

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | May 17, 2026

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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Sunday Morning Pastor Kevin Hart

1 Peter 5:6-11

“Amen”



The Apostle calls us to be attentive to the ministry that is given each of us. Truly we are to care and watch over one another as we walk this path of life in the world. We are given some direction in how to approach the challenges and trials that come our way.

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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: Wayne & Ruth Keegstra

Nursery Volunteers: Jackie Taratuta, Anna Hart

Security Team: Mark Groenheide, Jim Van Den Beldt

Next Week (May 24):

Greeters: Brian & Lisa Kempkers

Nursery Volunteers: Olivia McCormick, Matthew Fales

Security Team: Mark Groenheide, Nick Haskill

Today's Activities & Information

This morning, we celebrate our graduates:

from Hamilton High School

- *Macie Kleinheksel*
- *Sam VanHuis*

from Homeschool

- *Isaiah Helder*

from Calvin University

- *Ben Hart*

Baccalaureate

You are invited to the Baccalaureate Service of the Hamilton High School Class of 2026 on Sunday, May 17, at 2:30pm at Overisel Reformed Church.

Graduation

You are invited to the graduation ceremony of the Class of 2026 on Thursday, May 21, at 7:00pm at Hamilton High School.

This Week

Sunday, May 17

9:30am Sunday Worship
Graduate Recognition
2:30pm Baccalaureate at
Overisel Reformed

Monday, May 18

10:00am Larry Haverdink
Visitation
11:00am Larry Haverdink
Funeral Service

Tuesday, May 19

1:00pm Quilting Group

Wednesday, May 20

7:00pm VBS Meeting

Thursday, May 21

10:00am Staff Meeting
7:00pm HHS Class of 2026
Graduation

Friday, May 22

10:00am Pantry

Saturday, May 23

8:00am Scrapbooking

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.

Hungry For Christ Cereal Drive

This month we are participating in the Hungry For Christ Cereal Drive. Cereal is a staple item for families to have for their children during the summer months. There is a box outside the library to place the cereal in. Please note that all the cereal collected will benefit those in our community.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Security Team is looking to add a few more volunteers to their team. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the library if you are interested. Contact Mark Groenheide or Nick Haskill with questions.

Lions Club Chicken BBQ

The annual Lions Club Chicken BBQ is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, at Hamilton Middle School from 4:30-6:30pm. Tickets can be purchased by clicking on the link: [LionsClubChickenBBQ](#) This year's format will be a drive-thru only.

Lost & Found

As we enter warmer months, we don't want you to miss your winter gear. Please check the lost and found by the Fellowship Hall. We have several coats, sweatshirts and hats. All unclaimed items will be donated June 1.

Hamilton Memorial Day Parade

The entire community is invited to come out Monday, May 25, and celebrate Memorial Day as we honor our military heroes who gave their lives while serving their country. Line up begins at 8:00am. The parade begins at 9:00am. Immediately following the parade, you are encouraged to attend a public Memorial Service at Riverside Cemetery.

May Mission of the Month

Grand Valley State University Campus Ministries

Campus Ministry @ GVSU is a community of Christ followers called to: Engage college students with the life-changing love of God, disciple leaders who make disciples, and be a bridge to Jesus Christ and His church.

Missionary of the Week Sandi Nyboer

Ministry Focus

Please pray for the staff and volunteers at Hungry for Christ as they minister to the Hamilton community and outlying areas through food distribution.

Please Pray for:

- Cheryl Kempkers is recovering at home following hip replacement surgery
- Bob Tucker has moved to The Inn at Freedom Village for a time of rehab and recovery following a fall that injured his back
- Our graduates as they begin the next phase in life

Summer Story Time

Before you know it, summer will be here...and so will Summer Story Time. This year Summer Story Time begins June 14, and we will be talking about Emojis. **How can YOU help?** Grab a friend and sign up to help out! We are looking for volunteers each week to hang out with the kids downstairs. Check out the bulletin board by the carport entrance and sign up to be a leader or helper or talk to Nicki and Gracie for more information.

Vacation Bible School 2026

Faith Farm

July 21-23
6:00-8:00 pm
at HRC



If your child is 3 years old (and potty trained) through 4th grade this fall, we'd love to have them join us! We are looking for many volunteers to help out in: crafts, snacks, junior helpers, and more. Please go to <https://vbspro.events/p/41b991> to sign up your child(ren) or volunteer. You can also see Gracie or Nicki and we'll get you signed up.

We are going to be looking for individuals to buy shares in Faith Farm (this will allow us to have real animal and farm experiences throughout the week). More details soon! Contact Gracie, Nicki or Gord with questions.

Please Continue to Pray for:

Continuing Care

Harv Hoekje
Brian Kempkers
Erin Rozendaal
Scott Sikkema
Betty Spaman
Yvonne Wentzel

Undergoing Treatments

Bonnie DeZwaan
Bern Diekema
Sue Dykhuis

Friend at Home

Jean Hutt

Tech Booth Volunteers

All those who assist in the Tech Booth – helping with sound, video and projection

Tithes & Offerings

May 10 Budget Offering:
Offering – \$7,551
E-Tithe – \$2,120
Total – \$9,671

*\$8,962 needed weekly
to maintain budget*

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

“My Favorite Things”

You’ve asked and we listened - My Favorite Things is back! Join us for a fun Ladies Night Out

You are invited to attend a fun filled evening with ladies sharing their favorite things. The night will include snacks, a time of fellowship, and our favorite “must-haves”.

You are asked to bring 3 of your favorite things:

- ☼ *all 3 items can be identical*
- ☼ *all 3 items can be different*
- ☼ *each item must be valued at approx. \$10 (totaling approx. \$30 for the 3)*

During the evening, you will be choosing 3 different items to take home—3 other ladies favorites.

Some ideas would include:

- ☼ *food / beverage items*
- ☼ *beauty / hair products*
- ☼ *home décor*
- ☼ *seasonal items*
- ☼ *plants / flowers*
- ☼ *etc.*



Be creative – the possibilities are endless! Something that is a must-have, a favorite of yours. Your items must be visible; no packaging or gift bags etc. Feel free to make them look fun!

Details of the event: Monday, June 1 – 7:00pm

A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board by the kitchen; deadline to sign up is May 31.

*Questions? Talk to one of the committee members:
Lisa Hulst, Donna Jurries, Mary Lezman or Shelly McCormick*

Invite your friends and family! We hope to see you there!!





Time Together Is Very Important

On May 8, we were able to meet and share Christian fellowship with our Kids Hope students and their families. We had a fun time at The Hall in Overisel with The Critter Barn outdoor presentation along with pizza and Bingo. The Critter Barn presenters not only talked about the animals, but also reminded the students about our Great God, the Creator of All.



Having the students, their families, mentors, prayer partners and a host of amazing volunteers at this year-end event was a perfect way to close out the 2025-2026 Kids Hope program at Hamilton Elementary and the Hamilton Middle School. Our outreach to the community and the teamwork between Hamilton Reformed and Overisel Reformed churches continues to broaden the program and fulfill our desire to share the Gospel within our community to those that might feel like outsiders.

I can't truly express my complete appreciation for all of the support you have given through your prayers, volunteering your help, and giving financial support to this program. Our ability to reach others and connect to students and families in our community is a big opportunity to share our faith.

Your prayers and support have been the strength of Kids Hope over the last 25+ years. A BIG THANK YOU for your support of the program.

Joy Essenburg
Kids Hope USA – kidshopehrc@gmail.com

Our Graduates



Isaiah Helder

Isaiah is graduating from Homeschooling.

He played in band where he won 1st place and 2nd place awards in Solo & Ensemble. He also attended the Careerline Tech Center and received his OSHA certification, CPR/AED/First Aid certification and Narcan certification.

Isaiah plans on getting a degree in Fire Science as well as joining a fire department as a career.

Macie Kleinheksel

Macie is graduating from Hamilton High School.

She plans on working with livestock following graduation.



Sam VanHuis

Sam is graduating from Hamilton High School.



Ben Hart

Ben is graduating from Calvin University with a degree in computer science.

He is presently working as the chief tech person at The Pinnacle. He plans on working in the tech field, bringing together multi-media platforms to make it accessible and feasible for the common user.

From Seniors to Seniors

Following is advice from some of our HRC senior adults to our graduating seniors:

- 🎓 Learn to balance your checkbook
- 🎓 Learn how to read a map - there isn't always cell service
- 🎓 Book knowledge is good, but so is common sense
- 🎓 Let common sense prevail
- 🎓 Choose your friends wisely
- 🎓 Consider service in the armed forces
- 🎓 Don't be afraid to be yourself - God made you special for such a time as this
- 🎓 Always remember to keep God and His love at the center of your life
- 🎓 Remember who you are and from where you came
- 🎓 If it's on the net, it's always true? The answer is NO!!!
- 🎓 Never charge on a credit card more than you can pay for in a month
- 🎓 Follow God's path, even when life is "fine"
- 🎓 Remember your heritage
- 🎓 Don't waste your talent
- 🎓 Share your time with others
- 🎓 Look for good mentors
- 🎓 Work hard, play safe, and play smart
- 🎓 Tithe first, then save, share, and spend
- 🎓 If you don't have time to regularly pray, read the Bible, and attend church, then maybe you're too busy
- 🎓 Trust God to lead your way

Proverbs 3:5 & 6, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

When everything seems so tough, remember Psalm 46: "Be still, and know that I am God. . . ." (v. 10a).