

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | April 26, 2026

# HEARTBEAT



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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

Psalm 23  
John 10:1-10

“The Good Shepherd”

Jesus often used familiar imagery to help people understand who He was and what He is about. Today, we are reminded of Christ's work in our lives and the call for us to listen for His voice.

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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: Bill & Nancy Jacobs

Nursery Volunteers: Libby Casemier, Callie Casemier

Children in Worship: Adult Volunteer Needed

Security Team: Jim Van Den Beldt, Todd Burton

## **Next Week (May 3):**

Greeters: Nancy Joostberns, Sally Joostberns

Nursery Volunteers: Nicki Boerman, Zander Boerman

Children in Worship: Lynn Bosch, Kami Bosch

Security Team: Ross Eding, Tyler Taratuta

# *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, April 26**

9:30am Sunday Worship

Children In Worship

10:45am Sunday School

## **Monday, April 27**

9:00am Prayer Group

6:00pm Elders Meeting

7:00pm Consistory Meeting

## **Friday, May 1**

10:00am Pantry

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# *A Look Ahead...*

## **Sunday, May 3**

Ringing of the Bell in

Recognition of Fallen

Firefighters

## **Sunday, May 3**

Last Day of Sunday School

## **Sunday, May 10**

Last Day of Children In

Worship

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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.

## ***Pictorial Directory Updates***

We will be updating the Pictorial Directory this year. Updated forms and pictures are due by August 31.

## ***Bells Across America***

On Sunday, May 3, HRC will be participating in Bells Across America during our worship service in honor of those firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2025 and previous years.

## ***Light the Night Red***

This past year, the Hamilton area lost their Fire Chief, Dave Haverdink, in the line of duty. You are invited to swap the outdoor lightbulbs at your home to red and Light the Night Red April 26 - May 3 (during the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend) as a symbol of support and remembrance to honor fallen firefighters and their families. For more information visit: <https://weekend.firehero.org/events/memorial-weekend/light-night-fallen-firefighters/> or see the poster outside the library.

## ***55+ Retirees & Seniors***

The Hamilton Community Historical Society is hosting Loren Joostberns as he presents *WWII – Remembering “The Locals”* on Tuesday, April 28, at 6:30pm at The Trestle Stop. The 55+ group will be attending and sitting together. Sign up on the bulletin board by April 26.

## ***Save Those Containers***

Please save your empty plastic containers for the Wednesday night meals – we will be using them for take-home meals as well as leftovers. Cleaned containers can be placed on the counter in the kitchen. Thank you.

## ***April Mission of the Month***

### **Western Theological Seminary**

Western Theological Seminary offers academic study in a nurturing community to prepare men and women for the challenges and opportunities of ministry in today's world. They are rooted in scripture, open to the world, joyful, hopeful and confident in God's purposes. Western prepares students for real-life ministry by offering one of the top seminary educations, focused on individual growth.

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### **Missionary of the Week**

Josiah & Alyssa Walcott  
Youth for Christ - Europe  
PSC 47 Box 414  
APO, AE 09470  
Email: [jwalcott@yfc.net](mailto:jwalcott@yfc.net)

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### **Ministry Focus**

Please pray for Grant Me Hope as they reach out to families to adopt teens that are aging out of the foster care system.

## *Please Pray for:*

- Harv Hoekje fell and broke his ankle, he will not be undergoing surgery for it
- Brian Kempkers is recovering at home following surgery on his elbow and upper arm
- Erin Rozendaal fell and fractured several vertebrae in her lower back
- Betty Spaman has moved to Riley Grove Assisted Living where she is under Hospice care
- Yvonne Wentzel is at Heritage Nursing & Rehab for a time of rehab following a recent hospitalization

## *A Note of Thanks...*

A very heartfelt thank you for all the texts, cards and conversations on my retirement. Thanks also for the beautiful suncatcher which I have on my kitchen window so I can see it every day and for the beautiful flower arrangement. I was very blessed to be a part of the worship services all these years and pray that someone was blessed by a song played. What a loving church family to be a part of. Thank you!

Ruth Brink

## *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

*Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples. 1 Chronicles 16:24 NASB*

## *Please Continue to Pray for:*

### **Continuing Care**

Belva Brower  
Larry Haverdink

### **Undergoing Treatments**

Bonnie DeZwaan  
Bern Diekema  
Sue Dykhuis

### **Friend at Home**

Nellie Brower

### **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

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## *Tithes & Offerings*

April 19 Budget Offering:

Offering – \$5,715

E-Tithe – \$1,470

Total – \$7,185

*\$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.*

# Updates from Children's Ministry

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



## Summer Story Time

Children in Worship will be wrapping up on May 10. After a short break, we will be kicking off our Summer Story Program. Kids 3 years old to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be dismissed from the morning worship service. This year we will be talking about

“Emojis”. We are looking for volunteers – sign up on the Children's Ministry bulletin board if you are interested in leading a lesson or two.



## Dates to Remember

**May 3**

Last day of Sunday School

**May 10**

Last day of Children In Worship

**June 14**

Summer Story Time Begins

## Vacation Bible School 2026

Faith Farm

July 21-23 ~ 6:00-8:00 pm

### Day One: Creation

*God created the wild animals:*

we are planning on bringing in the ODC so kids can experience animals they might find in the wild

### Day Two: Parable of the Sower

*God working in our lives to plant seeds:*

we are planning on having kids be able to touch-a-tractor (or farm equipment)

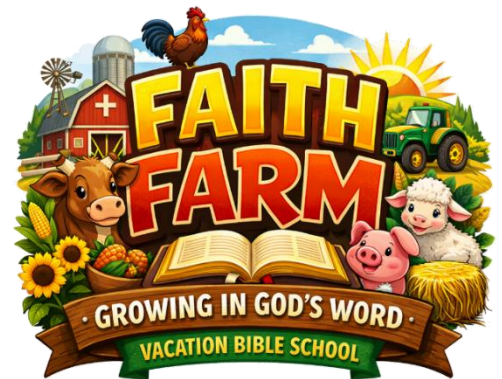
### Day Three: The Good Shepherd

*God takes care of us and we take care of the things He's given us:*

we are hoping to have a petting zoo and observation of bees for kids to experience

If your child is 3 years old (and potty trained) through 4<sup>th</sup> grade this fall, we'd love to have them join us! We are looking for many volunteers to help out in: crafts, snacks, junior helpers, and more. Please go to <https://vbspro.events/p/41b991> to sign up your child(ren) or volunteer. You can also see Gracie or Nicki and we'll get you signed up.

*We are going to be looking for individuals to buy shares in Faith to Farm. Shares will allow us to have real animal and farm experiences throughout the week. Watch for more details soon! Please reach out to Gracie, Nicki, or Gord with any questions.*



*Please remember our May Prayer Buddies in your prayers this month!*



***Kamryn Bosch***

**Parents:** Mike & Gracie Bosch

**Birthday:** September 5

**Age / Grade:** 12 years old / 7<sup>th</sup> grade

**I like:** hanging out with friends, sports, art, and spending time with family

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for continued health and that I grow in my faith



***Ashtyn Becksford***

**Parents:** Eric & Jen Becksford

**Birthday:** September 9

**Age / Grade:** 16 years old / 10<sup>th</sup> grade

**I like:** golf, soccer, swimming in the pool and being outside

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for a safe and healthy remainder to the school year

***Adalynn Boerman***

**Parents:** Kirk & Joann Boerman

**Birthday:** May 6

**Age:** will be 10 years old

***Rylee Boerman***

**Parents:** Kirk & Joann Boerman

**Birthday:** January 5

**Age:** 8 years old

***Cooper Cassiday***

**Parents:** Josh & Jessica Cassiday

**Birthday:** November 19

**Age:** 9 years old

***Harper Cassiday***

**Parents:** Josh & Jessica Cassiday

**Birthday:** August 19

**Age:** 5 years old

***Mason Cassiday***

**Parents:** Josh & Jessica Cassiday

**Birthday:** May 17

**Age:** will be 13 years old

***Charlie Conrad***

**Parent:** Kris Conrad

**Birthday:** August 30

**Age:** 9 years old

***Macie Kleinheksel***

**Parent:** Mark Kleinheksel

**Birthday:** May 6

**Age:** will be 17 years old

# *Kids Hope Time to Celebrate!*

Spring brings in transition and new birth. Easter has once again reminded us of how God's love transcends all the seasons and together, we rejoice in our salvation through Jesus Christ and share the Good News.

The school year is winding down. 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.

All students, mentors and prayer partners are encouraged to come and spend time together outside of the school environment. Hopefully, the weather will allow us to celebrate outside. 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.



Volunteers to help with the closing celebration are always welcome. If you have time to help, please let me know ([kidshopehrc@gmail.com](mailto:kidshopehrc@gmail.com)). 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. A special thank you to all the mentors and prayer partners for the gifts of God that you share each week to your students.

In Christ,  
Joy Essenburg, Kids Hope USA Director

## *May Ministry Volunteers*

Ministry	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
<b>Greeters</b>	Nancy Joosberns Sally Joostberns	Gary & Donna Jurries	Wayne & Ruth Keegstra	Brian & Lisa Kempkers	Cheryl Kempkers
<b>Nursery</b>	Nicki Boerman Zander Boerman	Maddy Poll Molly Casemier	Jackie Taratuta Anna Hart	Olivia McCormick Matthew Fales	Holly Cochrane Brianna Fales
<b>Children's Message</b>	<i>Volunteers Needed to Present Children's Messages in May</i>				
<b>Children In Worship</b>	Lynn Bosch Kami Bosch	<i>Help Needed</i>	--	--	--
<b>Camera</b>	Zander Boerman	Jerry VanLente	Zoe Rozendaal	Ryan Lindholm	Eric Helder
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Kilee Kleinheksel	Mark Kleinheksel	Ryleigh Becksford	Craig Poll	Kilee Kleinheksel
<b>Sound</b>	Tim Bleeker	Paul Koopman	Paul Bosch	Brian Kleinheksel	Jeff Mulder
<b>Security Team</b>	Ross Eding Tyler Taratuta	Nick Haskill Todd Burton	Mark Groenheide Jim Van Den Beldt	Mark Groenheide Nick Haskill	Ross Eding Tyler Taratuta
<b>Pianist/ Organist</b>	Nancy Kleinheksel	Mary Cupery	Sherry Kleinheksel	Mary Cupery	Deb Meiste
<b>Praise Team</b>	Brian, Paul, Kathy & Mary	Dave, Calvin, Jen & Anna	Tim, Molly & Mary	Paul, Calvin, Gracie & Kendra	Brian, Tim, Kathy & Anna

**Valet Parking:** Gord Poll

## *Hamilton Memorial Day Parade*



**MEMORIAL DAY**  
Remember and Honor

The entire community is invited to come out Monday, May 25, and celebrate Memorial Day as we honor our military heroes who gave their lives while serving their country. We would be honored to have all Veterans, combat and non-combat, come out and march in the parade. Rides are available. Enter your business or community floats, antique cars and tractors, horses, bikes and military vehicles, etc. We want to see the whole community come out and be a part of this special time! Kids - we need a lot of candy catchers, too! Line up begins at 8:00am. Enter at the high school and follow the service drive around to line up at the middle school. The parade begins at 9:00am. Immediately following the parade, you are encouraged to attend a public Memorial Service at Riverside Cemetery. In the event of inclement weather, parade cancellation information will be announced on Wood TV 8.

**\*A note from the Allegan County Sheriff Department: NO ATVs, dirt bikes, golf carts or other off-road vehicles are allowed in the parade due to past accidents.\***

# May

## *Birthdays*

- May 2: Nick Haskill  
May 3: Sandy Sloothaak  
May 6: Adalynn Boerman  
Caleb Cochran  
Macie Kleinheksel  
Gloria VanderZwaag  
May 7: Shelly McCormick  
Bob Tucker  
May 8: Kelsey Danczak  
Nick King  
May 13: Ann Eding  
May 15: Emberleigh Poll  
May 17: Mary Busscher  
Mason Cassiday  
May 19: Ruth Brink  
Bern Diekema  
McKinsey Doolaad  
May 20: Joann Boerman  
Curlene VanDyke\*  
May 25: Brooke Boerman  
Jessi Boerman  
Les Meiste  
May 28: Maddy Poll  
Zoe Rozendaal  
Diane VanLente  
May 29: Avery Calkins  
May 31: Lori Brower

## *Anniversaries*

- May 6, 1994  
Ross & Melissa Eding  
May 11, 2002  
Brian & Lisa Kempkers  
May 25, 1973  
Rick & Bev Ende  
May 25, 1991  
Kevin & Suzanne Hart

\*Address can be found in the Address Directory.



# Happening in May



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10:00am Pantry	2
3 9:30am Worship <i>Last Week of Sunday School</i>	4	5	6	7 10:00am Staff Meeting 11:50am National Day of Prayer at Veteran's Memorial Park	8 10:00am Pantry	9
10 9:30am Worship <i>Last Week of Children In Worship</i>	11 9:00am Prayer Group	12	13	14	15 10:00am Pantry	16
17 9:30am Worship Graduate Recognition 2:30pm Baccalaureate at Overisel Reformed	18	19 1:00pm Quilting Group	20	21 10:00am Staff Meeting  <i>HHS Class of 2026 Graduation</i>	22 10:00am Pantry	23 8:00am Scrapbooking
24 9:30am Worship	25 <i>Church Closed</i>	26	27	28 12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive	29 10:00am Pantry	30
31 9:30am Worship						

## Severe Weather Cancellation Guidelines

If a Tornado Watch or Warning has been posted for Allegan County within one hour prior to a church service or church activity, the service/activity will be cancelled. Also, if a Severe Thunderstorm Warning has been posted for Allegan County within one hour of any church service or church activity, the service/activity will be cancelled. Leaders and chairs of committees have the right to conduct an event during a cancellation if they deem the conditions are safe. In such cases, the leaders and chairs are responsible for notifying members and participants to inform them the event is still taking place and where they will be meeting. 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