

**Heritage CRC**

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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 9:30 AM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:  
Thursday by 8:00 am. Call,  
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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

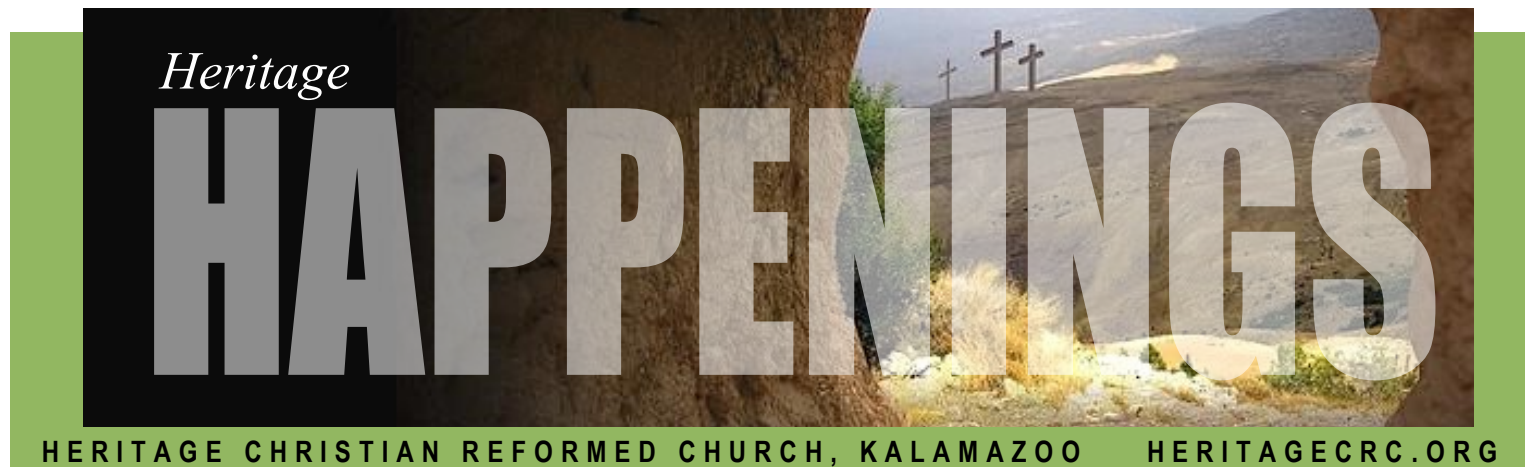
**PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY:** prayerline@heritagecrc.org

**SERVICE MINISTRY:** Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

**MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:**

December 11 - LillieAnn Durian  
December 18 - Paul Booden  
December 25 - Gary Broekhuizen  
January 1 - Lisa Durian

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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11 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> 9:30 am Pastor Simon <b>"To All Who Received Him"</b> John 1:10-13 11:00 am Congregational Meeting	12 1:30 pm Ladies Tea 7:00 pm KCHS Choir Concert	13 5:00 pm KCSA Preschool program 7:00 Admin Board	14 10 am The STORY Bible Study	15	16	17 8 am Mobile Food Initiative
18 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> 9:30 am Pastor Simon <b>"We Have Seen His Glory"</b> John 1:14-18 6 pm Candlelight Service	19	20	21 10 am THE STORY Bible Study	22	23	24
25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 9:30 am Pastor Simon <b>"Immanuel: God With Us"</b> Matthew 1:18-25	26	27	28 10 am The STORY Bible Study	29	30	31



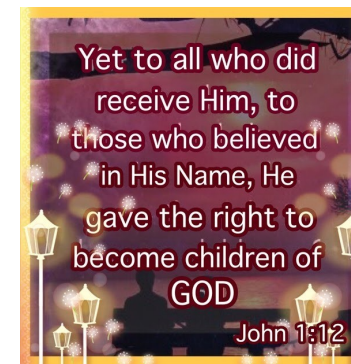
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**What's up in Worship**

*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: *"To All Who Received Him"*, John 1:10-13



**Annual Congregational Meeting:** The annual Congregational meeting is scheduled for this Sunday, December 11 following the morning worship service. A copy of the proposed budget for 2023 was sent out via email last 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.

There are pictorial directory updates in your mailboxes. If you need an actual directory please let Lisa know (372-3830). More updates coming soon!

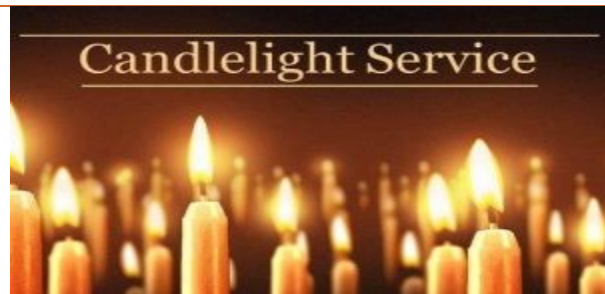


**Attention all Ladies:** The Christmas Tea is planned for Monday, December 12 at 1:30 in the afternoon! We hope you're planning to come! There will be tea, coffee and Christmas goodies, a short program, some singing and a time for fellowship and getting to know one another a little better. If you have not already done so, please sign the sheet on the table in the foyer so we can plan accordingly!! We look forward to seeing everyone!!



Thank you all for the cards, calls and prayers. Infections are gone. Some seasons of our lives are easier than others. Through each one you gave me friendship, prayers and love. Joy Hegelmann

**New Members:** The Shepherding Elders recently received the membership transfer of Terry & Sue Florian from Southern Heights CRC, the church that received members from the former Milwood Community CRC. Please join us in welcoming them as members to Heritage CRC. A page for the pictorial directory will be coming soon!



### Offering Schedule

- 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 Dec. 4, 2022)

- Alternatives of Kalamazoo ~ \$400.00
- Building Fund ~ \$45.00
- Christian Ed Assistance ~ \$1,150.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$380.00
- General Fund ~ \$7,215.00
- International Campus Ministry ~ \$218.00
- Hospice Care of SW Michigan ~ \$205.00
- Memorial Fund ~ \$100.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$60.00



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.

### Mobile Food Initiative is Saturday, December 17.

8 AM at Centerpoint Church.  
Please let the office know if you can help out.



See you there!

**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!



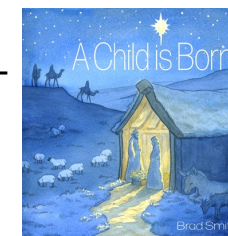
The Coffee Break ladies are continuing to collect warm items for those in need. All things collected will be taken to KGM after the first of the year. We can use new or gently used: coats, sweaters, gloves, scarves, boots, blankets, etc. **Thank you so much!** The box is located by the church office.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

**No book club in December.** Books are available for the Tuesday, January 24 meeting at 10 am. The selection for that meeting is The Orphan House by Ann Bennett. See Dorothy Broekhuizen for a book and any questions.



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

**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 Joy. Joy is not a fleeting happiness, but an attitude of the heart that springs from gratitude.

### What brings you joy? How might you spread joy to others?

Wonder and talk about that with someone this week.

[crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation)



### ReFrame Ministries

**Advent: God's Joy** - Check out the kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). We know the words to the song well, "Joy to the World, the Lord has come..." But what exactly is the joy of Christmas all about? Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

**Devotions for a Blue Christmas** - In the midst of hard times, find strength and encouragement through God's word. A set of fourteen encouraging Today devotions reassure you that even during the darkest of Christmas seasons, you're not alone. Receive this free email series and ebook when you subscribe to Today at [todaydevotional.com/bluechristmas](http://todaydevotional.com/bluechristmas)

**Groundwork: Mary: The Angel Gabriel Foretells Jesus' Birth** - Our understanding of the virgin birth begins with the story of the angel Gabriel appearing to Mary. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Luke 1:1-4, 26-56 to learn from Mary's strong example of faith, wholly trusting God and submitting to his will in our lives as we continue to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.