

Heritage Weekly Newsletter

December 31, 2023

Tuesday, January 2

3:30 pm En Fuego Treat Tuesday

Thursday, January 4

10:00 am Community Play Group

Sunday, January 7

10:45 am Sunday School
10:55 am Catechism
11:00 am Adult Sunday School
6:30 pm Fusion

Monday, January 8

7:00 pm Cadets
7:00 pm GEMS

Tuesday, January 9

9:45 am Coffee Break
6:30 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 10

8:30 am Men's Bible Study
10:30 am Ladies' Bible Study
7:00 pm Friendship

Thursday, January 11

10:00 am Community Play Group

All-Church Potluck Lunch - On Sunday, January 29 at 11:45 AM, we are having an all-church potluck meal in the Ark. Join us for a great time of fun, food, conversation and spending time getting to know and connect with people from church. Please bring a main course and a salad if you are able. Table service, drinks and desert will be provided. No need to sign up, just show up.

GRIEFSHARE TEAM BUILDING

Wanting to expand our program! Looking for men or women who would like to facilitate or co-facilitate classes for GriefShare. This lay ministry only requires you to have a heart for those who have lost a loved one by death. Please contact Vicki Wadsworth at 231-499-8783 or email at vicki-wadsworth1949@gmail.com. Training session to be in January is pending.

Loss of Spouse Seminar will be here at Heritage on Saturday, January 27 from 10 am to 12 pm.

GriefShare Classes will begin February 7, Wednesdays for 13 weeks.

For more information or to sign up for the seminar or classes, contact Vicki Wadsworth.



The next **JOY function** will be on Thursday, January 18, at 11:45 at church. We will have a soup, salad, and pie luncheon and then play BUN-KO. RSVP to Judy Johnson at 644-0193 or judyjohnson737@gmail.com



Community Play Group for children ages 0-5 with their caregivers - Join us every Thursday from 10:00 11:00 am here at Heritage in the ARK. Email erichards@heritagecrc.net for more information.

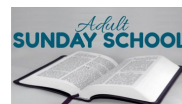
Sunday School is collecting again this year for Camp Tall Turf. They have a continuing need for arts and craft supplies, so we would welcome your donations of either monetary or craft items. We will have a collection time during Sunday School singing and will have a basket outside of the Connections Room.



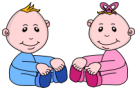
We deliver 90 food bags every other Wednesday to people at Byron Village. We need more soup, canned fruit, spaghetti, spaghetti sauces, cereal, and canned vegetables. If everyone could bring at least one nonperishable food item per week, we will be able to continue delivery food bags and establishing relationships and spreading God's love in Byron Village.

The council would like your help as we begin the process of selecting nominations for the various church offices. We would like your input on who to consider for the positions of Administrative Elder, Pastoral Elder, and Deacon. Forms to fill out are in the office, on the ARK Welcome Counter, and in the Fellowship Room. The forms are to be returned to the office or placed in the offering plate.

Hope Unexpected nurtures, empowers, and equips single mothers by demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ. For the month of January, we will be collecting diapers and wipes for babies supported by Hope Unexpected. Please bring your donations to the office or the fellowship hall.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - Begins again on January 7 in the Bridge Room from 11:00 - 11:45. The topic for our 3rd six week series is Confident in the Face of Hard Questions. Come when you can! Facilitators are Ann DeGroot & Candyce Peterson.



Nursery volunteers are needed for the next several months. If you are willing to volunteer for a spot, please sign up via this link [https://m.signupgenius.com/?](https://m.signupgenius.com/?fbclid=IwAR115CqjJxIbZu2zHkjoXUU3496siTBGTGeJJO2_2g4SM3gzRkJPK3dF3SI&mibextid=Zxz2cZ#!/showSignUp/508094cadae2da1fb6-nursery1)

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LANTERN PRAYERS are prayers spoken for people in our lives who are wandering from the faith or who haven't accepted Jesus as their savior and friend. They are earnest, heartfelt prayers for the wandering and the lost.

****If you would like to be part of the Praying Team for Lantern Prayers--please contact Ann DeGroot to gather more information and learn how to participate in this important job.****
James 5:16 - "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR FRIENDS BY THE RIVER - As the weather is getting colder, there is an increased need of several items for those who are living outside. If you would like to donate some of these items, that would make a huge impact on some people in need. Items include sleeping bags, coats, gloves and hats [adult sizes], head lamps, AA and AAA batteries, hand warmers, canned soups/meals, 3-6 man tents, bikes or other items you think would help. Thanks for sharing with others in need. You can set items in the hall way to pastor Kevin's office.

Byron Community Ministries is looking for your help with Meals on Wheels Delivery. We deliver every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning, If you have a little extra time and would like to help make a difference to the seniors in our area please call Joni at BCM 616-878-6000 or send an email to Joni@byronministries.org.

EN FUEGO [Grades 6-8th]

EN FUEGO TREAT TUESDAY - Jan 2 from 3:30-5:15 PM - Our next treat Tuesday is on January 2. Plan on meeting at church at 3:30 PM, and we will be back around 5:15 PM. Please sign up by emailing Pastor Kevin at kevinvw@heritagecrc.net.

EN FUEGO SUNDAY NIGHTS - Our next Sunday Night meeting will be on January 14 from 6:30-8:15PM. We will be having pizza, so plan on eating at church. Plan on meeting in the ARK! You are welcome to bring a friend!

PROFESSION OF FAITH CLASS FOR STUDENTS On Thursday, January 18 at 7-9 PM in the East Building, we will begin a discussion based class for anyone interested in making profession of faith or who would like to learn more about what it is and why it is an important step of faith to make. At that class we will decide on the rest of the dates that work with everyone participating. Please email Pastor Kevin at kevinvw@heritagecrc.net if you would like to be a part of this class. This class is geared for middle and high school ages, but others are welcome to join.

FUSION [Grades 9-12]

FUSION SUNDAY NIGHTS - Impact Small Group Night January 7, 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Join us for a time of worship time and then Impact Small Groups. Bring a friend and join us Sunday night.

FUSION WINTER RETREAT AT SPRING HILL CAMP On January 12-14, we will be going for a weekend retreat to Spring Hill Camp. We will leave church at 5:00 PM on Friday and return around 2:30 PM on Sunday. Plan on bringing money for Mc Donalds on the way up. Bring outdoor and indoor clothes, your Bible and personal items. Please register online as soon as possible with the link that was emailed to you.

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PRAYER ENCOURAGEMENT TEAM
Weekly Prayer Guide

MONDAY

Pray for God's strength to be with the many persecuted Christians in the country of Maldives.

TUESDAY

Pray for God's blessing and protection this week on Heritage staff members, Kevin Van Wyhe, Youth Pastor.

WEDNESDAY

Ask God to B.L.E.S.S. (Body, Labor, Emotional, Social, Spiritual) those who do not yet know Him.

THURSDAY

Pray for all of our missionary partners. This week especially pray for Hope Unexpected.

FRIDAY

Pray for God's blessing on our young adults.

SATURDAY

Ask God to bless the civil and church leaders of our city, state, and nation.

GIVING GIFTS

Thank you for offering your time, talents and treasures for God's glory and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

The General Fund is supported through gifts received during the Sunday morning offering and white budget envelopes.

Gifts for the Building Fund, Faith Promise Missionary Support, Christian Education Ministry, Tuition Assistance or another cause can be designated through your blue budget envelopes.

On line giving is available. You can go the Heritage CRC website or go to <https://heritagecrc.net/online-giving>.

Church Communications

To receive prayer requests, worship information, and the weekly church newsletter, please contact our church secretary, Brenda at office@heritagecrc.net.

Morning Special Offerings

December 31 Building Fund
January 7 Faith Promise
January 14 Christian Ed Ministry
January 21 Benevolence
January 28 Christian Ed Ministry

Evening Special Offerings

January 7 Hope Unexpected
January 14 WM Teen Challenge
January 21 Right to Life
January 28 Tuition Assistance

**Heritage Christian
Reformed Church**

A Community of Christ Followers
Serving Him, His People, and His World.

Office Hours/Sunday Worship

Monday—Friday 8:00 AM—3:00 PM

Sunday Services are at 9:30 AM & 5:00 PM

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Resources

**Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services
Church Assistance Program (CAP)**

616-455-6210 or 1-800-442-0809

The CAP online library is <https://pinerest.org/CAP>.
Password = "HeritagecrcCAP".

Right Now Media Digital Discipleship Resource

Free access to thousands of video Bible studies and supplemental materials for children, adults and groups. Contact the church office with your email to receive your invitation.

If you want to watch the online services, you can find them on Heritage's Facebook page, on YouTube, or on the website www.heritagecrc.net.

Elder/Deacon Households

<u>Family Last Name</u>	<u>Elder/ Deacon Team</u>
Adams - Buquet	Jack DeGroot/Bill Selles
Burgess - Dykstra	Kurt Meekhof/Zach Blacquire
Edema - Hartgerink	Harry Myers/Andy Helmholdt
Haveman - Kloostra	Dave Haagsma/Ben Quist
Knarr - Mouw	Jon Diekema/Tyler Dreyer
Mulder - Quist	Rob Green/Chris VanderLaan
Raak - Smith	Jay Miedema/Eric DeGroot
Smits - Vanderkooi	Paul Burgess/Nick Meekhof
VanderLaan - Zull	Randy VanLaar/Brandon Mingerink

The Elders and Deacons welcome you to call anytime you have a praise or concern.