

Heritage CRC

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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 9:30 AM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Thursday by 8:00 am. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 8:30 am —12:30 pm
Thursday: 8:30 am —12:00 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

COFFEE SERVERS:

Dec. 11 & 18 Bob & Barb Razenberg/Dan & Deb VanderMeer
Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 Gary & Dorothy Broekhuizen/Glen & Ruth Wagner

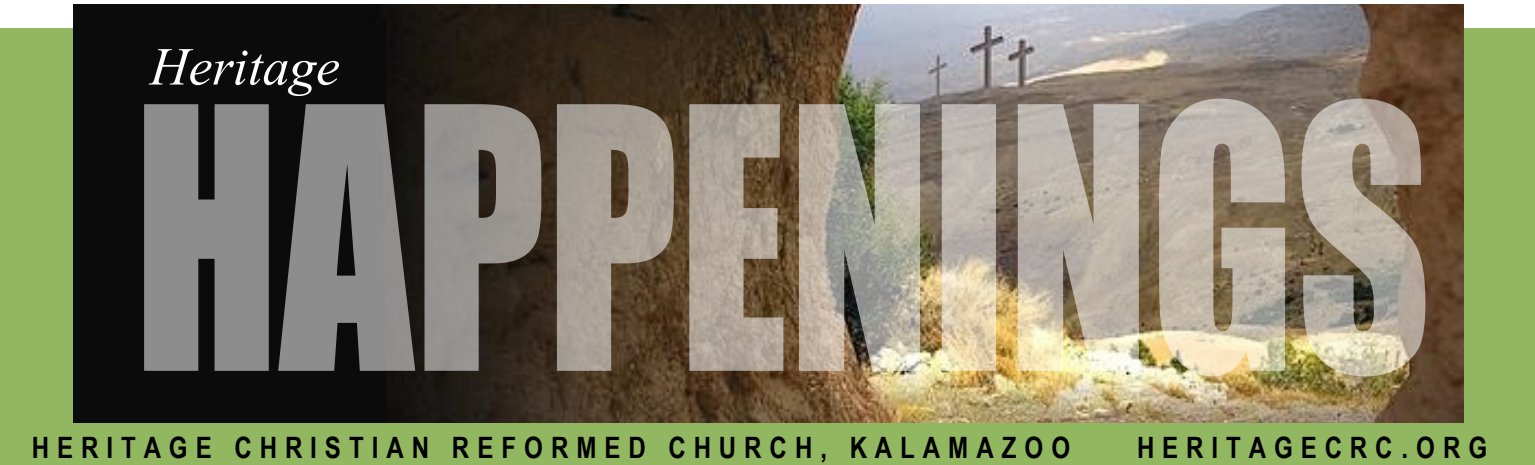
PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

December 18 - Paul Booden
December 25 - Gary Broekhuizen
January 1 - Lisa Durian
January - LillieAnn Durian

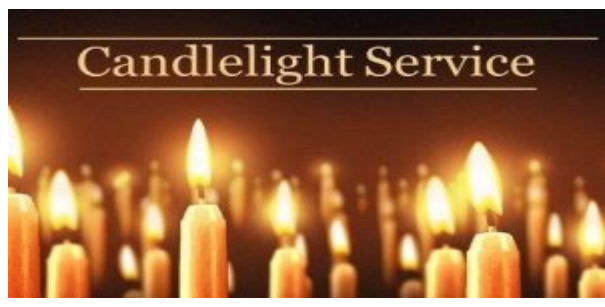
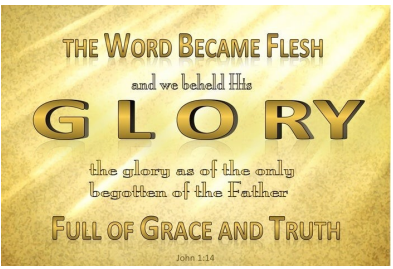


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What's up in Worship

Advent Sermon Series:
The Glory of the One and Only. The incarnation is shocking. When we live in light of the incarnation of Jesus, our lives will be shocking to others. Yet our lives will testify to the great news of Advent: Christ has come, God is with us, and one day He will come again. Beginning Sunday, November 27, join us in Advent for a series on John 1:1-18 as we discover how Jesus' incarnation shows He is worthy to be trusted and treasured. This week's message: *"We Have Seen His Glory"*, John 1:14-18



Candlelight Service Join us this Sunday, December 18 at 6pm for our a Candlelight Service. Through the singing of carols and the lighting of candles we will journey together to Bethlehem and rejoice in all we have seen and heard!

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Melissa Piontek ~ December 18
Esther Manni ~ December 20
Dorothy VanDenBerg ~ December 21
Tim Brennan ~ December 22
Judy Fletcher ~ December 22



A big, big thank you to all the ladies who made possible the Christmas tea! A relaxing time, a few carols and readings and much enthusiasm from our pre-school youngsters with their carols! Thanks to "hidden" numbers, many went home with poinsettia plants or vases with rose buds. Fun and camaraderie for all.

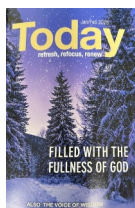
Pictorial directory updates were placed in your mailboxes last week. If you need an actual directory please let Lisa know (372-3830 or churchoffice@heritagecrc.org). More updates coming soon!



Coffee Break for December 20 has been cancelled but will resume on Tuesday, January 3 at 9:30 AM.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				15	16	17 8 am Mobile Food Initiative
18 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> 9:30 am Pastor Simon "We Have Seen His Glory" John 1:14-18 6 pm Candlelight Service	19	20 3:30 pm Shep. Elders	21 10 am The STORY Bible Study	22	23	24
25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Immanuel: God With Us" Matthew 1:18-25	26	27	28 10 am THE STORY Bible Study	29	30	31
1 9:30 am Rev. Eric Schering "Doing Only What the Father Is Doing" John 5:16-30	2	3 9:30 am Coffee Break	4	5 9:30 am GROW Group	6	7

This Sunday, Dec. 18 is the final Sunday to turn in your items for the Deacon's Christmas project. The grocery cart for your donations is located by the church office. Any questions can be directed to Emma Schering, Teri Wagner, or Judy Wieringa.



Today Booklets: The January/February booklets have arrived. Please pick up a copy outside the southeast sanctuary doors if you so desire a copy.



The Coffee Break ladies are continuing to collect warm items for those in need. All things collected will be taken to KGM after the first of the year. We can use new or gently used: coats, sweaters, gloves, scarves, boots, blankets, etc. **Thank you so much!** The box is located by the church office. Any questions, please call Barb Nieboer, 343-5378 or Joyce Truscott, 342-1686.

Mobile Food Initiative is this *Saturday, December 17.*

7:45 AM at Centerpoint Church. Please let the office know if you can help out.

See you there!



Offering Schedule

- Dec. 18 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Kal. Christian Schools
- Dec. 25 World Renew
- Jan. 1 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Rehoboth Christian School
- Jan. 8 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Luke Society

Offerings (deposited for Dec. 11, 2022)

- Alternatives of Kalamazoo ~ \$100.00
- Benevolence Fund ~ \$410.00
- Building Fund ~ \$40.00
- Christian Ed Assistance ~ \$20.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$160.00
- General Fund ~ \$6,427.52
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$240.00
- Hospice Care of SW Michigan ~ \$20.00
- Memorial Fund ~ \$400.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$230.00
- Misc. Income ~ \$355.00
- Wycliffe Bible Translators ~ \$224.00

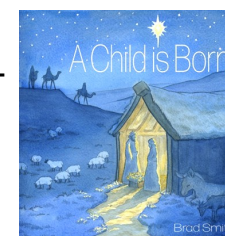
From the Deacons: December 31, 2022 marks the end of the year for financial gifts that will be included in the 2022 summary of tithes and offerings to Heritage Church. All contributions received and deposited after January 1, 2023 will be included on your summary for 2023. In January, the deacons will place this summary in the mailbox of each member for whom a report is available. Questions? Please contact one of the deacons.

The 2023 offering envelopes were ordered a little late this year. Because of this we probably won't get them until early January. Until they arrive, please be sure to designate your envelope number and/or name and how much you want to go into each fund either on your check or on a separate sheet of paper. We are sorry for the inconvenience!

This Sunday, Dec. 18, is the final day to turn in your cards for our homebound members. There is a basket on the table by the office. Thank you.



A Gift of Christmas Music: Brad Smith is a 24-year Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra musician (Oboe) who with his wife, Wendy has been attending Heritage Church the past few years. He has kindly provided a gift of Christmas music in the form of a CD he produced last year. 40+ copies of the CD are available at the information center and you are encouraged to take one home with you. The music from this CD and a Christmas CD he produced and recorded in 1995 is also available on his website: <https://bradsmithoboe.com/free-download>.



World Renew Announcement

We're so excited to share our BRAND NEW Gift Catalog with you! **In this season of giving, you can give a gift for good through World Renew's Gift Catalog.** With so many gifts like chickens, goats, tools for farming, and clean water, there are plenty of ways to give your loved ones.

With old favorites and exciting new items, there's something for everyone. Check out our online Gift Catalog: it's the easiest way to give! And the best part - families living in poverty will find hope when they receive these essential items. Because your gift, whether big or small, means you are sharing the tangible love of Jesus with someone experiencing a real need.

You will find the gift catalog on the round table by the church office.



Family Faith Formation Tip

During Advent, we light the candle of Peace. Through Jesus Christ, God gives us peace.

In what area of your life do you most need God's peace? How might you be a peacemaker this week?

Wonder and talk about that with someone this week.

crcna.org/FaithFormation

ReFrame Ministries

Advent: Love as an Action - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. People usually think of love as a feeling. Did you ever think of love as an action? Well, God's love is active! Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: Joseph: The Virgin Birth and Prophecies Fulfilled - It isn't until Joseph receives angelic confirmation that he believes the miracle of the virgin birth. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 1:18-25 to discuss how this fulfills Old Testament prophecies and gives us confidence to trust in God's continued presence and faithfulness in our lives as we prepare for his second coming. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

CRC Communications

Begin 2023 with Free CRC Leadership Training - Register now to take the Thriving Essentials virtual training in January at no cost (limit 25 persons). The two, 2-hour-long Zoom sessions (Jan. 11 + 18) can help get all church leaders on the same page concerning the key concepts of Mission, Discipleship, Discernment, and Leadership. Take the class for yourself, then decide if attendance would benefit your core church leadership. More info at: crcna.org/Thrive