

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | May 3, 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 2:1-12

“Living Stones”

God has not only saved us through His Son, Jesus, but also worked in such a way to make us participants in helping others to come and know Jesus and be saved.

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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: Nancy Joostberns, Sally Joostberns

Nursery Volunteers: Nicki Boerman, Zander Boerman

Children in Worship: Lynn Bosch, Kami Bosch

Security Team: Ross Eding, Tyler Taratuta

## **Next Week (May 10):**

Greeters: Gary & Donna Jurries

Nursery Volunteers: Maddy Poll, Molly Casemier

Children in Worship: Volunteers Needed

Security Team: Nick Haskill, Todd Burton

# *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 & 1<sup>st</sup> grade meet in Room 107
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade meets in Room 106
  - 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade meets in Room 109
  - 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade meets in Room 108
  - 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade meets in the Youth Room
- Women's Bible Study meets in the Conference Room

# *This Week*

## **Sunday, May 3**

9:30am Sunday Worship

Children In Worship

10:45am Sunday School

## **Thursday, May 7**

Office Closing at 10:30am

11:50am National Day of Prayer

## **Friday, May 8**

10:00am Pantry

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# *A Look Ahead...*

## **Sunday, May 10**

Last Day of Children In Worship

## **Sunday, June 14**

Summer Story Time Begins

## **July 21-23**

Hamilton Area VBS

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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.

## ***National Day of Prayer***

Mark your calendar for the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 7, from 11:50am-1:00pm at the Hamilton Veterans Memorial Park (3440 Lincoln Rd). This year's theme is: Glorify God among the nations – seeking Him in all generations

## ***Kids Hope Year End Celebration***

Our Kids Hope closing event to celebrate another completed school year will be on Friday, May 8, at The Overisel Hall (next to Overisel Reformed) from 3:00-6:00pm. We have The Critter Barn coming to share God's Word along with seeing and petting the animals. We will also have games outside and inside along with BINGO and pizza. Donations towards our BINGO gifts would also be very much appreciated. New or gently used items that students could use and play with throughout the summer may be put into the bin by the church library. Thank you for all your support throughout the year.

In Christ, Joy Essenburg, Kids Hope USA Director  
kidshopehrc@gmail.com

## ***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.

## ***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.

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**Missionary of the Week**  
Jennifer Lucking

### **Ministry Focus**

Please pray for Josiah Walcott and family as he works with Youth for Christ. Josiah works with the youth in Europe whose parents are involved in the military overseas.

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

- Belva Brower has returned home from The Inn at Freedom Village

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

Sharon Haverdink (wife) and Gloria Haverdink (sister-in-law) on the passing of Larry Haverdink on April 27

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

Thank you to my church family for the beautiful Easter lily. Thanks also for so many cards for my birthday. I enjoyed them all. Thank you!

Jean Hutt

Thank you so much for the wonderful donations as well as your on-going support of Joy Closet! It is truly appreciated! This is amazing!

Amy Timmer, Joy Closet

55+ Retirees & Seniors,

We want to offer a huge thank you for taking the time as a group to attend the Hamilton Community Historical Society's WWII presentation by Loren Joostberns! We sincerely appreciated each one of you and your support! We hope you enjoyed the presentation and can see the value in what we're doing as a service to help preserve and remember the past of our beloved community.

Warmest regards,

The Board of the Hamilton Community Historical Society

## ***Office Closing Early***

The church office will be closing at 10:30am on Thursday, May 7.

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

### **Continuing Care**

Harv Hoekje  
Brian Kempkers  
Erin Rozendaal  
Betty Spaman  
Yvonne Wentzel

### **Undergoing Treatments**

Bonnie DeZwaan  
Bern Diekema  
Sue Dykhuis

### **Friend at Home**

Eleanor DeWeerd

### **Education Volunteers**

Our youth group volunteers and all those who have donated items to make our year a success

### **Praise Teams & Musicians**

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## ***Tithes & Offerings***

April 26 Budget Offering:

Offering – \$7,933

E-Tithe – \$570

Total – \$8,503 1045

*\$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.*

# *Consistory Chronicles*

## April Elders / Consistory Meetings

- The Consistory met and continued oversight and direction for the church's care, ministries and missions. Our cancellation of our Maundy Thursday service during Holy Week allowed for a review and affirmation of our existing Weather Policy. Please note that we regularly publish this policy in The Heartbeat and that a Severe Weather Warning, Tornado Watch or Warning in place during any period of an hour leading up to an event will result in the cancellation of that event.
- Additional items of information ranging from the hearing loop system, security items to copier considerations were all reviewed or given a progress update.
- The Deacons gave an update on repairs, including the replacement of the boiler fan motor for the Sanctuary. They continue to gather information for a number of larger projects/capital improvements and how to involve the congregation. We continue to develop our tools for financial reporting so that all members of Consistory have a concise and clear financial picture.
- The Elders reviewed the heightened pastoral care concerns, noted the many visitors, discussed components of worship, and made note of those who may need additional care.
- The April financial reports are as follows:
  - Budget Fund: \$5,424.05
  - Projects Fund: \$11,974.91
  - Memorial Fund: \$13,230.00
  - Love Fund: \$4,985.54
  - Additional Reserve Funds: \$17,762.77

# *2026 Consistory*

## **Elders**

Dave Bakker  
Bill MacKechnie  
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***

Bill MacKechnie

### ***Deacon Chair***

Scott Devereaux

### ***Treasurer***

Todd Burton

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

Drew Boerman, chair  
Larry Boerman  
Mark Woldring

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

Jim Veldhoff

# “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, Shelly McCormick or Karen TerHaar*

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

