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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
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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 27 & Nov 3 Bill & Joyce Truscott/Yvonne DeHollander
Nov 10 & 17 Bob & Barb Razenberg/Bonnie Colvin & Teri Wagner

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: hccrcprayer@gmail.com

SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

Nov. 3 - Chris VandenBerg
Nov. 10 - Ian Tuin
Nov. 17 - Paul Booden
Nov. 24 - Lisa Durian

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

11/3 -Kim Bruinwood & Barb Razenberg
11/10 - Lisa & Olivia Bosch
11/17 - Sharon Stryd & Nancy VandenBerg
11/24 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur



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What's up in Worship

Please welcome to our pulpit, guest pastor Rev. Curry Pikkaart as he leads us in worship this Sunday. His sermon is based on John 9:1-6 & Romans 8:28-29, "All Part of God's Plan?"



This Sunday, November 3, 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.

MISSIONARY VISIT: This Sunday we are pleased to welcome Joseph Mutebi, our World Renew missionary from Uganda and Kacey Spencer, Donor Engagement Program Manager from World Renew. Joseph will give a brief update during the service and remain after the coffee time to answer your questions and make additional comments. Kacey and Joseph will also have materials for your review on display in the narthex.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				31 9:30 GROW Group	1 	2
3 Communion Sunday 10 am Curry Pikkaart "All Part of God's Plan?" John 9:1-6; Romans 8:28-29	4	5 9:30 Coffee Break	6 8:00 am Men's Bible Study	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 

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Kelsey Bruinwood ~ November 6
Marilyn Stremmer ~ November 7
Rode Dame ~ November 8



Anniversaries...

Jerry & Ruth Mather ~ November 8



I am grateful for the notes, cards and gifts of appreciation I received during Pastor Appreciation Month in October. I am reminded yet again how wonderful it is to be serving among all of you here at Heritage Church. ~ Pastor Simon & Family

What's Happening This Week

Church Calendar for November 3-9:

- Sunday 10:00 Worship Service
- Tuesday 9:30 Coffee Break
- Wednesday 8:00 Men's Bible Study
- Thursday 9:30 GROW Group
- Friday 9:30 Heritage Piecemakers

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.



Christmas time is coming: All new ideas are welcome! To decorate the sanctuary, many hands make lighter work and more fellowship fun. We would love your help!

Come and join us on Friday, November 29 and/or Saturday, November 30. More details next week. **Mark this on your calendars** and come help make our church beautiful for the Advent season.



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.



Offering Schedule

- Nov. 3 General Fund & Christian Education
Loose Change: Reframe Ministries
- 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

Offerings (deposited for October 27, 2024)

- Building Fund ~ \$325.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$25.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$835.00
- General Fund ~ \$7,937.00
- Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries ~ \$285.10
- Ministry Shares ~ \$65.00

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: hrcprayer@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: hrcprayer@gmail.com

The Sundays of November 3 & 10 have been designated the INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER for the Persecuted Church.

The reality of persecution today is sobering. In the past year, around 5,000 Christians were murdered simply because of their faith. Over 14,000 Christian properties have been attacked, and more than 4,000 believers have been detained, often in harsh and inhumane conditions. An estimated 316 million Christians worldwide live under significant persecution, facing daily threats to their lives, livelihoods, and freedoms. These numbers are not just statistics; they represent our brothers and sisters—men, women, and children who courageously endure suffering for Christ.

Let us be inspired by the courageous faith of our persecuted brothers and sisters. Let us commit to praying fervently for them, asking God to strengthen and sustain them in their trials... In a world where religious freedom is increasingly under threat, our collective prayers and actions are more crucial than ever. We stand with our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ, encouraged by their example and committed to supporting them in their time of need. (Note: This is part of a letter sent by Godfrey Yogarajah, Ambassador for Religious Freedom with the World Evangelical Alliance)

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.



Family Faith Formation Tip

During this week, the global church commits to praying for resolutions to the growing problem of world hunger. The World Food Program (wfpusa.org) tells us that “up to 783 million people worldwide are facing chronic hunger. That means one in ten people are not consuming enough food to lead an active, healthy life.” Each day of the coming week, pick a different country to pray for—asking that increased resources may be found, that food may be shared, and that all of God’s children may flourish and thrive. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Beatitude 5: Showing Mercy Like Jesus - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. There is no better example of someone showing mercy than Jesus showing care to the people he healed and to a crowd of hungry people. We can thank him for the compassion he showed us on the cross and ask for his help to show others mercy each day. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast Jesus Feeds 5000 People.

Groundwork: Growing in Our Salvation and Recognizing Truth - Do you ever feel like God asks the impossible of us? Join Groundwork as we study 2 Peter 1 to learn from the apostle Peter who reminds us that we aren’t meant to rely on ourselves to live godly lives; rather it is when we rely on God’s divine power and promises that we grow in our salvation, recognize truth, and persevere in our faith. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.