HERITAGE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, KALAMAZOO HERITAGECRC.ORG

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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: Oct. 30 & Nov. 6 Bill & Kathy Coburn/Judy Wieringa, Heather Tuin, Sue Florian Nov. 13 & 20 Dave & Kathy VanderMeer/Mike & Cheri Gavin

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

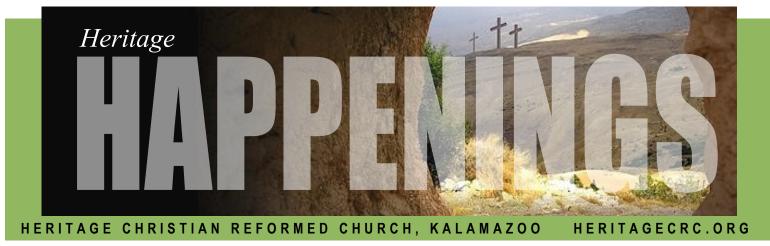
PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

November 6 - Lisa Durian November 13 - LillieAnn Durian November 20 - Paul Booden November 24 (Thanksgiving) - Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 Communion Sunday 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Undivided Devotion" 1 Corinthians 7:1-40	7	8 7:00 pm Admin Board	10 am THE STORY	10 9:30 am GROW Group	11	12
13 9:30 am Pastor Simon "How Love Impacts Our Freedom" 1 Corinthians 8:1-13	14		10 am THE STORY Bible Study	17 9:30 am GROW Group	18	19 8 am Mobile Food Initiative
 20 Christ the King Sunday 9:30 am Pastor Simon "For the Sake of the Gospel" 1 Corinthians 9:1-27 	21	22 7:00 pm Council		24 9:30 am Thanksgiving Day Service		26



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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 "Undivided Devotion" based on 1 Corinthians 7:1-40.

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FOR YOUR OWN GOOD,	
NOT TO RESTRICT YOU,	
BUT THAT YOU MAY LIVE	
IN A RIGHT WAY	
IN UNDIVIDED DEVOTION	
TO THE LORD.	2
1 CORINTHIANS 7:35	-
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Sunday, November 6, 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 **COMMUNION** prefer you can pick up prefilled cups in the lobby before the service.

November 3, 2022

Celebrations...

Birthdays... Kelsey Bruinwood ~ November 6 Marilyn Stremler ~ November 7

Anniversaries... Jerry & Ruth Mather ~ November 8



Thank You

Dear Heritage Church Family: Thank you for the cards, notes, tasty treats and gifts as part of Pastor Appreciation Month. It is a privilege to serve among you and to walk by faith together in this world. Pastor Simon & family



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 of forsake them.

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.



Offering Schedule

- Nov. 6 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance Loose Change: Park Village Pines
- 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

Offerings (deposited for Oct. 30, 2022)

Building Fund ~ \$10.00 Faith Promise ~ \$55.00 General Fund ~ \$5,690.00 Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries ~ \$355.00 Ministry Shares ~ \$10.00



Help needed to decorate the Church for the Christmas Season. November 25th and 26th, details in the weeks ahead. Ideas and input are welcome for this fun filled time.

Join ALTERNATIVES of KALAMAZOO for an evening of celebration featuring STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN. A wonderful evening of praise and worship, thanking the Lord for His faithfulness and provision over 40 exceptional years of ministry! This concert is for Alternatives supporters only and

will not be offered to the general public, but seats will be limited! So make sure to purchase your ticket ASAP because these WILL sell out! We are so excited to celebrate with you!! Call 345-1740.

WHEN: JANUARY 20, 2023 WHERE: CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH PRICE: \$35/TICKET

ReFrame Ministries

Be Curious - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Do you like to ask "why"? Do you try to figure out how things work? If you have a curious mind, give thanks to God for that gift. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: God's Presence with His People - God delights to dwell with his people, but he is holy and his presence cannot remain with unholy people. Join Groundwork as we study Ezekiel chapters 10, 11, and 36 to witness the painful consequences of Israel's unholy ways and hear the hope God offers even in the midst of those consequences. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Requested Announcements

Grace and Truth Counseling Workshop

Need space for you and your kids to Rebuild due to separation or divorce? Join a therapist led 5– week session for support while you map out a new blueprint for your future. Separate classes for kids and parents. All five Tuesdays of November, 6-7:30 pm at Centerpoint Church. These sessions are led by Lydia Boonzayer and Melanie Bugnaski, LLPC therapists. For more information and to sign up go to <u>https://</u> forms.gle/sFWgxxq5AQD6Jinx9



Election day is Tuesday, November 8. You can vote in person or by absentee ballot.

Family Faith Formation Tip

Fall can be an overwhelming and anxious time for students of all ages

How might you encourage the students in your family or your church this week?

You might bake cookies, share a favorite book, send a card. And pray for them as they discover the gifts God has given them and explore how God might be calling them to use those gifts.

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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: <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/</u> <u>UCutET663hVzpPohBMiCXEQA</u>. 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.



Prayer line Reminder: Please send all prayer requests to Jerry Oele or if your email address has changed, you wish to have your or a friend's email added to the Prayer Line, or you wish to no longer receive Prayer Line emails, please send an email request to: jerry.oele@yahoo.com or prayerline@heritagecrc.org

