

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | December 7, 2025

HEARTBEAT



Connecting people
to *God's* family, Word
and way of *life*

HRC Core Values: Open Hospitality | Selfless Generosity
Intentional Faith Development | Compassionate Acts of Service



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Gunner Taratuta

Artwork by Gunner Taratuta, age 8

Sunday Morning Pastor Kevin

2nd Sunday of Advent

Matthew 3:1-12
"Peace: Prepare"

Advent calls us to prepare our hearts for the coming of God's Son, both remembering when He first came, as well as when He comes again. What needs to happen in our lives to get ready?

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Sunday Mornings at HRC

Worship Locations

Join us upstairs in the Sanctuary or downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Nursery

A nursery is provided during the worship service for infants through 3 years old. The nursery is located on the main level (west side of the building).

Ministry Helpers

Greeters: Larry & Holly Cochrane and family

Nursery Volunteers: Deb Meiste, Matthew Fales

Security Team: Todd Burton, Mark Groenheide

Children In Worship: Gord Poll, Aurora Boerman

Next Week (December 14):

Greeters: Bern & Donna Diekema

Nursery Volunteers: Erin Rozendaal, Zoe Rozendaal

Security Team: Tyler Taratuta, Jim Van Den Beldt

Children In Worship: resumes January 11

Today's Activities & Information

Children in Worship

Children ages 3 years old – Kindergarten will be dismissed from the morning worship service to head downstairs for Children in Worship

Sunday School Classes: 10:45am

- Three Years Old-12th Grade meet downstairs
 - Preschool (3-4 years old) meets in Room 101
 - Young 5s, Kindergarten & 1st grade meet in Room 107
 - 2nd-3rd grade meets in Room 106
 - 4th-5th grade meets in Room 109
 - 6th-8th grade meets in Room 108
 - 9th-12th grade meets in the Youth Room
- Women's Bible Study meets in the Conference Room

The Gathering (high school youth group): 6:00pm

This Week

Sunday, December 7

9:30am Sunday Worship

Children In Worship

10:45am Sunday School

6:00pm The Gathering

Monday, December 8

9:00am Prayer Group

7:00pm Women's Ministry

Christmas Party

(Secret Pal Reveal)

Tuesday, December 9

6:00pm LLPP Christmas Program

Wed., December 10

6:00pm Youth Praise Team

6:30pm Kid Connection,

Grow, Gravitate

Christmas Parties

Friday, December 12

10:00am Pantry

Saturday, December 13

Our sermons are now available as a podcast!

Visit our website:

hamiltonreformedchurch.org

and click on the podcast tab at the top of the page.

Congregational Meeting Summary

The annual HRC congregational meeting was held on December 2. The proposed budget was approved. The following slate of nominees were approved: Elders – Bill MacKechnie and Mike Shaffer; Deacons – Mark Woldring and Jim Veldhoff. Please notify VP Calvin Kragt or Pastor Kevin if you have any questions or concerns.

Quilting Group

Our quilting group has been busy tying off quilts. Stop by the coat rack across from the library to see a few of them that they made this year. You might even see some fabric that you donated. They appreciate the donations.

Lost & Found

We have several items that would like to find their way back home. Check out the lost items on the table under the coat rack just outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Ministry Christmas Party

Women's Ministry will be holding their Christmas Party for ALL women on Monday, December 8, at 7:00pm. There will be fellowship, games, appetizers, desserts and FUN! Ladies, we hope you will join us and come hungry! The evening will conclude with a Secret Pal gift exchange (participation in Secret Pal is not required to attend). Please sign up on the bulletin board by the kitchen if you plan on attending.

December Missions of the Month

Adult & Teen Challenge HAYM (Hamilton Area Youth Ministries)

Adult & Teen Challenge provides Christian faith-based, residential care to young people and adults who struggle with life-controlling problems.

HAYM is the youth ministries of ten area churches working together to love, care for and be a part of students' lives for the cause of Jesus Christ!

Missionary of the Week David & Linda McCleery

Ministry Focus

Please pray for Andy & Erin, our youth directors as well as our youth sponsors as they mentor our teens. Pray also for the youth that are involved that they develop lasting relationships with Christ as their Savior.

Please Pray for:

- Larry Haverdink is a patient at Holland Hospital where he is undergoing tests. No visitors, please.
- Janice Pegg is in declining health.
- Vern & Diane Sale have moved. Please pray for a good adjustment. They are now welcoming visitors. Their new address is available in the main office or on a printed version of the Heartbeat.

A Note of Thanks...

I want to thank my church family for the outpouring of kind words, prayers, cards, meals and gifts while Peg was under Hospice care and then as she went to be with her Lord. A special thanks to Pastor Kevin for his calls and visits, to The Gathering youth group for the meals they provided, and to those who helped in the kitchen to serve lunch at the funeral. I am truly blessed for being part of this church family.

Ron Klingenberg

Thank you for thinking of me this Thanksgiving and for all the cards I received.

Joyce VanDam

Thank you to Erin and the group from The Gathering for the food they brought me. I appreciate it very much. How wonderful it is to be remembered by my church family.

Dale Brower

Christmas Day Worship Service

Join us Christmas morning at 9:30am as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Please Continue to Pray for:

Continuing Care

Dick Immink
Nancy Kleinheksel
Jon Schrotenboer
Mike Shaffer
Elijah Helder (MP training)

Friend at Home

Diane Sale

Education Volunteers

Jackie Taratuta
Tyler Taratuta

Decorating Committee

All who help decorate
Sanctuary and around
church for special
occasions and throughout
the year

Tithes & Offerings

November 30 Total Budget
Offering – \$570
Offering – (church canceled)
E-Tithe - \$570

*\$8,475 needed weekly
to maintain budget*

*Offering boxes are available by each
entrance and at the top of the stairs for
your tithes and offerings.*

November Missions
of the Month:
Compassionate Heart: \$342
Benjamin's Hope: \$342



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

This December we encourage you to give to those in need by participating in a Reverse Advent Calendar. Most advent calendars have you remove an item each day as you count down to Christmas. A Reverse Advent Calendar is the opposite – each day leading up to Christmas, you ADD an item to a box that is donated to help others. This would be a great project to do with your family, grandchildren, or a group of friends!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Laundry Detergent</i>	2 <i>Canned Soup</i>	3 <i>Tissues (Kleenex)</i>	4 <i>Canned Tuna</i>	5 <i>Fabric Softener</i>	6 <i>Canned Fruit</i>
7 <i>Toilet Paper</i>	8 <i>Macaroni & Cheese (with cheese pouch)</i>	9 <i>Paper Towels</i>	10 <i>Canned Vegetables</i>	11 <i>Dish Soap</i>	12 <i>Peanut Butter</i>	13 <i>Disposable Razors</i>
14 <i>Canned Chicken</i>	15 <i>Hand Lotion</i>	16 <i>Cereal</i>	17 <i>Kitchen Garbage Bags</i>	18 <i>Tuna Helper</i>	19 <i>Women's Shaving Cream / Gel</i>	20 <i>Jelly or Jam</i>
21 <i>Hair Conditioner</i>	22 <i>Canned SPAM</i>	23 <i>Band-Aids</i>	24 <i>Crackers</i>	25 <i>Laundry Detergent (dye-free)</i>		

Please bring your filled box(es) to church by Sunday, January 4. They should be placed under the coatrack outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Donated items will be divided between two Love INC pantries: the Personal Needs Pantry at HRC and the Food Pantry at Christ Community Church in Allegan. Thank you for sharing Christ's love with others this Christmas season!



Faith Development Opportunities

Adult Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study: Meets during Sunday School (not meeting this week – resumes January 11)

Men's Bible Study: Meets every other Saturday at 6:00am

Wednesday Night Activities

Youth Praise Team (2nd – 12th grade): Practice is held 6:00-6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Kid Connection (Three Years Old – 3rd Grade):

Students will gather in the basement from 6:00-7:30pm for a Birthday Party for Jesus.

Grow (4th – 5th Grade): Students gather in Room 8 in the back hallway from 6:30-7:30pm for a Christmas Party.

Gravitate (6th – 8th Grade Youth Group): Gravitate meets in the Youth Room downstairs 6:30-7:30pm.

Christmas Cards for Friends at Home

You are encouraged to send some Christmas cheer to those who are not able to worship with us regularly. We are no longer accepting cards at church, however a list of our Friends at Home, along with their addresses, can be found on the ledge outside the library.

Christmas Cards for Kids

Kids LOVE getting mail of their own. This Christmas, you are encouraged to bring signed Christmas cards to church and place them in the box on the landing leading up to the Sanctuary. Please rubber band your cards together. We have a total of 31 kids and will take care of distributing the cards. **Kids through 8th grade – be sure to check your mailboxes!

No Wednesday Night Meal this Week

Meals resume January 14

The winter session sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. If your committee/group hasn't signed up for a date yet, please sign up. Thanks!

Dates Meals Needed:

January 21

January 28

February 4

February 11

February 25

March 4

March 11

Please contact Pat Kragt if you have any questions.

*A huge THANK YOU to
all who have helped
make this fall session
such a success!*

