

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | December 28, 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

Ordination / Installation of  
Newly Elected Elders and Deacons

Hebrews 2:10-18  
"Perfect through Suffering"

The preacher of Hebrews reminds us  
of the purpose for which our Lord came.  
He enters into our world of death  
to suffer for our sins.

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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: Pat & Kris Driscoll

Nursery Volunteers: Holly Cochrane, Brianna Fales

Security Team: Mark Groenheide, Tyler Taratuta

## **Next Week (January 4):**

Greeters: Jim Dubbink

Nursery Volunteers: Holly Cochrane, Brianna Fales

Security Team: Tyler Taratuta, Ross Eding

## ***Today's Activities & Information***

- Sunday School resumes January 11
- Children In Worship resumes January 11

## ***Ordination/Installation Service***

Ordination and Installation of newly elected Elders and Deacons will take place this morning. Being ordained/installed to the office of Elder are Bill MacKechne and Mike Shaffer. Being installed to the office of Deacon is Jim Veldhoff. Being ordained/installed to the office of Deacon is Mark Woldring.

## ***Wednesday Night Meals***

Wednesday night meals resume on January 14.

Groups or committees are needed to prepare and serve meals on: January 28, February 4, February 11, February 25, March 4 and March 11

Sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Please contact Pat Kragt for more info or if you have questions.

## ***This Week***

***Sunday, December 28***

9:30am Sunday Worship

***Thursday, January 1***

Church Closed

***Friday, January 2***

10:00am Pantry

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Our sermons are now available as a podcast!

Visit our website:  
[hamiltonreformedchurch.org](http://hamiltonreformedchurch.org)  
and click on the podcast tab at the top of the page.

## ***Worship & Music Coordinator***

Here is contact information for Mary Cupery:  
Please see a printed Heartbeat or call the office for this information

## ***2025 Quilting Group Report***

This past year the Quilting Group of HRC has donated 20 quilts of various sizes to:

- Building Men for Life
- Resilience
- Victim Service Unit (Allegan County)
- Love INC

We have appreciated donations of fabric, sheets and light blankets. Donations can be left in or on the cabinets in the downstairs hallway.

## ***Temporary Custodial Help Needed***

We are in need of custodial / cleaning help for 4-6 weeks in January and February to cover for Amy Carroll while she is out recovering from surgery. Please contact a member of the Property Committee (Drew Boerman, Larry Boerman, Mark Woldring) for more details or if you are interested in helping.

## ***Weather Cancellation Guidelines***

Here is a reminder of our winter weather cancellation guidelines. If Hamilton Schools are closed for the day, or if they close in the course of the day due to weather conditions, all church activities scheduled that day and evening will be cancelled. The office might also be closed, so please call ahead before stopping by. If Hamilton Schools have neither closed for the day, nor closes throughout the course of the day, but a "Winter Weather Advisory" or "Winter Weather Watch/Warning" is in effect, church activity cancellations will be posted on one of the following:

WOOD-TV: woodtv.com ~ WZZM: wzzm13.com

Fox 17: fox17online.com ~ HRC's Facebook Page

## ***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!

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### **Missionary of the Week Chad & Dara Vanden Bosch**

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### **Ministry Focus**

Please pray for the volunteers and staff of Hungry For Christ as they help meet the needs of the greater Hamilton area.

## ***Please Pray for:***

- Bern Diekema is under continued care treatments for blood cancer
- Alvina Klein has returned home to MediLodge of Zeeland

## ***Our Sympathies to:***

- Scott & Joy Essenburg on the passing of Scott's mother, Phila Essenburg, on Friday, December 19.
- Jon Schrottenboer on the passing of his wife, Eileen, on Wednesday, December 24. A candle has been placed on the landing leading up to the Sanctuary in Eileen's memory.

## ***A Note of Thanks...***

Dear HRC friends ~ Truly you have blessed me in the last few weeks. Your words of concern and then of sympathy as my sister, Janice Pegg, went on to heaven helped me and comforted me so very much. Thank you for the cards. As we approach Christmas Day I have enjoyed the cards, poinsettia plant and cards. Thank you too for the plates of goodies. The carolers sang beautifully and I loved seeing them and their faithful leaders who come every year. Bless you all as we celebrate Christ's coming. Marianne Yonker

## ***Address Directory Updates***

It's time to update our Address Directory. Yellow information sheets have been placed in mailboxes. Please look over the sheet and make any necessary updates or corrections. Forms are due back to the office by January 4, 2026. Thanks!

## ***Please Continue to Pray for:***

### **Continuing Care**

Lisa Haskill  
Larry Haverdink  
Dick Immink  
Nancy Kleinheksel  
Jon Schrottenboer  
Elijah Helder (MP training)

### **Friend at Home**

Joyce VanDam

### **Education Volunteers**

Ryleigh Becksford  
Aurora Boerman

### **Blanket Ministry & Helping Hands**

Those who minister to our HRC family during times of recovery or rehab through prayer blankets or coordinating meal delivery

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## ***Tithes & Offerings***

Christmas Day Offering:  
\$2,705

December 21 Total Budget  
Offering – \$15,831.70  
Offering – \$14,411.70  
E-Tithe - \$1,420

*\$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.*



# Updates from Children's Ministry

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

As we begin a new calendar year, we wanted to thank all of you for your help! The kids did a great job with the Christmas program, thank you for all your hard work practicing music and lines. We'd also like to thank everyone who has helped with teaching Sunday school, Children in Worship, Kid Connection and doing the Children's Messages. Without all of your help this couldn't happen.

## Join Our Team

We're still in need of a few volunteers this year:

Children in Worship Adult Leader Needed:

January 11, January 18  
February 15, February 22

Children's Message Presenter Needed:

January 4, January 11, January 18, January 25  
February 8, February 15, February 22

## Dates to Remember

**January 11**

Sunday School Resumes

**January 11**

Children In Worship Resumes

**January 14**

Kid Connection Resumes

# Student Ministries

**Grow: 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade / Gravitate: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade / The Gathering: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

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

## Gravitate

Meets Wednesdays – 6:30-7:30pm

### **Calendar**

January 9-11: Cran Hill Retreat  
January 14: Lesson Night  
January 21: Hand2Hand  
January 28: Lesson Night

## The Gathering

Meets Sundays – 6:00-7:30pm

### **Calendar**

January 4: Game Night  
January 11: Lesson Night  
January 14: Serving Wednesday Meal  
January 18: Sledding / Tubing  
January 25: Lesson Night

## Grow

Meets Wednesday – 6:30-7:30pm

Our theme this year is "Living a Godly Life"

Grow begins again on January 14

*Please remember our January Prayer Buddies in your prayers!*



***Parker Boerman***

**Parents:** Danny & Brooke Boerman

**Birthday:** July 28

**Age / Grade:** 5 years old / Young 5s

**I like to:** play in the sandbox, build forts, and drive my Jeep truck

**Prayer Request:** Please pray that I can feel more confident in being independent



***Paisley Burch***

**Parents:** Stephen & Kelsey Danczak

**Birthday:** September 11

**Age:** 2 years old

**I like to:** play outside and go for walks, play in water, play with my big brother and sister, and put things together and take them apart

**Prayer Request:** Please pray that I learn to share and take turns and that I continue to learn about Jesus



***Gunner Taratuta***

**Parents:** Tyler & Jackie Taratuta

**Birthday:** September 25

**Age / Grade:** 8 years old / 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

**I like to:** be outside, ride quads, play baseball and football, and do karate

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for a healthy school year and that I continue to learn new things and grow in my faith



***Emberleigh Poll***

**Parents:** Craig & Maddy Poll

**Birthday:** May 5

**Age / Grade:** 8 years old / 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

**I like to:** play softball, play outside, and be a social butterfly

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for a continued healthy school year, making new friends and learning lots

# *Consistory Chronicles*

## **December Elders / Consistory Meetings**

The Consistory held its final meeting of the 2025 year on Monday, December 15.

- We were joined by our incoming Elders (Bill MacKecknie and Mike Shaffer) and Deacons (Mark Woldring and Jim Veldhoff) who will be ordained and installed on Sunday, December 28.
- We held elections for 2026 Officers with the following results:
  - Les Meiste - Vice President of Consistory
  - Dave Mazurek - Clerk of Consistory
  - Todd Burton - Treasurer
  - Scott Devereaux – Chair of Deacons
  - Drew Boerman - Lead Property
- We received reports on:
  - Kids Hope and its upcoming gathering
  - Our continued transition from RCA to the Alliance
  - Our overall financial position, including our Love Fund for those in need
- We will be looking for a temporary Housekeeping/Cleaner for 4 to 6 weeks beginning late January. Please notify the office if you have interest.
- Additionally, the Consistory reviewed some of the present church policies: Staff Sick Pay in alignment with the State of Michigan, Marriage Policy, and Van-use Policy.
- The Elders met with Stephen and Kelsey Danczak and approved admission into church membership with Stephen coming through Profession of Faith, and Kelsey through Reaffirmation of Faith. Additionally, the Elders approved little Braelynn for baptism.
- The December financial reports are as follows:
  - Budget Fund: \$6,482.25
  - Projects Fund: \$13,604.77
  - Memorial Fund: \$13,230.00
  - Love Fund: \$4,185.54
  - Additional Reserve Funds: \$12,662.77
- The next Elders and Consistory meetings are scheduled for Monday, January 26.

## *2026 Consistory*

### **Elders**

Dave Bakker  
Bill MacKecknie  
Dave Mazurek  
Les Meiste  
Mike Shaffer  
Jim Van Den Beldt

### **Deacons**

Drew Boerman  
Larry Boerman  
Todd Burton  
Scott Devereaux  
Jim Veldhoff  
Mark Woldring

## **Consistory Officers**

### ***Vice President***

Les Meiste

### ***Clerk***

Dave Mazurek

### ***Congregational Life***

Dave Bakker

### ***Spiritual Formation***

Jim Van Den Beldt

### ***Service & Outreach***

Les Meiste

### ***Deacon Chair***

Scott Devereaux

### ***Treasurer***

Todd Burton

### ***Facility / Property***

Drew Boerman, chair







Larry Boerman

Mark Woldring

### ***Love Fund & Budget***

Jim Veldhoff

## *January Ministry Volunteers*

Ministry	January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25
<b>Greeters</b>	Jim Dubbink	Grace Eding Mary VanderPoppen	Jack & Ann Eding	Ross & Melissa Eding
<b>Nursery</b>	Holly Cochrane Brianna Fales	Libby Casemier Callie Casemier	Sandy Mulder Brooke Mulder	Bev Ende Olivia McCormick
<b>Children's Message</b>				
<b>Children In Worship</b>	--			Lynn Bosch Kami Bosch
<b>Security Team</b>	Ross Eding Tyler Taratuta	Mark Groenheide Nick Haskill	Todd Burton Jim Van Den Beldt	Ross Eding Tyler Taratuta
<b>Camera</b>	Ryan Lindholm	Eric Helder	Zander Boerman	Jerry VanLente
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Craig Poll	Kilee Kleinheksel	Mark Kleinheksel	Ryleigh Becksford
<b>Sound</b>	Paul Bosch	Brian Kleinheksel	Jeff Mulder	Tim Bleeker
<b>Pianist/ Organist</b>	Mary Cupery	Ruth Brink Sherry Kleinheksel	Sherry Kleinheksel	Deb Meiste
<b>Praise Team</b>	Tim, Dave, Jen & Anna	Paul, Brian, Lisa & Kathy	Youth Praise Team	Calvin, Brian, Gracie & Kendra

**Valet Parking: Volunteer Needed**

## *Get Involved at HRC*

There are many ways you can get involved at HRC! Sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

- Wednesday Night Meals: Meals are needed for the winter session of our Wednesday Night activities. January open date: **January 28**
- Wednesday Night Desserts are needed each week.
- Nursery Helpers: Volunteers are needed to watch over our littlest members. Please contact Holly Cochrane for more information or to volunteer.
- Personal Needs Pantry Volunteers: Volunteers are needed each Friday from 10:00am-12:30pm. Help is still needed on: January 30
- Cookies: Cookies are needed for our time of Fellowship on Sunday mornings.



# January

## ***Birthdays***

January 3: Brian VandenBrink  
January 4: Becky Groenheide  
Jeff Reuschel  
January 5: Rylee Boerman  
January 6: Blake Casemier  
Travis Poll  
January 7: Ron Kleinheksel  
January 9: Grayson Rozendaal  
January 12: Laurie Mulder  
January 14: Ron Klingenberg  
Debbie Lampen  
January 16: Aurora Boerman  
January 18: Dave Elenbaas  
Clara Haskill  
January 19: Alyssa Mulder  
Grayson Mulder  
January 20: Rob McCormick  
January 21: Rick Brenner  
January 22: Nathan Hart  
Larry Schrotenboer  
January 23: Nichole TenBrink  
January 24: Breanna Calkins  
January 25: Paul Koopman  
January 26: Arlynn Immink  
January 27: Julie Woldring  
January 30: Dale VanderPoppen  
January 31: Pat Driscoll  
Veta Lohman

## ***Anniversaries***

January 11, 2013  
Bob & Sheri Sprik  
  
January 24, 1958  
Nelvin & Eleanor DeWeerd  
  
January 31, 1977  
Paul & Jean Koopman



# January Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Church Closed  Happy New Year!	<b>2</b> 10:00am Pantry	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:30am Worship 6:00pm The Gathering	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:00am Pantry  <div>Gravitate Winter Retreat January 9-11</div>	<b>10</b> 6:00am Men's Bible Study
<b>11</b> 9:30am Worship <i>Children In Worship</i> 10:45am Sunday School 6:00pm The Gathering	<b>12</b> 9:00am Prayer Group	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:45pm Meal 6:00pm YPT 6:30pm Kid Connection, Grow, Gravitate	<b>15</b> 9:00am 55+ Breakfast at Hawk's Nest 10:00am Staff Meeting	<b>16</b> 10:00am Pantry	<b>17</b> 8:00am Scrapbooking
<b>18</b> 9:30am Worship <i>Children In Worship</i> 10:45am Sunday School 6:00pm The Gathering	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 1:00pm Quilting Group	<b>21</b> 5:45pm Meal 6:00pm YPT 6:30pm Kid Connection, Grow, Gravitate	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10:00am Pantry	<b>24</b> 6:00am Men's Bible Study
<b>25</b> 9:30am Worship <i>Children In Worship</i> 10:45am Sunday School 6:00pm The Gathering	<b>26</b> 9:00am Prayer Group 6:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Consistory Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:45pm Meal 6:00pm YPT 6:30pm Kid Connection, Grow, Gravitate	<b>29</b> 12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>30</b> 10:00am Pantry	<b>31</b>