

# Heritage Weekly Newsletter

## February 11, 2024

### Sunday, February 11

10:45 am Sunday School  
10:55 am Catechism  
11:00 am Adult Sunday School  
11:00 am Family Promise Training Meeting  
3:00 pm Guatemala Mission Trip Team Meeting

### Monday, February 12

7:00 pm Cadets

### Tuesday, February 13

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

### Wednesday, February 14

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

### Thursday, February 15

9:00 am JOY Breakfast at One More Grill  
7:00 pm All Church Euchre Tournament

### Monday, February 19

7:00 pm GEMS

### Tuesday, February 20

9:45 am Coffee Break

### Wednesday, February 21

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

**We give thanks to God** for his provision for our church in 2023. Because of your generosity, we were blessed to finish 2023 with our General Fund offerings exceeding our expenses by \$74,571.11. The Administrative Council intends to tithe 10% of this surplus to a charitable organization outside of Heritage. If you would like to suggest an organization to be considered, contact Tim Klaasen (tim.klaasen@clc.com, 616-212-9230) by the end of February. Thanks be to God!

**The Kings Choraliers** will be here at Heritage on Sunday, March 3, at the evening service.



**Adult Sunday School** class will be starting their 4th six week series starting February 25. The topic is - Being an Authentic Church! Come when you can! The personal study guides are available in the Bridge Room.



**JOY will be having a** breakfast at a new place. The location is One More Grill (formerly AJ's) which is located at 1830-142nd Ave Dorr. The date is Thursday, February 15 at 9:00. Call Judy Johnson at 616-644-0193 to RSVP.



**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.

**FAMILY PROMISE AT HERITAGE CHURCH – A NEW OPPORTUNITY COMING YOUR WAY!!** As a church, we are committing to being a Family Promise Church. This means that starting on March 17-24, four times a year we will be housing homeless families, who are in the IHN 60 day program. During these weeks, we will need of a lot of volunteers to make it all work; [Setting up and taking down the rooms, providing evening meals, providing fun care for the kids after dinner, being an overnight host, providing food items for breakfast, activities for the kids on Saturday mornings, and washing linens after it is done.] We will be having two training events for the congregation on February 11 and 25 after the morning services from 11:00 to 11:45 in the sanctuary. Please mark these dates on your calendar to learn about this program and check out the ways that you might be able to be involved in caring for the families God sends our way.

**TRAINING SCHEDULE:** February 11th "Family Promise Called to Care Training Part 1" will be a great overview of Family Promise of West Michigan, our history in the community, mission, and services we provide.

**February 25th** "Family Promise Called to Care Training Part 2" will be focused on IHN logistics, trauma-informed care, expectations when interacting with the families we serve, and emergency procedures when volunteering in IHN. Abbey Wallace, Program Manager with IHN will be joining us for this particular training.

**Spiritual Gifts Survey promotes** using God-given gifts in service of others, the church, and Christ, through matching needs with those possessing appropriate skills and interests. Please fill out the survey and place completed surveys in the baskets on the nametag tables.



**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=IwAR115CgjJxIbZu2zHkjoXUU3496siTBGTGeJJ02_2g4SM3gzRkJPK3dF3SI&mibextid=Zxz2cZ#!/showSignUp/508094cadae2da1fb6-nursery1)

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**We have a big need for prayer shawls** at this time. There is information on a tote in the Prayer Room with some patterns. These can be knit, crocheted, or quilted. Please help us continue to bless those who need the encouragement of a prayer shawl. Thank you! Judy Shear



**The church lawn mower is for sale.** If you would like more information, please contact Pete Edema at 616-813-4772.

**Guatemala Mission Trip Team Meeting** - On February 11 at 3:00 PM, we will be having team meeting in the loft to go over the details for the June 2 - 9 trip and answer questions. We will also be setting dates and preparing for fund raising and team building.



**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.

**ALL CHURCH EUCHRE TOURNAMENT** - Thursday, February 15 - Anyone is welcome to attend this event. We will be starting the Euchre tournament at 7:00 PM in the ARK Loft. No need to have a partner as we will be changing partners each round. Invite a friend and just show up ready for a night of fun competition, cards and fun. Snacks will be provided!

**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.

### **EN FUEGO [Grades 6-8th]**

**EN FUEGO SUNDAY NIGHTS** - Our next Sunday night meeting will be on February 25 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!

### **Dear Friends at Heritage,**

Thank you for your generous, life-saving gift. Whether we are in the classroom, the exam room, or in the counseling room, we provide hope and encouragement to the people we serve. It is especially thrilling to be reminded, one more time that God's work at PRC is just that: God's work! Your partnership makes this possible. As we provide the love of Jesus, you share in our celebration of life and God's goodness.

### **SCHS Drama to Present *Shrek the Musical***

Shrek, the ogre, is living happily in his swamp until Lord Farquaad evicts the fairy tale creatures and sends them to Shrek's swamp. With the help of Donkey, Shrek rescues Princess Fiona in an attempt to regain control of his land but ends up getting more than he had bargained for in the princess. This is a story of friendship and realizing 'what makes us special makes us stronger.' The cast and crew of *Shrek the Musical* invite you to bring out the whole family for this fun twist on "Once Upon a Time." Mark your calendars now for March 7, 8, and 9 at 7:00 p.m. and a matinee 2:00 p.m. show on March 9. Tickets are available at [schstheater.ludus.com](http://schstheater.ludus.com) or at the door for \$10. Also, Shrek ear headbands, donkey ear headbands, and t-shirts will be available for purchase for \$5/each (limited supply).

**Now Hiring...** Hey college students! Are you looking for an opportunity to have the best summer ever? Then we're looking for you at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds in Grand Haven! We are a family campground and ministry center located on the shores of Lake Michigan. We're currently accepting applications for the store team, Bible School teachers, and a youth leader (female). These are full-time paid positions for the summer and include your living accommodations. If you enjoy serving in an atmosphere of faith and community, this might be the place for you! To apply for store/Bible School teacher positions, please email [ministry@crcg.org](mailto:ministry@crcg.org). To apply for Youth Leader, please email [youthministry@crcg.org](mailto:youthministry@crcg.org). Or you can give us a call for more information at 616-842-4478. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

**PRAYER ENCOURAGEMENT TEAM**  
**Weekly Prayer Guide**

**MONDAY**

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

**TUESDAY**

Pray for God's blessing and protection this week on Heritage staff member, Heather Oosterman, Kids Hope Director.

**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 Nate Bull (Benton Harbor, MI).

**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](mailto:office@heritagecrc.net).

**Morning Special Offerings**

February 11 Christian Ed Ministry  
February 18 Benevolence  
February 25 Christian Ed Ministry  
March 3 Faith Promise

**Evening Special Offerings**

February 11 ThereforeGo Ministries  
February 18 Cadets  
February 25 CRCNA - Disability Concerns  
March 3 Buist Community 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

**Contact Us**

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**STAFF**

Rob & Stephanie Green, Custodians  
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Elisabeth Richards, Outreach Director  
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Kevin Van Wyhe, Youth Pastor  
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Brenda Gilder, Office Administrator

**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](http://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 Helmholtz      |
| Haveman - Kloostera     | 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.