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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:

Nov. 13 & 20 Dave & Kathy VanderMeer/Mike & Cheri Gavin
Nov. 27 & Dec 4 Fred & Pam Gould/Norm & Bonnie Langeland


PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

November 13 - LillieAnn Durian
November 20 - Paul Booden
November 24 (Thanksgiving) - Gary Broekhuizen
November 27 - Gary Broekhuizen

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 9:30 am Pastor Simon "How Love Impacts Our Freedom" 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 | 14 | 15 9:30 am Coffee Break 3:30 pm Shep Elders | 16 10 am THE STORY Bible Study | 17 9:30 am GROW Group | 18 | 19 8 am Mobile Food Initiative |
| 20 <i>Christ the King Sunday</i> 9:30 am Pastor Simon "For the Sake of the Gospel" 1 Corinthians 9:1-27 | 21 | 22 7:00 pm Council | 23 | 24 9:30 am <i>Thanksgiving Day Service</i> "All Circumstances Gratitude" 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 9:30 am Pastor Simon "In the beginning was the Word..." John 1:1-5 | 28 | 29 | 30 10 am THE STORY Bible Study | 1  | 2 | 3 |



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What's up in Worship

The Church's One Foundation. If Paul were to write a letter to the churches of the early 21st century, it might be a lot like 1 Corinthians. The city of Corinth was caught up in the spirit of the world. Sadly, this worldly spirit had crept into the church and created significant conflict among the believers. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Paul writes 1 Corinthians to address the problems while laying a foundation for a biblically and spiritually healthy church. Join us as Pastor Simon continues with his series on 1 Corinthians. This Sunday's sermon title is "How Love Impacts Our Freedom" based on 1 Corinthians 8:1-13.



Please join us on Thursday, November 24 at 9:30 am for our Thanksgiving Day Service.

New Members: The Shepherding Elders recently received the membership transfers of Don & Dena Corstange, Bob & Mary Deters, Duke & Ellie Peekstok and Peter & Evelyn Vroegop 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!

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Jerry Oele ~ November 14
Pam Gould ~ November 17

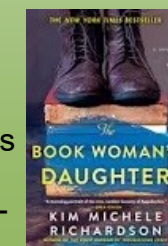


Upcoming weeks small group (Nov 13-19):
Tuesday: 9:30 am Coffee Break
Wednesday: 10 am The STORY Bible Study
Thursday: 9:00 am GROW Group



Please come and help decorate the church for the Christmas season. November 25 & 26, details coming soon. Ideas and input are welcome for this fun filled time.

Book Club is meeting Tuesday November 29 at 10:00 am. We will be discussing *The Book Woman's Daughter* by Kim Michele Richardson. The author follows the daughter of the beloved Troublesome book woman, who must fight for her own independence with the help of the women who guide her and the books that set her free. See Dorothy Broekhuizen for a book or any questions.



The **Sundays of November 6 & 13** have been designated the INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER for the Persecuted Church. According to Open Doors USA, in just the last year, there have been:

- Over 360 million Christians living in places where they experience high levels of persecution and discrimination.
- 5,898 Christians killed for their faith
- 5,110 churches and other Christian buildings attacked
- 44,765 believers detained without trial, arrested, sentenced or imprisoned

In countries like India and Turkey, religious identity is increasingly tied to national identity - meaning, to be a "real" Indian or a good Turk, you must be a Hindu or a Muslim, respectively. In other countries on the World Watch List (www.opendoorusa.org/christian-persecution/world-watch-list/), religious identity is closely tied to national identity, and anyone who follows Jesus risks being seen - and persecuted - as a bad citizen.

These numbers are heart-breaking. And yet, they do not tell the whole story. James 1:2-4 says, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." That joy is what we see when we hear and work with Christians all over the world who suffer because they serve Jesus. God cares for His people, and He will never leave or forsake them.



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!!

Offering Schedule

- Nov. 13 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Reach the Forgotten Jail Ministry - formerly Forgotten Man Ministries
- Nov. 20 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Wycliffe Bible Translators
- Nov. 24 THANKSGIVING DAY - Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes
- Nov. 27 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: International Campus Ministry
- Dec. 4 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan

Offerings (deposited for Nov. 6, 2022)

- Building Fund ~ \$85.00
- Christian Ed Assistance ~ \$1,135.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$270.00
- General Fund ~ \$6,420.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$175.00
- Park Village Pines ~ \$202.00

Thanksgiving Day: Join us Thanksgiving Day at 9:30 am for a time of worship and giving thanks for God's many blessings. As part of our Thanksgiving Day worship, Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes is once again the designated ministry for the offering. Along with our financial support, you are invited to bring food items for the Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes pantry located at Voyage Church.

Here is a food wish list from KLF:

- PROTEINS: canned meats, hearty soups, nuts
- FRUITS & VEGGIES: Canned without sugar or salt
- GRAINS: Pasta, rice, oatmeal, granola bars
- OTHER: Jam/jelly, peanut butter, cooking oil, all-in-one meals



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ReFrame Ministries

Grandpa, Tell Me God's Story - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Let's tell the stories of God's faithfulness to the people around us. Whether we are young or old, let's share the good news of Jesus. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Christmas Hope and the Women in Jesus' Family Tree - is a five-part Bible study podcast series and ebook from Groundwork exploring the stories of Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary. Through their experiences, we hear the message that no matter how broken we may feel, Jesus Christ came into our world to conquer sin, the root cause of our brokenness. Get it when you subscribe to Groundwork at groundworkonline.com/christmashope

Groundwork: Understanding God's Judgment - Judgment and consequences can feel unfair and mean. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Ezekiel 14 and 22 to better understand God's judgment: where it comes from, what it means, why it's necessary, and why it's also a source of grace. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Mobile Food Initiative is Saturday, November 19.

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



Family Faith Formation Tip

"Wondering questions" are an excellent way to engage kids (and people of all ages!) with Scripture.

For example, after you read the creation story, ask open-ended questions like "I wonder what it looked like when God created the stars?"

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Requested Announcements

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 in your church mailbox.

