

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | May 4, 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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Sunday Morning Pastor Kevin Hart

Acts 9:1-20

"Rise Up"

In the familiar telling of Saul's conversion to follow Christ, we will take particular notice of the repetitive call to 'rise up' which signifies not only action, but a change in direction to follow Christ.

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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: Del & Mary Redder

Nursery Volunteers: Maddy Poll, Molly Casemier

Children In Worship: Lynn Bosch, Anna Hart

Security Team: Nick Haskill, Mark Groenheide

Next Week (May 11):

Greeters: Jeff & Laurie Reuschel

Nursery Volunteers: Kathy Weerstra, Bev Ende

Children In Worship: Erin Rozendaal, Grayson Rozendaal

Security Team: Tyler Taratuta, Jim Van Den Beldt

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
 - Kindergarten-1st grade meets in Room 106
 - 2nd Grade meets in Room 107
 - 3rd-4th Grade meets in Room 109
 - 5th-7th Grade meets in Room 108
 - 8th-12th Grade meets in the Youth Room
- Women's Bible Study meets in the Conference Room

Today is the last day of Sunday School classes.

Thank you to all who have volunteered this past year.

We couldn't do it without you!

This Week

Sunday, May 4

9:30am Sunday Worship

Children In Worship

10:45am Sunday School

Tuesday, May 6

10:00am Bible Study

Thursday, May 8

Office closing at 10:30am

Friday, May 9

10:00am Pantry

A Look Ahead

Sunday, May 11

Last Day of Children In
Worship

Sunday, May 18

Graduate Recognition

Sunday, June 15

Summer Story Time Begins

July 22-24

Hamilton Area VBS

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.

Weather Cancellation Guidelines

If a Tornado Watch, Tornado Warning or Severe Thunderstorm Warning has been posted for Allegan County within one hour prior to a church service or church activity, the service/activity will be cancelled. Please check one of the following for the status of activities:

- WOOD-TV (woodtv.com)
- Fox 17 (fox17online.com)
- WZZM (wzzm13.com)
- HRC Prayer Line (269-751-5422, #18)
- HRC's Facebook Page

Lions Club Chicken BBQ

The annual Lions Club Chicken BBQ is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, at Hamilton Middle School from 4:30-6:30pm. Tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR code or will also be available at the door. This year's format will be a drive-thru only.



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 that visit the Family Pantry.

Office Closing Early

The church office will be closing at 10:30am on Thursday, May 8.

Baccalaureate

You are invited to the Baccalaureate Service of the Hamilton High School Class of 2025 on Sunday, May 18, at 3:00pm at Cultivate.

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 Dean & Christine VanFarowe

Ministry Focus

Please pray for the Vanden Bosch family. Chad is working with audio Bibles as well as agriculture, and Dara works with hospice care.

Please Pray for:

- Cheryl Kempkers is a patient at Blodgett Hospital following surgery on her kidney to treat an infection.
- Pat Kragt is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Thursday, May 8.
- Mark Woldring was hospitalized in Missouri where he was treated for a blood clot in his lungs as well as his leg. He has since been discharged and has returned home where he continues to recover.

Our Sympathies to:

Don Lampen on the passing of his wife, Donna, on Saturday, April 26.

55+ Retirees and Seniors of HRC

55+ Retirees and Seniors of HRC will meet for breakfast on Thursday, May 15 at 9:00am at Hawk's Nest. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Please sign up by Sunday, May 11 if you plan on joining them.

Summer Story Time

Before you know it, summer will be here...and so will Summer Story Time. This year we will be talking about Super Heros. **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. Summer Story Time dates:

- June 15, 22, 29
- July 13, 20, 27
- August 3, 10

Please Continue to Pray for:

Continuing Care

Bob Berens

Sharon Haverdink

Friend at Home

Harvin Bultman

Education Volunteers

All those who have helped with Wednesday Night programs and activities

Children Ministries

Our Children's Ministry Coordinators and all those who volunteer in Children In Worship, Sunday School, Youth Praise Team and Kid Connection

Tithes & Offerings

April 27 Total - \$6,956

Offering - \$6,391

E-tithe - \$565

*\$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.*

April Mission of the Month
Offering – Western
Theological Seminary
\$440

Consistory Chronicles

April Elders / Consistory Meetings

Consistory met and reviewed our various groups and committees. Some examples are:

- The 55+ Group is meeting on May 15 with a breakfast at Hawk's Nest
- A team from Discipleship continues to work on this year's VBS with Cultivate
- A building use request under consideration was updated with an agreement to move forward in good faith
- The Deacons gave an update on projects and will begin grounds care in the short-term as a cost saving measure. Any volunteers interested in assisting should reach out to members of the Property Committee.
- Finances were discussed. We have improved our position slightly from last month, but remain cautious and look for continued effort to increase our reserve.
- The Elders continue to watch and evaluate pastoral care following the departure of Pastor Ron. Thus far, through the assistance of 'Friends at Home,' the 'Prayer Line,' and others together with the pastor, we appear to be meeting the challenge. Please bring any concerns/questions to Pastor Kevin or the Elders as we navigate this transition together.
- We will welcome guest preachers on June 22 (Ron Lugten) and July 27 (Dean VanFarowe from Cleveland Reformed).
- Consistory will not meet in May. The next Elders and Consistory meetings are scheduled for June 23.

2025 Consistory

Elders

Dave Bakker
Scott Essenburg
Calvin Kragt
Dave Mazurek
Les Meiste
Jim Van Den Beldt

Deacons

Drew Boerman
Larry Boerman
Todd Burton
Scott Devereaux
Tyler Taratuta
Tom Weerstra

Consistory Officers

Vice President

Calvin Kragt

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Scott Essenburg

Congregational Life

Dave Bakker

Spiritual Formation

Jim Van Den Beldt

Service & Outreach

Les Meiste

Deacon Chair

Todd Burton

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Tyler Taratuta

Facility / Property

Larry Boerman, chair
Drew Boerman
Tom Weerstra

Love Fund & Budget

Scott Devereaux