christian orphanage and then adopted by an unsuspecting couple in the U. S. We meet Tuesday November 26 at 10:00 am in the library. Book club will not meet in December. The book for January Molokai will be available after the new year.



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. So 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.



Offering Schedule

- Nov. 10 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Wycliffe
- Nov. 17 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
- Nov. 24 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose change: International Campus Ministries
- Dec. 1 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Hospice Care of SW Michigan (Centrica)

Offerings (deposited for November 3, 2024)

- Building Fund ~ \$10.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$25.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$165.00
- General Fund ~ \$10,405.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$60.00
- ReFrame Ministries ~ \$259.00

Prayerline:

- (1) In order to improve our church prayerline ministry, we are asking everyone to use a new email address for all communications: prayer requests, prayer updates, praise items, and requests to add or delete email addresses. The new email address is: hrcrprayer@gmail.com
- (2) You will continue receiving prayer items via the "old" email address, but are asked to send items to the "new" email address.
- (3) If you are not receiving prayerline emails as requested, please check your "spam" folder. If you are still having problems receiving prayerline emails, contact: hrcrprayer@gmail.com

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.



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 be doing a lot of cleaning out!

Family Faith Formation Tip

“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 5:10, NIV). Today is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. We take for granted that we can go to church each week and have the freedom to worship God. This week, pray for our siblings in Christ around the world who are persecuted for their faith. Throughout the week, say short prayers thanking God for your freedom, and pray steadfastly for believers who suffer persecution. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Beatitude 6: Zoomed in on God - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. In the Beatitudes, God promises blessings to people whose hearts are pure because they see a clear picture of God. In the Bible, "heart" means your emotions, thoughts, and attitude. So, when Jesus talks in Matthew 5:8 about people who have pure hearts, he means those whose feelings, thoughts, and attitudes are entirely focused on God. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast The Story of Lydia.

Groundwork: Be On Guard: False Teaching and Its Consequences - We will always experience pressure to compromise our faith in Jesus Christ. Join Groundwork as we study 2 Peter 2 to examine how Peter's ardent defense of the gospel helps us stay rooted in God's truth, learn discernment through the Holy Spirit, and live lives that fully align with the teachings of Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.