

# Heritage Happenings

Heritage Christian Reformed Church • 2857 S 11<sup>th</sup> 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 one week 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 15<sup>th</sup> or as a written story to be read by Pastor Simon, please let him know soon. E-mail: [pastorsimon@heritagecrc.org](mailto:pastorsimon@heritagecrc.org)

**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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 food offering will be collected during the service on Thanksgiving Day to help supply the local pantry at Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes.

## Fellowship

**Birthdays...**

Jenee Kirkham ~ November 8

Jerry Oele ~ November 14



**Anniversaries...**

Jerry & Ruth Mather

~ November 8

## Thank You

**Thank You...**to our wonderful librarians, Dave & Carole Bickle. Thank you for keeping us current with everything from mystery novels, life with the Amish, new DVD's, and so much more! We appreciate you!



## Ministry

**Loaves & Fishes:** *Wish list:*

**November:** Hearty Soups

**December:** Oatmeal

**January:** Canned Meat

*Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall*



**Ladies Night Out:** Ladies plan on coming to our kick off for Ladies Night Out **THIS Tuesday, November 10.** Punch bowl is at 6:30 pm, program at 7 pm and desserts at 8 pm. **All Ladies are welcome...**bring a neighbor or friend with you to learn how to decorate inexpensively and creatively.

**Thanksgiving Day Dinner:** we will be providing a dinner for our "neighbors" here at Heritage on November 26 (Thanksgiving Day!) from noon-2 pm. Please sign up on the table in the lobby to work first shift (11:30 am – 1 pm) or second shift (1-2:30 pm). **Please consider giving of your time to serve others!**



## 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

Ken & Dorothy VanDenBerg ~ Jimmy Lin  
Dan & Irene VanderBerg ~ Wayne DeYoung

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

The October, 2009 edition of the Guadalajara Chronicles are here from **Wayne & Sandy DeYoung** on the missionary table.

**"DON'T BE AFRAID!  
JUST STAND STILL  
AND WATCH THE LORD  
RESCUE YOU TODAY."  
Isaiah 43:1-2**

## Offerings and Tithes

PM *Offering is always for the General Fund*  
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  
Nov 29: Env. General Fund  
Loose Change K-zoo Chr Schools

## Requested Announcements

**In the End, Justice:** Justice is a growing theme in our world today. There's so much wrong, and it often seems like no one reaps their "just desserts." How can there be peace without justice? Find out on the November 15 **Back to God Hour.** Go to [www.BacktoGod.net](http://www.BacktoGod.net) to find a station in your area or call/email to request a CD.

**Walk the Way:** Liz has a major problem: if Scooter joins the band, he can get them an audition. Too bad Scooter is such a bad musician. What will Liz do? Find out on this week's **Kids Corner.** Then write to Kids Corner at Box 506, Worth, IL 60482 for your very own Bible Study. Go to [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) for more information.

**What Does It Mean to Have ADD or ADHD?** It is estimated that most people in prison suffer from ADD or ADHD. This week, Dr. David Schuringa begins a fascinating interview with Dr. Oren Mason in which they discuss these diseases, their causes and cures. Go to [www.cbi.fm](http://www.cbi.fm) to listen to **Crossroad Connection** – a restorative justice ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute.

**A Night at the Civic Theatre: "It's a Wonderful Life":** Tickets are still available to the Civic Theatre musical presentation, "It's a Wonderful Life," through the Kalamazoo Christian Alumni Association on Saturday, November 28 at 8 pm. A complimentary shuttle service from KCHS is available for your convenience. Tickets are \$20 each. Call your reservations to Marge Booden at 381-2044 ext 112 or email [mbooden@kcsa.org](mailto:mbooden@kcsa.org).

**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 **THIS** 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](http://www.bethany.org/redeem) or call us at 616-224-7482.

**The Park Village Pines Auxiliary** is sponsoring a **Fall Pancake Breakfast and Harvest Barn Sale** THIS Saturday, November 14 at 2920 Crystal Lane, Kalamazoo. Come and enjoy a warm breakfast and check out the bargains at the first ever "Barn Sale". Among the one of a kind treasures, you'll find some antiques, small appliances, furniture and fresh baked goodies. The breakfast starts at 8:30 am and the sale will begin at 9 am. See you there! Your generous support of the KACRA mission is so appreciated!



**Second Impressions:** is in desperate need of *winter coats all sizes*. Donations are accepted at the store Monday-Saturday, 10 am-4 pm. Thank you in advance for your donation. If you have further questions, please call the store, 345-7757.

**Chicago Bus Trip:** on November 28, 2009. Cost is \$35.00/seat (payment confirms seat) and the bus leaves promptly at 7:30 am from Calvary Church (Mattawan). The price includes a continental breakfast. We will head for home at 8:30 pm. Please call Lori at 372-2851 to reserve your seat! Profits help support the Calvary Youth Group Mission Trip.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Calvary Christmas Bazaar** at Calvary Reformed Church (7829 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Mattawan, MI) is this Saturday, November 14. We have 20 vendors coming! For more information, contact Lori LaCoss at 372-2851. Profits help support the Calvary Youth Group Mission Trip.

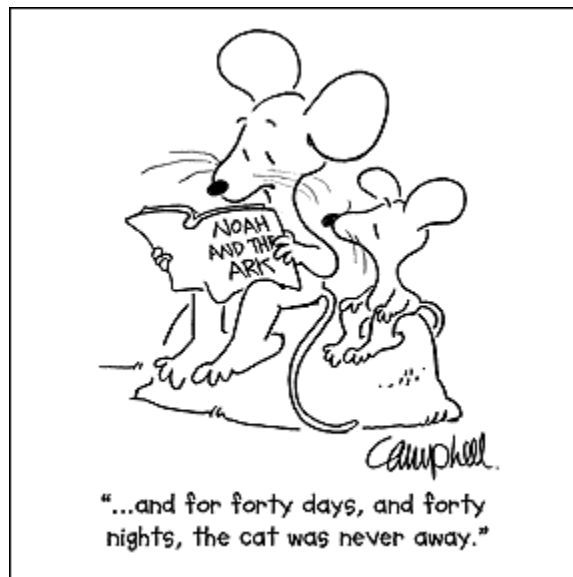
**Love, Inc. Christmas Adopt-A-Family Ministry Project:**

Early November, Love, INC of Kalamazoo County will start receiving requests for Christmas help and then verifying those requests. Those with legitimate need for Christmas help are then matched with Volunteers willing to "adopt" a family. If you are interested in "adopting" a family for Christmas,



please call Love INC at 488-0365 on Monday, 8:30-8 or Thursday, 8:30-8 to give your name, contact information and the size of family you are willing to adopt. We ask that the volunteer be willing to deliver the gifts to the family and use the opportunity to share the Love of Christ and the reason for our celebration.

**Love, INC** would love to have a *few extra office volunteers* from after Thanksgiving until December 17. Volunteers are needed Monday mornings 9-12 or 12-3 pm or 5-8 pm, and Thursday 12-3 pm or 5-8 pm. You will be trained to handle calls or clerical activities specific to the holidays. If you have the gift of time to donate, please call us at 488-0365 on Monday or Thursday, 8:30 – 8.



**NURSERY** Nov 8: Dorothy Broekhuizen & Lyndsay Berkenpas Nov. 15 Phyllis Triezenberg & Glen Wagner

**COFFEE SERVERS** Nov 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 8: Simon Tuin & Donna Penning Nov 15: Harold Triezenberg & Phyllis Triezenberg

*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 8: Pat Schewe  
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Nov 15: Paul Booden



**Calendar of Events...**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>8</b> 9:30 am Pastor Simon <b>"The Crown of Life"</b> 2 Timothy 4:6-8  10:50 Sunday School  5 pm Mr. Curt DeVries <b>"The Confessions of Nebuchadnezzar"</b> Daniel 2-4	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Coffee Break 9:30 am  Admin Board Meeting 7 pm  Ladies Night Out 7 pm	<b>11</b> Ladies Fellowship 9:45 am  GEMS 6:15 – 8 pm  	<b>12</b> G.R.O.W. Group 9:30 am	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:30 am Pastor Simon <b>"The Wonder of Worship"</b> Psalm 100; Hebrews 10:19-25  10:50 Sunday School  5 pm Pastor Simon <i>A Prayer Service using the Lord's Prayer as our guide</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Coffee Break 9:30 am	<b>18</b> P.U.S.H. 7 pm	<b>19</b> G.R.O.W. Group 9:30 am	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30 am Rev. Henry DeVries  10:50 Christmas Program Practice  5 pm Mr. Curt DeVries	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Coffee Break 9:30 am  Council 7 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving Day Service – 9:30 am  	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 1 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:30 am Pastor Simon <b>"Worship Fully – Reclaiming Hope"</b> Luke 2 & Romans 5:1-8  No Sunday School  5 pm Pastor Simon	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> Coffee Break 9:30 am  	<b>2</b> Praise Team Practice 7 pm	<b>3</b> G.R.O.W. Group 9:30 am	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

**Newsletter articles need to be submitted by Wednesday at noon. Call, leave a note, or e-mail your announcement to [churchoffice@heritagecrc.org](mailto:churchoffice@heritagecrc.org).**

**Newsletter DEADLINE**

**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