HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | November 29, 2026

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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

1st Sunday of Advent

Luke 1:5-25

"Turning Events"

As we enter Advent, we are invited to look for those moments that once again turn us to the work of God in Christ Jesus.

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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: Robert & Sherri Sprik
Nursery Volunteers: Luanne Elenbaas, Matthew Fales
Children In Worship: Libby, Callie & Blake Casemier
Advent Readers: Calvin & Pat Kragt
Security Team: Nick Haskill, Ross Eding

Next Week (December 6):
Greeters: Tyler & Jackie Taratuta and family
Nursery Volunteers: The Poll family
Children In Worship: Kendra Bosch, Lynn Bosch
Advent Readers: Mike & Becky Shaffer
Security Team: Jim Van Den Beldt, Mark Groenheide

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 meets in Room 107
  - 1st-2nd grade meets in Room 106
  - 3rd-4th grade meets in Room 109
  - 5th-6th grade meets in Room 108
  - 7th-9th grade meets in Room 8 (on main level)
  - 10th-12th grade meets in the Youth Room
- Women's Bible Study meets in the Conference Room

This Week

Sunday, November 29
9:30am Sunday Worship
Children In Worship
10:45am Sunday School

Tuesday, December 1
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Congregational Meeting

Wed., December 2
5:45pm Family Meal
6:00pm Youth Praise Team
6:30pm Kid Connection, Grow & Gravitate

Thursday, December 3
12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive
7:00pm Discipleship Team Meeting

Friday, December 4
10:00am Pantry
Kids Hope Christmas Party

Saturday, December 5
6:00am Men's Bible Study
10:00am Christmas Program Practice

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.

Women's Ministry Christmas Party

Women's Ministry will be holding their Christmas Party for ALL women on Monday, December 7, 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 the Christmas party). Please sign up on the bulletin board by the kitchen if you plan on attending.

Congregational Meeting

Our annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1.

Elder Nominees: Rick Ende, Rob McCormick

Deacon Nominees: John Casemier, Melissa Eding

Absentee ballots are available outside the library. Agendas have been placed in mailboxes – please bring your copy with you to the meeting. An addendum to the budget has also been placed in mailboxes.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The next Hamilton area Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, December 3, from 12:00-6:00pm at HRC. If you weigh at least 110 lbs., are 17 years old or older, and are in good health you may donate. To schedule an appointment (not required, but recommended), visit: redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Sponsor code: Hamiltonreformed

Pastor Kevin on Vacation

Pastor Kevin will be on vacation November 24-28. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Andy Rozendaal at (616) 836-6016.

Christmas Day Worship Service

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

November Missions of the Month

Compassionate Heart Ministries
Benjamin's Hope

Compassionate Heart Ministries is a place where individuals with mild to moderate disabilities can find friends, acceptance and have fun while building inclusive relationships in Christ.

Benjamin's Hope offers a thriving neighborhood, cherished as home by adults with developmental differences, as well as a community for Christ followers of all abilities.

Missionary of the Week

Josh & Alison Perkins

Ministry Focus

Please pray for Andy & Erin Rozendaal, our youth directors, as well as our youth sponsors, as they mentor our teens.

Please Pray for:

- Safety for those traveling this holiday season

Our Sympathies to:

Ruth Ann Lubbers on the passing of her son, Calvin Lubbers, on November 19

A Note of Thanks…

Grief is hard, but our church family has made it much more endurable. Thank you for the prayers, cards, hugs and words of encouragement after our Grandson's passing. All of this has meant a great deal to us!

Dave & Kay Bakker

Sign-Up for Dinner on December 2

On Wednesday, December 2, the Men's Bible Study will be serving Lake Michigan perch as well as chicken. The perch will be breaded with egg, milk and corn meal, deep fried in vegetable oil. The chicken will be breaded with milk, egg, flour, bread crumbs and light seasoning. It will be oven fried in butter. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen by November 29.

Christmas Memory Tree

The Decorating Committee would like to invite you to bring an ornament to decorate a special "Memory Tree" for our holiday season. Bring a special ornament to church in memory of a special person, fill out a tag and tie it to your ornament, and hang it on the tree. ***The tree will be ready for ornaments on November 29****

HRC 55+ Retirees & Seniors

The 55+ HRC Seniors & Retirees will be meeting for breakfast on Thursday, December 17, at 9:00am at Hawk's Nest. Please sign up by December 13 if you plan on joining them.

Please Continue to Pray for:

Continuing Care

Howie Busscher
Bern Diekema
Ron Kleinheksel
Les Meiste

Under Hospice Care

Diane Sale
Betty Spaman

Friend at Home

Clara TenHagen

Education Volunteers

Gord Poll
Maddy Poll
Grayson Rozendaal

Pantry Volunteers

Those who coordinate our volunteers and make sure there are enough supplies on hand and those who help clients on Fridays

Tithes & Offerings

Nov. 22 Budget Offering:
Offering – $6,708
E-Tithe – $1,320
Total – $8,028

$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.

Faith Development Opportunities

Adult Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study: Meets during Sunday School

Adult Bible Study: Meets Tuesdays at 10:00am

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

Wednesday Nights at HRC

Our Wednesday Night programming is designed around giving families a night to set aside in their week to rejoin the church family and celebrate what has happened that week over a shared meal and programming for students three years old – 8th grade. Wednesday night meals are served in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45-6:15pm. All are welcome to these meals…free of charge! ***A reminder to Youth Praise Team – please move to the front of the line so you can eat and get up to the Sanctuary by 6:00pm.***

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

Kid Connection (Three Years Old – 3rd Grade): Students gather in the basement from 6:30-7:30pm.

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

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

Attention Parents!!!

When your child(ren) are done eating on Wednesday night, please send them downstairs before programming begins. We have all sorts of games and activities set up. Grow students, you are expected to remain in the Fellowship Hall unless you are downstairs helping with younger students.

If they are a part of Youth Praise Team, please send them to the Sanctuary at 6:00pm for practice.

Wednesday Night Meals

Meals are served 5:45-6:15pm in the Fellowship Hall.

November Meals

December 2

Perch and chicken served by the Men's Bible Study

December 9

Baked potato bar served by Julie, Erin & Libby

Please contact Pat Kragt if you have any questions.

Desserts Needed

We are in need of desserts each week for our Wednesday Night meals. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.



Spreading Christmas Cheer

Christmas Cards for Our Friends at Home

You are encouraged to send some Christmas cheer to those who are not able to worship with us regularly…

- Mail a card or stop in for a visit
- Bring a card to church and place it in the box on the ledge outside the library by **Wednesday, December 2** (can address to a specific person or leave unaddressed – PLEASE rubber band your cards together)
- **After December 2**, we ask that you mail the cards directly to our Friends at Home

Jill Broekhuis	***Nelvin & Eleanor DeWeerd***	***Vern & Alvina Klein***
Diane Sale	***Betty Spaman***	***Marianne Yonker***
Dale Brower	***Joyce VanDam***	***Yvonne Wentzel***
Bev Woldring	***Clara TenHagen***	***Sharon Haverdink***
Bernie Diekema	***Nellie Brower***	***Belva Brower***
Sharon VanDyke		

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 34 kids and will take care of distributing the cards.



Updates from Children's Ministry

Nicki Boerman & Gracie Bosch – Children's Ministry Coordinators - hrcchildren@gmail.com

Kid Connection

Kid Connection will be having a birthday party for Jesus on December 16 during our normal Wednesday night meeting time (there will not be a meal beforehand). We are planning to play some fun games as well as have some birthday cake to celebrate Jesus' birth. After the party, we will be on Christmas break.
Kid Connection resumes January 13.

Volunteer Needs

Children's Message Presenters
Children In Worship Volunteers

Dates to Remember

Saturday, December 5
Christmas Program Practice
10:00-11:30am

Saturday, December 12
Christmas Program Practice
10:00-11:30am

Sunday, December 13
Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 16
Kid Connection Christmas Party (no meal)

Sunday, December 20 & 27
No Children In Worship or Sunday School
(resume on January 3)

Student Ministries

Grow: 4th-5th Grade / Gravitate: 6th-8th Grade / The Gathering: 9th-12th Grade

Andy & Erin Rozendaal – Directors of Youth Leadership - hamrefyouth@gmail.com

Grow (4th-5th Grade)

Meets Wednesday – 6:30-7:30pm

December 2: Lesson
December 9: Lesson
December 16: Christmas Party

Gravitate (6th-8th Grade)

Meets Wednesdays – 6:30-7:30pm

December 2: MOB
December 9: Lesson
December 16: Christmas Party

The Gathering (9th-12th Grade)

Meets Sundays – 6:00-7:30pm

December 6: Lesson
December 13: Christmas Party

Please remember our December Prayer Buddies in your prayers!



Molly Casemier

Parents: John & Libby Casemier
Birthday: September 21
Age / Grade: 18 years old / 12th grade
I like: cheerleading, choir, and skiing
Prayer Request: Please pray for a memorable, fun, safe, and healthy senior year and clarity for post high school plans



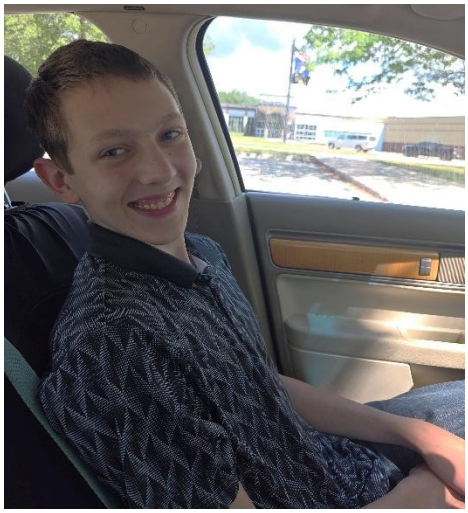
Anna Hart

Parents: Kevin & Suzanne Hart
Birthday: October 15
Age / Grade: 17 years old / 11th grade
I like to: sing, ride horses, play with my bunny Belle and dog Meadow, make all kinds of music, play tennis, draw, run, and surprise my friends with homemade treats
Prayer Request: Please pray that I find the time to do what I love and find rest amidst my very busy schedule



Everett Danczak

Parents: Stephen & Kelsey Danczak
Birthday: October 11
Age: 2 months old
I like to: watch drag races with daddy, being with my big brother and sisters, and I'm a Momma's boy,
Prayer Request: Please pray that I accept Jesus into my heart



Zander Boerman

Parents: Phil & Nicki Boerman
Birthday: July 21
Age / Grade: 15 years old / 9th grade
I like to: play video games, grill, drive the golf cart, and be on the Science Olympiad team
Prayer Request: Please pray that I continue to do well in school, grow in my faith, and become more confident



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 *Laundry Detergent*	**2** *Canned Soup*	**3** *Tissues (Kleenex)*	**4** *Canned Tuna*	**5** *Fabric Softener or Dryer Sheets*
6 *Canned Fruit*	**7** *Toilet Paper*	**8** *Macaroni & Cheese (with liquid cheese pouch)*	**9** *Paper Towels*	**10** *Canned Vegetables*	**11** *Dish Soap or Dishwasher Pods*	**12** *Peanut Butter*
13 *Disposable Razors*	**14** *Canned Chicken*	**15** *Kid's Shampoo*	**16** *Cereal*	**17** *Kitchen Garbage Bags*	**18** *Tuna Helper*	**19** *Body Wash*
20 *Jelly or Jam*	**21** *Hair Conditioner*	**22** *Canned SPAM*	**23** *Feminine Products*	**24** *Crackers*	**25** *Laundry Detergent (dye-free)*	

Please bring your filled box(es) to church by Sunday, January 3. They should be placed on the table in the Conference Room. 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!



December Ministry Volunteers

Ministry	December 6	December 13	December 20	December 25 *Christmas Day*	December 27
Greeters	Tyler & Jackie Taratuta family	Doug & Karen TerHaar	Brian & Paula VandenBrink	Dale & Carla VanderPoppen	Mary VanderPoppen Grace Eding
Nursery	The Poll family	Jessi Boerman Drew Boerman	Sandy Mulder Brooke Mulder	- -	Jackie Taratuta Brianna Fales
Children's Message	- -	- -	Can You Help?	- -	Can You Help?
Children In Worship	Kendra Bosch Lynn Bosch	- -	- -	- -	- -
Security Team	Jim Van Den Beldt Mark Groenheide	Todd Burton Wayne Keegstra	Tyler Taratuta Ross Eding	TBD	Nick Haskill Jim Van Den Beldt
Camera	Jerry VanLente	Zoe Rozendaal	Ryan Lindholm	TBD	Eric Helder
PowerPoint	Craig Poll	Kilee Kleinheksel	Mark Kleinheksel	TBD	Ryleigh Becksford
Sound	Tim Bleeker	Paul Koopman	Paul Bosch	Sam VanHuis	Jeff Mulder
Pianist	Mary Cupery	Sherry Kleinheksel	Deb Meiste	Mary Cupery	Sherry Kleinheksel
Praise Team	Paul, Jen & Anna	Christmas Program	Calvin, Dave, Gracie, Kendra & Kamryn	All available Praise Team singers	Paul, Tim, Kathy & Molly

Valet Parking: Volunteer Needed!

New Library Books – Check out these good winter reads:

Every Given Day by Cathy Gohlke

Cathy Gohlke skillfully explores the space between a prayer and its answer. A stunning reminder that faith isn't just about the desired miracle at the end of the road – it's about the journey it takes to get there.

She Will End This by Colleen Coble

Where We Belong by Kim Vogel Sawyer

Guardians of Justine series by Irene Hannon

Lethal Legacy (book 3)

Blue Justice series by Lynette Eason

Called To Protect (book 2)



December

Birthdays

December 1: Rick Ende
Ashlyn King
December 3: Mike Shaffer
December 4: Suzanne Hart
Sandy Mulder
December 8: Scott Devereaux
December 9: Cheryl Bleeker
Holly Cochrane
December 11: Scott Sikkema
December 12: Reed Lampen
December13: Isaiah Helder
Lisa Kempkers
December 16: Jack Eding
Mary Lezman
Gord Zalsman
December 17: Holly Harper
December 20: Deb Meiste
December 24: Felicity Boerman
Linda Wassink
December 27: Tim Keen
December 29: Don Lampen
December 30: Rylan McCormick

Anniversaries

December 2, 1988
Wayne & Ruth Keegstra

December 12, 2012
Jim & Wanda Kraker

December 13, 2014
Larry & Holly Cochrane

December 17, 1971
Jim & Barbara VanGelderen

December 18, 1987
Jack & Mary Lezman

December 23, 2005
Mike & Gracie Bosch

December 30, 2005
Eric & Lisa Helder



Don Lampen is celebrating his 96th birthday on December 29.

Jim & Barbara VanGelderen are celebrating their 55th anniversary on December 17.

Please celebrate with him by sending a card.

Happening in December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Congregational Meeting	**2** 5:45pm Meal 6:00pm Youth Praise Team 6:30pm Gravitate, Grow, Kid Connection	**3** 12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00pm Discipleship Team Meeting	**4** 10:00am Pantry Kids Hope Christmas Party	**5** 6:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Christmas Program Practice
6 9:30am Worship *Children In Worship* 6:00pm The Gathering	**7** 7:00pm Women's Ministry Christmas Party	**8** 6:00pm LLPP Preschool Christmas Program	**9** 5:45pm Meal 6:00pm Youth Praise Team 6:30pm Gravitate, Grow, Kid Connection	**10** 9:00am Staff Meeting	**11** 10:00am Pantry Hamilton El. Released Time	**12** 8:00am Scrapbooking 10:00am Christmas Program Practice
13 9:30am Worship *Christmas Program* 6:00pm The Gathering	**14** 9:00am Prayer Group 6:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Consistory Meeting	**15** 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	**16** 6:00pm Youth Praise Team 6:30pm Gravitate, Grow, Kid Connection Christmas Parties (no meal)	**17**	**18** 10:00am Pantry	**19** 6:00am Men's Bible Study
20 9:30am Worship	**21**	**22** 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	**23**	**24** *Church Closed*	**25** 9:30am Christmas Worship	**26**
27 9:30am Worship	**28** 9:00am Prayer Group	**29**	**30**	**31**		

Weather Cancellation Guidelines

If Hamilton Schools are closed for the day, or if they close in the course of the day due to winter weather conditions, all church activities scheduled that day will be cancelled and the office might also be closed. If Hamilton Schools have neither closed for the day, nor closes throughout the course of the day due to winter weather conditions, but a "Winter Weather Advisory" is in effect, please check one of the following for the status of church activities:

WOOD-TV: woodtv.com ~ WZZM: wzzm13.com ~ Fox 17: fox17online.com

HRC Prayer Line (269-751-5422) ~ HRC's Facebook Page