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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 9:30 AM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:  
Thursday by 8:00 am. Call,  
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OFFICE HOURS:  
Wednesday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm  
Thursday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm

**Volunteer Schedule...**

**COFFEE SERVERS:**

Nov. 26 & Dec. 3 Ferrel & Marilyn Stremmer/Bill & Joyce Truscott  
Dec. 10 & 17 Matt & Lisa Durian/Bonnie Colvin & Teri Wagner

**PRAYER LINE MINISTRY:** Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

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



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

**MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:**

Nov. 26 - Lisa Durian  
Dec. 3 - Ian Tuin  
Dec. 10 - LillieAnn Durian  
Dec. 17 - Paul Booden

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:**

11/26 - Nancy Vandenberg & Barb Razenberg  
12/3 - Melissa Piontek & Sue Florian  
12/10 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur  
12/17 - Joy Knurr & Wendy Rose

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue                       | Wed                            | Thu                                       | Fri  | Sat  |
|---|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
|   |  |                           |                                | 23<br>9:30<br>THANKSGIVING<br>DAY SERVICE | 24<br>9:00 am Help<br>decorate the church<br>for advent                                    | 25<br>10:00 am Help<br>decorate the<br>church for advent   |
| 26<br>9:30 am<br>Pastor Simon<br>"Restored: Now I See"<br>Job 42  | 27   | 28<br>10 am Book Club     | 29                             | 30<br>9:30 GROW Group                     | 1<br> | 2  |
| 3<br>Communion Sunday<br>9:30 am Pastor Simon<br>"God's Promise: The Hope<br>of a Child"<br>Isaiah 9:2-7                        | 4  | 5<br>9:30 am Coffee Break | 6<br>8 am Men's Bible<br>Study | 7<br>9:30 GROW Group                      | 8<br>9:30 Heritage<br>Piecemakers  | 9  |
| 10<br>9:30 am Pastor Simon<br>"God's Promise: The<br>Greatest Proof of All"<br>Isaiah 7:1-17<br>10:45 Congregational<br>Meeting | 11<br>7:00 pm KCHS<br>Choral Concert in<br>our sanctuary | 12<br>7 pm Admin Council  | 13                             | 14<br>9:30 GROW Group                     | 15   | 16<br>7:45 am Mobile<br>Food Initiative<br> |

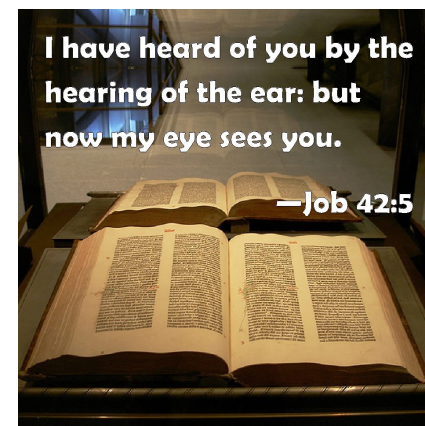


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**What's up in Worship**

This week Pastor Simon concludes his series "The Book of Job: Suffering and Sovereignty". His sermon this Sunday is based on Job 42, "Restored: Now I See"



We would like to thank the Heritage Church Family for the prayers, cards and phone calls in the passing of our brother & sister-in-law and aunt & uncle.  
Betty Vlietstra and Matt & Lisa Durian

Thank you so much for all the prayers and cards in the passing of our Mom/Grandma, we are so thankful to belong to this Heritage Church Family and we appreciate all your love and support.  
Jim, Lisa & Olivia Bosch

**Celebrations...**

**Birthdays...**

Jerry Mather ~ November 26  
Glen Wagner ~ November 27  
Allison Piontek ~ November 28



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



### Council News

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 10 following the morning Worship Service. A copy of the proposed budget for 2024 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 Matt Durian, council president, Jim Bosch, council VP/clerk or Jonathan Mejeur, Administrative Deacon.

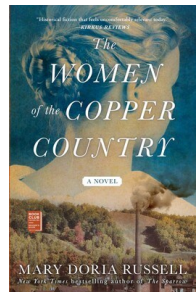


Church Calendar for November 27-Dec 3:

Tuesday  
10:00 am Book Club

Thursday  
9:30 am GROW Group

Sunday  
9:30 am Worship Service/Communion Sunday



The 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!

### Offering Schedule

- 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
- Dec. 17 General Fund & Faith Promise  
Loose Change: World Renew

### Offerings (deposited for November 19, 2023)

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$465.00
- Building Fund ~ \$50.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$35.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$925.00
- General Fund ~ \$15,123.61
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$40.00
- Memorial Fund ~ \$50.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$85.00



**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!

**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:

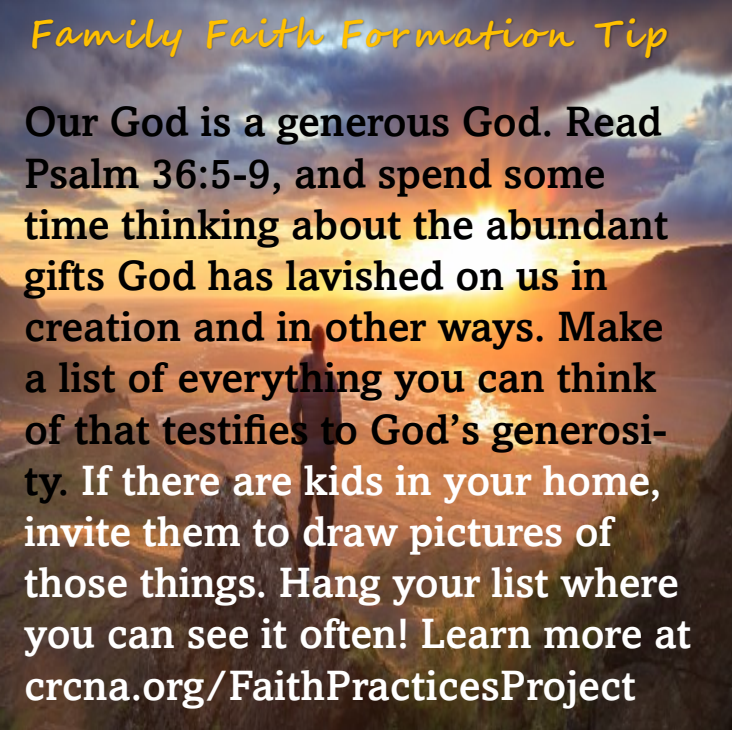
**Friday 9 a.m.**  
\*remove the fall decoration and put them in storage boxes, place on east side of hall.  
\*start emptying out the Christmas decorations and trees from the storage room and move the trees into the sanctuary and starting to set them up. Then get out the big ladders. Hopefully by 10 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!!



### ReFrame Ministries

**Groundwork:** Love God By Loving One Another - Differences and disagreements are inevitable, even among Christians, because the gospel calls people of many ages, backgrounds, and experiences. Join Groundwork as we study Paul's instructions for Christian living in Romans 14-16 to discover what it looks like to live in a community and to hear the heart of Paul's message—love for God and love for each other. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Kids Corner:** When We All Work Together - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Did you know that Nehemiah convinced everyone to help build a wall around Jerusalem? Together they finished the work in 52 days! This week's devotion is all about how when we trust God and work together, he can accomplish some pretty amazing things through us. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "The Story of Nehemiah."

**Family Fire** - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.