

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | October 22, 2023

# 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

“The Things”

Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22

We are forever in a struggle of managing how to be in the world and not of it. There are many things within this life that press in upon us, things for which we believe (without true consideration) that God simply doesn't understand the cost or tensions with which we live. Throw in power struggles and social status and we have an endless spaghetti of ever shifting motives. How might we re-orientate in order to follow Jesus more fully?



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# *Sunday Mornings at HRC*

## **Worship Locations**

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

Greeters: Mark Kleinheksel

Next Week (October 29): Ron & Sandy Kleinheksel

## **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).

Nursery Helpers: Jen Becksford, Ryleigh Becksford

Next Week (Oct. 29): Nicki Boerman, Zander Boerman

# *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- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade meet downstairs
  - Preschool (3-4 Years Old) meets in Room 101
  - Young 5s-Kindergarten meets in Room 106
  - 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade meets in Room 107
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade meets in Room 108
  - 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade meets in Room 109
  - 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade meets in the Youth Room
  - Women's Sunday School / Bible Study meets in the Conference Room
  - Adult Sunday School meets in the Fellowship Hall

## **Youth Group Special Activity**

Gravitate and The Gathering will be joining their efforts to support Pat Kragt and the HRC Blanket Ministry. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 4:00pm to help assemble fleece tie blankets. Dinner will be provided. Please let Andy or Erin Rozendaal know if you will be there!

# *This Week*

## ***Sunday, October 22***

9:30am Sunday Worship  
Children in Worship  
10:45am Sunday School  
4:00pm Gravitate and  
The Gathering  
Special Event

## ***Monday, October 23***

8:30am Prayer Group  
6:00pm Elders Meeting  
7:00pm Consistory Meeting

## ***Tuesday, October 24***

10:00am Bible Study

## ***Wednesday, October 25***

9:45am Trunk or Treat  
10:30am Playgroup  
11:30am Library  
5:45pm Meal  
6:00pm Youth Praise Team  
6:30pm Kid Connection,  
Grow & Gravitate

## ***Thursday, October 26***

9:00am Staff Meeting

## ***Friday, October 27***

10:00am Pantry

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## *HRC Podcast*

Our sermons are now available as a podcast!

Visit our website:  
[hamiltonreformedchurch.org](http://hamiltonreformedchurch.org)  
and click on  
the "sermons" box.

## ***New Address***

Jean Hutt has moved and has a new address. Please update your address directory:

Jean Hutt  
Quincy Place Senior Living  
12300 Quincy St., #158  
Holland, MI 49424

## ***Indoor Trunk-or-Treat***

HRC would love to provide an outreach to our LLPP preschoolers with an indoor trunk or treat on Wednesday morning, October 25, at 9:30am. You can join the fun by bringing some candy and manning a chair in the hall to share your treats as the children visit you in their costumes. Feel free to invite other preschoolers and grandchildren to join us, too. Contact Lynn Bosch if you have any questions.

## ***Kid Connection Fall Party***

Kid Connection is having a party and parents and members of the congregation are invited to join us and participate.

When: Wednesday, October 25, 6:30-7:30pm

Where: Kid Connection (downstairs)

Feel free to wear a church appropriate costume. We will be playing games and making crafts.

## ***Wednesday Night Crews***

We are looking for a few individuals who would be willing to occasionally serve as meal servers or on a clean-up crew for our Wednesday night meals. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen if you are willing to help. Contact Pat Kragt for more details.

## ***October Mission of the Month***

### **Hope College Chapel Ministries**

The main focus of Chapel Ministries is to prepare students to live as grateful, lifelong followers of Jesus Christ, knowing the freedom of the gospel as they gather, nurture and send students out to live holistic lives in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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### **Missionary of the Week**

Josh & Alison Perkins  
Arabic Muslim Bahrainis  
Global Mission RCA  
4500 60<sup>th</sup> St., SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49512  
Email:  
[joshualperkins@gmail.com](mailto:joshualperkins@gmail.com)

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### **Ministry Focus**

Please pray for Jennifer Lucking as she meets the needs of the young women who are caught up in the ever-present sex trafficking trade.

## *Please Pray for:*

- Thelma Deters was a patient at Meijer Heart Center following a heart attack. She has since been released and her and Orv are staying with their daughter.
- Holly Harper is recovering at home following knee replacement surgery on October 18.

## *A Note of Thanks*

Thank you to the Women's Ministry for the beautiful mum plant. Thank you to the congregation for all the cards and prayers offered during the illness and passing of my son, Dale Brower. We ask that you also please pray for my daughter-in-law Kathy Brower and family as Kathy's father, Paul McKeever, passed away only a few days after her husband, Dale.

Nellie Brower and family

## *Special Offering*

We will collect a Special Offering this morning to assist our friends at Calvary Reformed in Cleveland. They anticipate a \$13,500 shortfall this year as inflation has led to a significant increase in expenses, (such as utilities), while at the same time leading to lower offerings. HRC has a strong history of ministry with Calvary Reformed and we want to support the vibrant ministry efforts which include upcoming baptisms, unchurched professions of faith, meal ministry and many other ways in which they are reaching the neighborhood. **Offerings can be placed in the designated buckets can be included in your offering envelope, please specify "Calvary" on the front of the envelope.**

## *Please Continue to Pray for:*

### **Continued Care**

Bill Jacobs  
Nancy Jacobs  
Brian VandenBrink  
Stu Woldring

### **Friend at Home**

Ivan Top

### **Education Volunteers**

Holly Cochrane  
Elijah Helder

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## *Tithes & Offerings*

October 15 Total - \$5,920  
Offering - \$3,675  
E-tithe - \$2,245

*\$7,744 needed weekly  
to maintain budget*



# Faith Development Opportunities

## *Adult Bible Studies*

**Women's Bible Study:** Meets during Sunday School

**Study on Romans:** Meets Tuesdays 10:00-11:30am

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

## *Wednesday Nights at HRC*

Our Wednesday Night 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 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Wednesday night meals are served in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45-6:15pm. All are welcome to these meals...free of charge!

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

**Kid Connection (Three Years Old – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade):**

Students gather in the basement from 6:30-7:30pm.

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

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

### *Attention Kids!!!*

When you are done eating your meal on Wednesday night, come and join us downstairs before programming begins. We have all sorts of games and activities set up.

**\*\*If you are a part of Youth Praise Team, please head up to the Sanctuary at 6:00pm for practice.\*\***

## *Wednesday Night Meals*

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

## *October Meals*

**October 25**

Tater tot casserole served by Bev & Pat

## *November Meals*

**November 1**

Pulled pork served by the Bleeker & Kragt families

**November 8**

TBD served by the Gates & Eding families

Please contact Pat Kragt if you have any questions.

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## *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.

# *Community Events & Opportunities*

## *Love INC Sponsor a Family for Christmas*

It's almost the time of giving! To learn more about sponsoring a local family for Christmas, call the Love INC Allegan County office at (269) 751-2533 and ask for Cindy, or email [cindy@loveincnwa.org](mailto:cindy@loveincnwa.org).

## *Hungry For Christ*

Hungry For Christ, a local food distribution ministry has many volunteer opportunities for both groups and individuals. Contact Martha Ray, Volunteer Coordinator, at [mray@hungryforchrist.org](mailto:mray@hungryforchrist.org) for more information or to help out.

## *Hamilton Historical Society*

Are you interested in the history of the Hamilton Community? You are invited to an informative and fun evening on Tuesday, October 24, at 7:00pm at the Heath Township Hall (3440 Lincoln Rd.). We will be discussing how you can share in the mission and vision for preserving the area's history, as well as featuring "A Peek at the Past: Early Photos of Hamilton" with Ruth Tidd. The free event is open to the public. We hope to see you there! Sponsored by the Hamilton Community Historical Society's organizing team: Ernie & Melanie Rotman, Lynn Bosch, Cynthia Kleinheksel, Ruth Tidd, Jean Behnke, Wendy Langeland, Carol VanderPoppen and Duane Joostberns.

## *Overisel 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events*

Overisel Reformed Church is celebrating their 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a variety of events:

- Friday, November 3, 7:00pm: Trivia Night - Come join us and discover some hidden facts about Overisel. No pressure - just fun and laughter and maybe even gain some knowledge. Snacks and drinks will be provided.
- Saturday, November 11, 3:00-5:00pm: Open House – The community is invited to Overisel Reformed for an Open House with informational displays about the history of the Village of Overisel.
- Saturday, November 11, 6:30pm: All are invited to join us for a historical program led by Dr. Robert Swierenga, professor at Hope College.
- Sunday, November 12, 5:00pm: Community Hymn Sing – The community is invited to join their voices in song and praise.