

Heritage Happenings

Heritage Christian Reformed Church • 2857 S 11th Street • Kalamazoo MI 49009

Our Mission is ...

*to **INTRODUCE** people to Jesus Christ,
to help them **GROW** to be more like Him,
and then to **REPRODUCE** the process in others.*

Worship

From the Shepherding Elders...Last month a letter was sent to everyone in the congregation with advice on what to do and what not to do in worship in response to the H1N1 virus/swine flu as well as the flu season in general. In the letter we also communicated that if we believed it was wise to do so we will suspend the practice of shaking hands during the time of mutual greeting so as to minimize skin-to-skin contact.

In our pastoral concern for everyone at a time when the spread of contagious illnesses in our area is fairly high we have decided to take this action and suspend the shaking of hands during the time of mutual greeting. We ask for your patience as we believe taking this action is in the best interest of everyone. Please understand that this does not affect your choice to shake hands prior to and after the service as in this case you are able to easily access facilities where you may wash your hands.

This measure will be in place until the risk of the spread of contagious illnesses in our area is considered normal or returns to an acceptable level. In the meantime, please continue to use common sense and do your part to minimize the risks by using alcohol-based hand sanitizers, coughing into your elbow, wash your hands as-needed and, if necessary, staying home when you are sick.

The Shepherding Elders

SURRENDERING IN CHRIST TOGETHER

Only a few weeks left in this series of messages on the qualities and practices essential to a life of worshipful surrender. If you have a story or experience of how God has grown you as a

worshipper and are willing to share this either as a personal testimony on November 15th or as a written story to be read by Pastor Simon, please let him know soon.

Thanksgiving Day Service: Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 26 at 9:30 am.

Plan to join us for a service of prayer and worship as we give thanks for God's many blessings.



Thanksgiving Day Service

In preparation for this please note the following:

- 1) On Sunday, November 8th, you will be handed a "Count Your Blessings" card. During the offering we will ask you to reflect on God's blessings, choose one or two you are especially thankful for and write them down. We will collect your cards on your way out and use them in our Thanksgiving Day service.
- 2) As an expression of our gratitude to God a special food offering will be collected during the service on Thanksgiving Day to help supply the local pantry at Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes.

Fellowship

Birthdays...

Ed Finch ~ November 1

Ann DeMaagd ~ November 2 ~ **92 years young!**

Kevin Byle ~ November 5

Kelsey Bruinwood ~ November 6

Marilyn Stremmer ~ November 7



Thank You

Thank You...A thanks today go to our Pastoral Care Ministry Assistants (PCMA). This team consists of Phil & Barb Nieboer, Helen Selles, Ferrel & Marilyn Stremmer, and Harold & Phyllis Triezenberg. Together, they regularly visit and encourage members who are homebound, in the hospital or living in nursing homes. Thank you for your important ministry!

Thanks! The gift of being appreciated is the gift of love and I and my family have been blessed during Pastor Appreciation month with the gift of love through cards, gifts, notes of encouragement and delicious treats. Thank you for letting us know, in big and small ways, that we are appreciated and loved. **Pastor Simon, Heather, Connor & Ian.**



Thank you so much for the beautiful plant, the many get well cards, thoughts, and prayers with my recent hip surgery. We thank you also for the delicious meals. **Jerry & Ruth Mather**

Ministry

Loaves & Fishes: *Wish list:*

November: Hearty Soups
Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall



Men's Bible Fellowship (MBF): we will meet **THIS Wednesday, November 4** from 6:45-8 am at church. A light breakfast will be provided. Any questions please see Ken Fletcher. See you there!

Ladies Night Out: Ladies plan on coming to our kick off for Ladies Night Out on Tuesday, November 10. Punch bowl is at 6:30 pm with program to follow at 7 pm. **All Ladies are welcome...**bring a neighbor or friend with you for an awesome evening! More information to follow.



Evangelism & Missions

Food Resource Bank: We are still in need of sponsors for "Daisy" for December, January, and February. Please help support Foods Resource Bank and CRWRC and their work in Africa with a (1) week or (1) month gift. You will not regret it!



Letters to Missionaries

Simon & Heather Tuin ~ Larry Spalink
John & Jean Vader ~ Henry Schenkel
Barb VanDalen ~ David Heath
Dick & Nadine VanDam ~ Frank Sawyer

Envelopes are on the Missionary table outside the south door of the sanctuary for your use.



Offerings and Tithes

PM *Offering is always for the General Fund*
Nov 1: Env. General Fund Christian Ed Assist
Loose Change CRWRC Wrld Hunger
Nov 8: Env. General Fund Ministry Shares
Loose Change Vineyard Outreach
Nov 15: Env. General Fund Faith Promise
Loose Change Thanksgiving baskets
Nov 22: Env. General Fund Building Fund
Loose Change Benevolence Fund

Requested Announcements

Coping With Missing Pieces: Life can be confusing. Often it feels like a puzzle – if we just knew a little more, or had a few more pieces, we'd be so much better off, wouldn't we? How do we deal with these missing pieces? Find out on the November 8 Back to God Hour. Go to www.BacktoGod.net to find a station in your area or call/email to request a CD.

Lucille's New Friend: What does a true friend look like? Help Lucille figure out friendship on this week's Kids Corner. Then check out the Kids Corner website at www.kidscorner.net for stories, devotions, puzzles and more.

He Lives Within My Heart! This week, Dr. David Schuringa shares a second reason from his Luke 24 sermon that you can be sure God is alive and that Jesus has risen from the dead! Go to www.cbi.fm to listen to **Crossroad Connection** – a restorative justice ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute.

Milwood Marketplace (fundraiser for Milwood Youth Group): Come and shop over 25 of your favorite 'in home sales' companies and local crafters, **THIS** Saturday, November 7th from 9 am – 2 pm at Milwood CRC (3306 Lovers Lane). There's enough for women & men, from jewelry, to baked goods, makeup, greeting cards, purses, and even Snap-On Tools! Get all your Christmas shopping done in one stop! If you have any questions, please contact Kelli Visser at 616-890-6603.

Fight the Discrimination Ordinance: Kalamazoo Citizens Voting NO is seeking volunteers to help stop the 'gay rights' and 'gender identity' discrimination ordinance. This ordinance, passed by the Kalamazoo City Commission earlier this year, would discriminate against Christian businesses, landlords, and possibly Christian schools. Those who wish to volunteer should contact Kim Winblad at

info@ResponsibleVoters.org. Find more information about this ordinance at www.ResponsibleVoters.org.

A Night at the Civic Theatre: "It's a Wonderful Life": It's time to get dressed up and head downtown! The *Kalamazoo Christian High School Alumni Association* is sponsoring an exciting night at the Civic Theatre on Saturday, November 28. The musical, "It's a Wonderful Life," will be performed at 8 pm. You won't want to miss this American Classic. For parking convenience, a complimentary shuttle will run from the Kalamazoo Christian High School parking lot to the Civic Theatre. The shuttle will leave promptly at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20/person. Please email or call in your reservations for tickets and the shuttle by THIS Friday, October 30, to Marge Booden at 381-2044 ext 112 or at mbooden@kcsa.org.

Chuck & Barb Micheals encourage you to attend the Wycliffe Associates Banquet at the Gull Lake Bible Conference Center being held on November 2 where Grace Fabian will be the speaker (outstanding speaker). For reservations contact, 888-745-4572 or email darrin_reed@wycliffeassociates.org.

Bible League Volunteers Event: All are welcomed to our floral design program "Holiday Flora's" at Westwood CRC, 620 Northampton Rd, Kalamazoo at 6:30 pm **THIS** Thursday, November 5. The evening will begin with dessert and fellowship from 6:30-7 pm followed by the program with Dorothy Hochmuth. Dorothy will be putting together several arrangements with everyday things found in gardens, fields, and stores. Expect to receive several new tips and ideas. All the center pieces and arrangements will be auctioned off that evening plus an offering will be taken. All the proceeds will go for Bibles for Africa. Come & Enjoy!



Give 'Em A Spring Break! Want more than a road trip to Florida this year? How about an alternative SPRING BREAK with CRWRC Disaster Response Services? Giving a week of your time to people who have lost a lot to a natural disaster can challenge your assumptions – and change your life as well as theirs! For more information about how you can Give 'em a break this spring, go online to WWW.CRWRC.ORG/SPRINGBREAK, email DRS@CRWRC.ORG or call 1-800-848-5818.



Bethany Christian Services: invites you to join them for an inspirational message from Kay Warren

and a special performance from musical guest Avalon and Selah on Thursday, November 11, 2009 from 7-9 pm at Resurrection Life Church (5100 Ivanrest, Grandville, MI). You will be motivated and challenged by the songs and a message about the need to care for orphans. Tickets are only \$5. The proceeds will benefit Bethany Christian Services' work with Project Open Arms to find adoptive families for the 6,000+ foster children in Michigan waiting to be adopted. Learn more and order tickets at www.bethany.org/redeem or call us at 616-224-7482.

All God's Children International, an adoption and orphan relief agency, is hosting a free adoption information seminar **THIS** Saturday, November 7 from 10 am – 12 noon at Westwood CRC located at 620 Northampton in Kalamazoo, MI. Information will be presented on the home study, paperwork and referral processes as well as pre and post placement programs offered by AGCI. Currently, AGCI is facilitating adoptions in the following countries: Bulgaria, Ethiopia, China, China special needs, Nepal, Rwanda, and Taiwan. We also offer a domestic program through the Oregon foster care system. To RSVP, please contact Renee @ 616-260-3163 or rhordyk@allgodschildren.org.

Third Christian Reformed Church Small World Christian Preschool has an immediate opening for a 4's program Teacher, and a 3's program Teacher Aid. Interested applicants should submit a letter of application and resume in care of the Preschool, 2400 Winchell Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49008.



NURSERY Nov 1: Sue Mejeur & Heather Erbe Nov 8: Dorothy Broekhuizen & Lyndsay Berkenpas

COFFEE SERVERS Nov 1 & 8: Greg & Sue Mejeur, Harold & Phyllis Triezenberg, Fred & Pam Gould
 Nov 15 & 22: Glen & Ruth Wagner, Bob & Barb Razenberg, Dave & Carol Bonselaar

HEARTLAND HEALTHCARE CENTER (Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approx 30 minutes)

Nov 1: Glen Wagner & Judy Wieringa Nov 8: Simon Tuin & Donna Penning

If you can't speak or play on the date you are scheduled, please trade with someone else on the list.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY ~ Nov: Ruth Vroegop



SERVICE MINISTRY ~ Nov: Joy Hegelmann



MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY ~ Nov 1: Lisa Shannon Nov 8: Pat Schewe
 PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Calendar of Events...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Surrendering Your Substitutes" Jeremiah 2:10-13 10:50 Sunday School 5 pm Pastor Simon "From Rags to Righteousness" Isaiah 64:6; Romans 5:1	2 	3 Coffee Break 9:30 am 	4 Men's Bible Fellowship 6:45-8 am Ladies Fellowship 9:45 am Praise Team Practice 7 pm	5 G.R.O.W. Group 9:30 am	6	7
8 9:30 am Pastor Simon "The Crown of Life" 2 Timothy 4:6-8 10:50 Sunday School 5 pm Mr. Curt DeVries	9	10 Coffee Break 9:30 am Admin Board Meeting 7 pm Ladies Night Out 7 pm	11 Ladies Fellowship 9:45 am GEMS 6:15 - 8 pm 	12 G.R.O.W. Group 9:30 am	13	14
15 9:30 am Pastor Simon "The Wonder of Worship" Psalm 100; Hebrews 10:19-25 10:50 Sunday School 5 pm Pastor Simon	16	17 Coffee Break 9:30 am	18 P.U.S.H. 7 pm	19 G.R.O.W. Group 9:30 am	20	21
22 9:30 am Rev. Henry DeVries 10:50 Christmas Program Practice 5 pm Mr. Curt DeVries	23	24 Coffee Break 9:30 am Council 7 pm	25	26 Thanksgiving Day Service - 9:30 am 	27	28

Newsletter DEADLINE

Newsletter articles need to be submitted by Wednesday at noon. Call, leave a note, or e-mail your announcement to churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

Cancellations All meetings will be cancelled on days when school is cancelled because of weather conditions unless a church committee or organization calls their members to inform them to the contrary. Announcements regarding worship services will be announced on WWMT channel 3, WOODTV channel 8 and WOTV channel 4.

Office Hours Tuesday through Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm