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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 9:30 AM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Thursday by 8:00 am. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
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OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 8:30 am —12:30 pm
Thursday: 8:30 am —12:00 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

COFFEE SERVERS:

Nov. 27 & Dec 4 Fred & Pam Gould/Norm & Bonnie Langeland
Dec. 11 & 18 Bob & Barb Razenberg/Dan & Deb VanderMeer

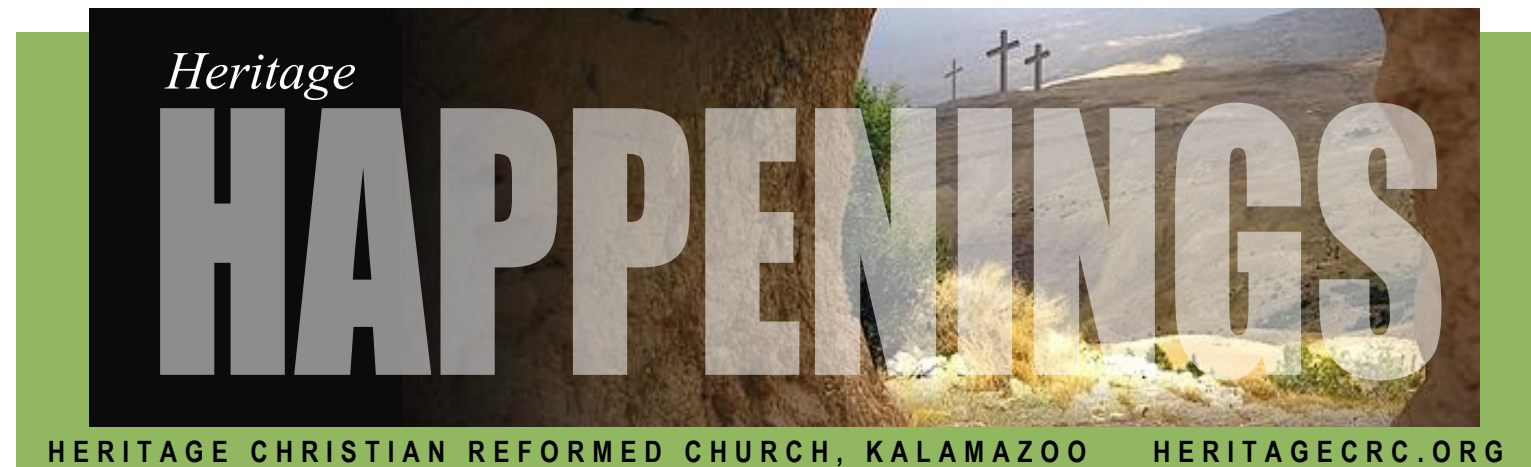
PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

December 4 - Lisa Durian
December 11 - LillieAnn Durian
December 18 - Paul Booden
December 25 - Gary Broekhuizen



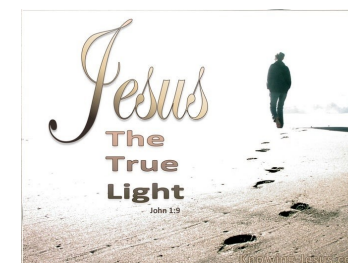
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What's up in Worship

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: "A Witness to the Light", John 1:6-9



Sunday, December 4, 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.

This Sunday is the all church potluck after the morning worship service. Please bring a dish to pass if you are able, drinks and table service will be provided. We hope to see you there!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> 9:30 am Pastor Simon "A Witness to the Light" John 1:6-9 11:00 am Church Potluck	5	6 9:30 am Coffee Break	7 8 am Men's Bible Study 10 am The STORY Bible Study	8 9:30 am GROW Group	9	10
11 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> 9:30 am Pastor Simon "To All Who Received Him" John 1:10-13 11:00 am Congregational Meeting	12 1:30 pm Ladies Tea 7:00 pm KCHS Choir Concert	13 7:00 pm Admin Board 5:00 pm KCSA Preschool program	14 10 am THE STORY Bible Study	15 9:30 am GROW Group	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 8:30 am Coffee Break	21 10 am THE STORY Bible Study	22 9:30 am GROW Group	23	24

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Evelyn Vroegop ~ December 5
Carol Bonselaar ~ December 6
Cheri Gavin ~ December 7
Taylor Bruinwood ~ December 10



Anniversaries...

Norbert & Joy Hegelmann ~ December 7

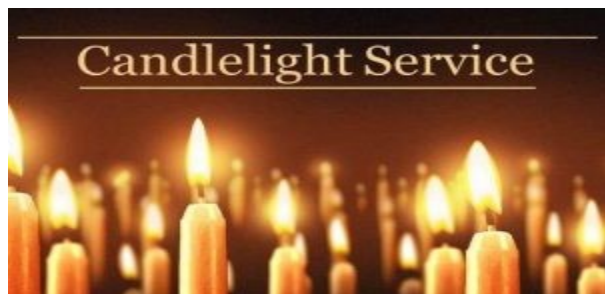
Annual Congregational Meeting: The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 11 following the morning Worship Service. A copy of the proposed budget for 2023 was sent out via e-mail this week. Extra copies are available on the table outside the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Donn Carlisle, council president, Matt Durian, council VP/clerk or Emma Schering, Administrative Deacon.



Ladies, A Christmas Tea is being planned for Monday afternoon, December 12 here at church beginning at 1:30. Please save the date!! Hope you can come!!! So we can plan accordingly, there is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer Please let us know if you think you can come!!



Thank you to everyone who came to church last week and helped decorate the sanctuary for Advent, your help was greatly appreciated and the decorations are beautiful!



Candlelight Service Join us on 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!



ONCE AGAIN, we ask for your help in collecting 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 gals from Coffee Break.* The box is located by the church office. Any questions, please call Barb Nieboer, 343-5378 or Joyce Truscott, 342-1686.

Offering Schedule

- Dec. 4 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan
- Dec. 11 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Wycliffe
- Dec. 18 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Kal. Christian Schools
- Dec. 25 World Renew

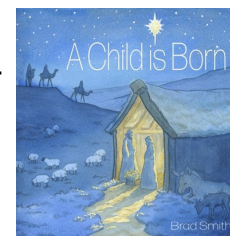
Offerings (deposited for Nov. 27, 2022)

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$100.00
- Building Fund ~ \$120.00
- Christian Ed Assistance ~ \$85.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$318.00
- General Fund ~ \$5,850.00
- International Campus Ministry ~ \$218.00
- Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries ~ \$100.00
- Loaves and Fishes ~ \$481.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$110.00
- Wycliffe Bible Translators ~ \$10.00
- Rental Income from KCHS Preschool ~ \$30,000



The deacons have decided to bless the organization, Alternatives, for our Christmas project this year. After consulting with them on what is most needed, we are asking those whose last names start with A to M to choose from the following: girls clothing sizes 3T to 5T, pajamas sizes 2T to 5T, baby wipes, or formula (regular, sensitive, and gentle). We are asking those whose last names start with N to Z to choose from the following: boys clothing sizes 3T to 5T, infant sleepers sizes 12 months to 24 months, new bottles, or formula. By dividing these items up we hope to get a good variety of items. The information is in your mailboxes. Thank you in advance from the deacons! IF you have any questions please see Teri Wagner, Emma Schering, or Judy Wieringa.

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 Love. Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection were all characterized by love. In return, we are to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself." Consider how your family or household might do those things more fully in the coming year.

ReFrame Ministries

Advent: God Brings Peace - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Look for ways you can be a peacemaker this Advent season. If you have any friends or family members who haven't trusted Jesus, tell them about how he came to earth to bring peace between us and God. You can also find ways to make things easier, less worrisome, or less lonely for people in need. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John the Baptist: Preparing the Way for Jesus - Just like we prepare for Christmas, God prepared the world for salvation. Join Groundwork as we study Luke 1:5-25, 57-66 to witness how Zechariah, Elizabeth, and their son, John the Baptist, prepare the way for Jesus' birth and allow their message to prepare our hearts again for Jesus' second coming. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.