

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, KALAMAZOOHERITAGECRC.ORG

Heritage CRC

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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 10:00 AM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Thursday by 8:00 am. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
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OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm
Thursday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

COFFEE SERVERS:
Oct 13 & 20 Glen & Ruth Wagner/Dorothy Broekhuizen, Rose Dame
Oct 27 & Nov 3 Bill & Joyce Truscott/Yvonne DeHollander



PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:
Oct. 13 - Chris VandenBerg
Oct. 20 - Paul Booden
Oct. 27 - Lisa Durian
Nov. 3 - Ian Tuin

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:
10/13 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur
10/20 - Wendy Rose & Nancy VandenBerg
10/27 - Mary Deters & Barb Razenberg
11/3 -Kim Bruinwood & Barb Razenberg

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				10 9:30 GROW Group	11	12
13 10 am Pastor Simon "Rebuilding: Intimidation and Project Completion" Nehemiah 6-7:3	14	15 9:30 Coffee Break 3:30 Shep. Elders	16 10 am WC Bible Study	17 9:30 GROW Group	18	19
20 10 am Pastor Simon "Rebuilding: Gathered Together" Nehemiah 7:4-8:18	21	22 10:00 Book Club	23 10:00 WC Bible Study	24 9:30 GROW Group	25	26 7:45 Mobile Food Initiative 
27 10 am Pastor Simon "Rebuilding: Confession and Commitment" Nehemiah 9	28	29	30 10:00 WC Bible Study	31 9:30 GROW Group	1 	2

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HAPPENINGS

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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, which begins on Sunday, September 8, we will see what it means to be “living stones” whom God uses to build His church. This week’s sermon is based on Nehemiah 6:1-7:3, **“Rebuilding: Intimidation & Project Completion”**.

thank you

Thank you for telling others about Jesus through the Bible League. Through the love letter fundraiser our congregation raised \$780.00!! Thank you so much to all who participated in this fundraiser. Continue to pray for provision of God’s Word for our lost and needy world.

Celebrations...

Birthdays...
Helen Lukan Brown ~ October 13
Barb VanDalen 90! ~ October 18

Anniversaries...
Ferrel & Marilyn Stremler ~ October 16

Church Calendar for October 13-19:

Sunday	10:00	Worship Service
Tuesday	9:30 3:30	Coffee Break Shep. Elders
Wednesday	10:00	WC Bible Study
Thursday	9:30	GROW Group

Update on Preschool: On Tuesday, the architect from Dan Vos Construction presented a preliminary draft for the proposed addition for the KCSA early education program. Large print versions of the preliminary plans are now available – one on the Fellowship Hall (near the kitchen) and the other in the lobby/narthex and feedback from the congregation is welcomed. If you have any questions, please talk to Bob Razenberg or Ernie Waterhouse.



The Wednesday morning Bible Study is studying "Becoming a Welcoming Church" We meet on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us. See Michael VandenBerg with any questions and to request a book.

GROW GROUP

GROW GROUP BIBLE STUDY - Our GROW group has begun! Meetings are on Thursdays at 9:30 am. We plan to study the 4th season of The Chosen. All women are invited to join us!



On Tuesday October 22 at 10:00am we will be discussing the book We Hope for Better Things by Erin Bartels. It is a powerful, riveting tale of 150 years of racism through three white women and their complex family history.



Offering Schedule

- Oct. 13 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Forgotten Man Ministries
- Oct. 20 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Kal. Christian Schools
- Oct. 27 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries
- Nov. 3 General Fund & Christian Education
Loose Change: Reframe Ministries

Offerings (deposited for October 6, 2024)

- Building Fund ~ \$4,085.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance Fund ~ \$235.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$260.00
- General Fund ~ \$6,625.00
- Memorial Fund ~ \$415.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$60.00
- Pacific Island Ministries ~ \$267.00



October is pastor appreciation month. We give thanks to Pastor Simon and his family for all they do for our church family. A few ideas to show your appreciation: a note, a phone call, some cookies or other treats. Thank you Pastor Simon!



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.

Resonate Global Mission

Living In Hope - Women's Retreat - Come by yourself, with your mom or daughter, or with some friends and spend the weekend (November 1-3) with us at Gull Lake Ministries Center in Hickory Corners, Michigan. Enjoy the beautiful setting as we look at 1 & 2 Thessalonians to explore the theme of Living in Hope. Learn from Pamela Alderman as she leads us Friday and Saturday followed on Sunday by Marisol Cabrera. The weekend will be a wonderful time of learning and growing -- or sign up for the single day option for a quick day away! Details at globalcoffeebreak.org/events

World Renew

Hurricane Milton Response - World Renew Disaster Response Services is working with our partners in Florida to coordinate a response to Hurricane Milton. World Renew is already present in Sarasota to assist after hurricanes Debby (Aug) and Helene (Sept). Pray for comfort, recovery, and hope for hurricane survivors in Florida and the southeastern US. Please give generously to World Renew DRS Hurricane Milton response at worldrenew.net/hurricanemilton, call 1-800-552-7972, or mail a check made out to World Renew DRS, with "DRS Hurricane Milton" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr., SW, Byron Center, Michigan, 49315.



Reformation Hymn Festival: You are invited to a free musical event that will explore the Christian life through the great hymns of the faith, accompanied by talented instrumentalists and singers from area churches. Come join your voices with ours as we rejoice in a salvation that is by grace alone! **Saturday, October 19th, 6:30PM** at Community Presbyterian Church (811 Gorham Lane, Kalamazoo).

Family Faith Formation Tip

This month is Clergy Appreciation Month. First Timothy 5:17 says, "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (NIV). Take some time this week to write a note to a leader in the church, telling them why you are grateful for them. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Beatitude 2: Blessed By Sadness? - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. As Jesus taught his followers in the Sermon on the Mount, He said, "God blesses those people who grieve. They will find comfort!". Grieving means someone is really, really sad. When you think about someone grieving, how do you think God blesses them? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.

Groundwork: What it Means to be God's Chosen People - When we're through challenging times, we may find ourselves wondering: "Does my life matter? Am I making a difference?" Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 2:4-25 to see how Peter comforts Christians experiencing suffering by affirming their identities in Christ and their intrinsic value as God's chosen people. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



The Kalamazoo Alternatives Care Center is in critical need of size 5 diapers. If you have donations you can put them in our basinet in the fellowship hall area. Thank you!