

Heritage CRC

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

Volunteer Schedule...

COFFEE SERVERS:

Nov. 12 & 19 Dorothy Broekhuizen/Glen & Ruth Wagner
Nov. 26 & Dec. 3 Ferrel & Marilyn Stremmer/Bill & Joyce Truscott

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

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SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

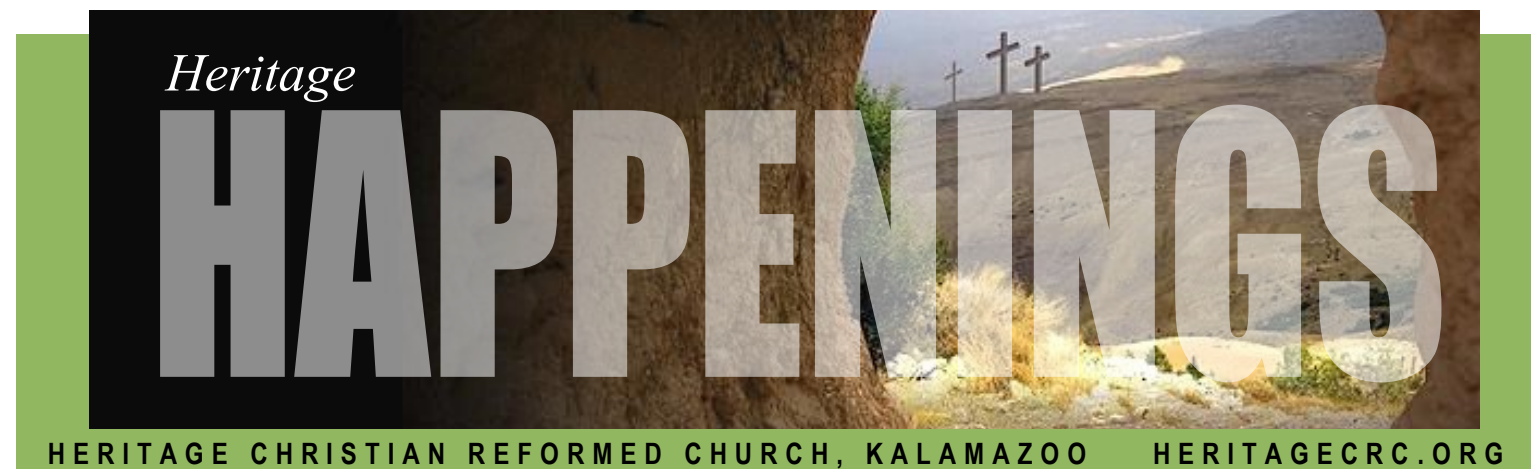
MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

Nov. 19 - Paul Booden
Nov. 26 - Lisa Durian
Dec. 3 - Ian Tuin
Dec. 10 - LillieAnn Durian

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

11/19 - Mary Deters & Joyce Truscott
11/26 - Nancy VandenBerg & Barb Razenberg
12/3 - Melissa Piontek & Sue Florian
12/10 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				16 9:30 GROW Group	17	18 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative 
19 9:30 am Pastor Simon "God Speaks: Out Of The Whirlwind" Job 38-41	20	21 3:30 Shep. Elders 6:30 Council	22 10 am The Story Bible Study	23 9:30 THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE	24	25
26 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Restored: Now I See" Job 42	27	28 10 am Book Club	29	30 9:30 GROW Group	1 	2
3 Communion Sunday 9:30 am Pastor Simon "God's Promise: The Hope of a Child" Isaiah 9:2-7	4	5 9:30 am Coffee Break	6 8 am Men's Bible Study	7 9:30 GROW Group	8 9:30 Heritage Piecemakers	9

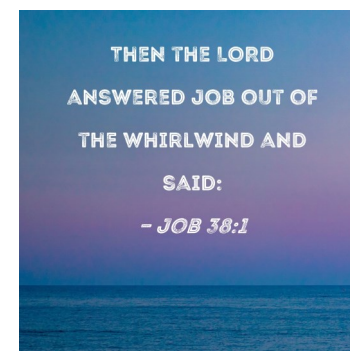


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What's up in Worship

This week Pastor Simon continues his series "The Book of Job: Suffering and Sovereignty". His sermon this Sunday is based on Job 38-41, "God Speaks: Out of the Whirlwind"



OFFICE hours

Lisa's office hours next week will be:

Tuesday - 8-12
Wednesday 8-11:15

Please have any announcements in by Tuesday morning. Thank you!



Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Bonnie DeLoof ~ November 21
Nick Piontek ~ November 21
Terry Florian ~ November 23
Norbert Hegelmann ~ November 25



Anniversaries...

Bill & Ruth Vroegop ~ November 20



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. 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

Christmas Time is coming:

ALL NEW IDEAS AND HELP ARE WELCOME
To decorate the sanctuary, many hands make lighter work and more fellowship fun.

Come join in the FUN!

We would love to have your help.

So that we stagger the people and don't have people feel there is nothing they can do or they are comfortable doing, here is the game plan and schedule of event happenings for Friday, November 24 and Saturday, November 25:

Friday 9 a.m.

*remove the fall decoration and put them in storage boxes, place on east side of hall.

*start emptying out the Christmas decorations and trees from the storage room and move the trees into the sanctuary and starting to set them up. Then get out the big ladders.

Hopefully by 10 AM we can start putting the lights on. **Oh how we need light stringers to help!**

Next we will be placing the decorations on the trees around 10:30.

Fun Fun(breaking a few bulbs is expected and has made for some good laughs in past years)

Other jobs

Hanging the garland

Decorate the window sills

Arranging poinsettias

Setting up advent candles and nativity sets

Hanging and decorating the four wreaths on the walls

Add ribbons and bows

Change the banner and table colors

Add candles and chimneys

Saturday 10a.m.

Finishing touches and cleaning up the Angel dust (glitter) off the carpet and make sure we have everything back in order for Sunday service.

We need to weed out the storage room and pass on some of our excess.

We are blessed to have our sanctuary used by the preschoolers for their Christmas program and Christian High School Choirs Christmas presentation in addition to our own celebration of the Advent Season.

Thank you all and we hope to see you next week Friday and Saturday!!

Offering Schedule

- Nov. 19 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
Thanksgiving Day: Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes
- Nov. 26 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: International Campus Ministry
- Dec. 3 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Hospice Care of SW Michigan
- Dec. 10 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Kal. Christian Schools

Offerings (deposited for November 12, 2023)

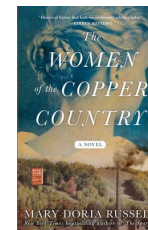
- Benevolence Fund ~ \$20.00
- Building Fund ~ \$3,540.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$70.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$70.00
- General Fund ~ \$2,038.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$40.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$195.00
- Wycliffe Bible Translators ~ \$122.00



It's that time again. Time to make room for new winter wear! Once more, the Coffee Break ladies will be gathering winter coats, hats, scarves, blankets, etc. for those in need within the community. This will be an ongoing effort until the holiday season is over! Right after the year's end we will gather the many blessings and deliver them to Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries. *Look for the box in the lobby area to place your donations.* Any questions, talk to Barb Nieboer (343-5378) or Joyce Truscott (342-1686). Thank you!

Ministry Opportunities

The new book for Tuesday Nov 28 at 10:00 is The Women of Copper Country by Mary Doria Russell. It is historical fiction about the courageous woman who led a strike here in Michigan against the largest copper mining company in the world. See you there!



Church Calendar for November 20-25:

- Tuesday
3:30 pm Shepherding Elders
6:30 pm Council
- Wednesday
10:00 am The Story Bible Study
- Thursday
9:30 am Thanksgiving Day Service

Mobile Food Initiative is Saturday, November 18.

7:45 AM at Heritage CRC.

****Please let the office know if you can help out. See you there!**



Family Faith Formation Tip

We often associate generosity with financial giving, but we can also cultivate a generous spirit in our relationships. Ponder how you might practice this in daily life, perhaps by focusing on refraining from mental criticism, attributing the best motives to people's actions, being "present" and attentive when spending time with others (especially children), or doing acts of random kindness. Learn more at crcna.org/

ReFrame Ministries

Groundwork: Transformed Living - The apostle Paul continued to unpack the new realities of their life in Jesus Christ for the Roman Christians; he challenged them to live transformed lives. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Romans 12-13 to learn how to we too should live in light of the Gospel and what it means to renew our minds and be living sacrifices for God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Kids Corner: Daily Gratitude - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Take a moment to try this exercise: In five seconds, name five things that you are thankful for. Ready? Three... two... one... go! This week's devotion is about being thankful. Why be thankful? Because it helps us to see God at work in our lives every day. Gratitude gives joy to both God and us! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the KC's Liz and Friends Podcast "Attitude of Gratitude."

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