

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:
Sep 29 & Oct 6 Bob & Mary Deters/Matt & Lisa Durian
Oct 13 & 20 Glen & Ruth Wagner/Dorothy Broekhuizen, Rose Dame

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:
Sep. 29 - Ian Tuin
Oct. 6 - Ian Tuin
Oct. 13 - Chris VandenBerg
Oct. 20 - Paul Booden

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:
9/29 - Sue Florian & Joyce Truscott
10/6 - Cheri Gavin & Joy Knurr
10/13 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur
10/20 - Wendy Rose & Nancy VandenBerg

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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 4, **“Rebuilding: In the Face of Opposition”**.

Our next church potluck is scheduled for October 6. We hope to see everyone there! If you are able please bring a dish to pass. All tableware and drinks will be provided. Come enjoy some delicious food and wonderful fellowship!

Celebrations...

Birthdays...



Tara Mastenbrook ~ September 29
Betty Visser ~ September 29
Roger Selles ~ October 3

Anniversaries...

Don & Nancy Doerr ~ October 1

Church Calendar for September 28-Oct 5:

Saturday	7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative
Sunday	10:00 Worship Service
Tuesday	9:30 Coffee Break
Wednesday	8:00 Men’s Bible Study
Thursday	9:30 GROW Group

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				26 9:30 GROW Group	27	28 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative 
29 10 am Pastor Simon “Rebuilding: In the Face of Opposition” Nehemiah 4	30	1 9:30 Coffee Break 	2 8 am Men’s Bible Study	3 9:30 GROW Group	4	5
6 Communion Sunday 10 am Pastor Simon “Rebuilding: Responding to Trouble” Nehemiah 5 11:30 All Church Potluck	7	8 7 pm Admin Council	9 10:00 WC Bible Study	10 9:30 GROW Group	11 9:30 Heritage Piecemakers	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 10:00 WC Bible Study	17 9:30 GROW Group	18	19

Council News

Roof replacement update: It looks like work will commence around the end of September or beginning of October. The funds to pay for the roof will be taken from our savings and the building fund. If anyone from the congregation would like to give money for the new roof they can certainly do so. Please make sure the donation is marked "new church roof". Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Heritage CRC Council

Coffee Break begins Tuesday, October 1 at 9:30 AM. We will be discussing a book on the 12 disciples. Coffee Break is open to all ladies. Contact Ellen Byle at 269-349-1122 in regard to getting the book for study.



Men's Bible Study meets this week on Wednesday, October 2 at 8AM. Please join us for a study of Thessalonians. We always welcome new members for an hour of Bible Study.



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



The Wednesday morning Bible Study will not meet this coming Wednesday, October 2.

Offering Schedule

- Sep. 29 General Fund
Loose Change: Luke Society
- Oct. 6 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Pacific Island Ministries
- Oct. 13 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Forgotten Man Ministries
- Oct. 20 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Kal. Christian Schools

Offerings (deposited for September 22, 2024)

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$507.00
- Building Fund ~ \$10,500.00
- Calvin Theological Seminary ~ \$20.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance Fund ~ \$25.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$120.00
- General Fund ~ \$4,736.00



Mobile Food Initiative is **Saturday, September 28.**

7:45 AM at **Heritage CRC.**

See you there!



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 thru three white women and their complex family history.



Bible League

Each year the Bible League volunteers send out a special fundraising letter to you. Together we are equipping Christians and churches all over the globe to engage people in the Word of God. As a result, God's Kingdom is growing! Look for this letter in your church mailbox and pray for God's word to change lives. Thank you, Bonnie Colvin & Barb Nieboer.



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).

Classis Kalamazoo is seeking a nominee for the Council of Delegates (the governing board of the CRC). This is a three-year term starting July 1, 2025, renewable for a second three-year term. You can learn more about the Council of Delegates here: [Council of Delegates | Christian Reformed Church \(crcna.org\)](https://www.crcna.org). If you would like to put forward someone as a nominee, or nominate yourself, please submit their/ your name and a brief bio to Rev. Mike Koetje, interim Stated Clerk, at classiskalamazoostatedclerk@gmail.com by September 30.

Family Faith Formation Tip

First Peter 3:15 urges us to be prepared to share with others the reason we have hope. As Christians, we have hope because Jesus loves us and promises that one day, there will be no more sadness, no more sickness, no more hurt (Rev. 21:4). Spend some time praying this week about whom you can talk with about Jesus. Consider with whom God may be calling you to share the hope you have in Christ. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](https://www.crcna.org/Thrive)

Hope in Christ

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: The Beatitudes: Hope-Filled Blessings - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Check out the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:1-12. Read each Beatitude, and remember that Jesus is showing you a new way to live. It's a way filled with hope, even when things seem tough. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast: The Story of Peter.

Groundwork: Praise God for Our Living Hope - Life is full of ups and downs, yet even in suffering we have reason for great joy: our living hope and identity in Jesus Christ. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 1:1-12 to discover the incredible value of our faith as Peter opens his letter by praising God for the living hope and inheritance we receive as a direct result of our faith in Jesus Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Video Recording



A video recording of the morning worship service will be posted to our church YouTube page either on Sunday or Monday. Here is the link to our YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCutET663hVzpPohBMiCXEQa>. If you haven't already done so, be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the notification bell to receive updates whenever a new video becomes available.