

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | August 30, 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



JOIN US IN-PERSON OR ONLINE | SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM

Watch our services online at: [facebook.com/HamiltonReformedChurch](https://www.facebook.com/HamiltonReformedChurch) or
<https://www.youtube.com/@hamiltonreformedchurch4058/streams>

Sunday Morning Pastor Kevin Hart

Matthew 16:21-28

"Kingdom Economy"

When we finally determine who Jesus is, the question tests us as we weigh what part He will play in our lives, and what part we will play in the Kingdom.



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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: Ryan & Misti Lindholm

Nursery Volunteers: Jackie Taratuta, Matthew Fales

Security Team: Nick Haskill, Ross Eding

Next Week (September 6):

Greeters: Lane & Veta Lohman

Nursery Volunteers: Holly Cochrane, Brianna Fales

Security Team: Mark Groenheide, Wayne Keegstra

Pictorial Directory Updates

We are updating the Pictorial Directory this year.

Green information request forms and a copy of your most recent update were placed in your church mailbox. Please update the form and place it in the tray outside the library, updated pictures can be emailed to hamiltonreformedchurch@gmail.com – if you have no updates or changes, please note that on your form before returning it. If you are a regular visitor with us, we'd love to include you, too – extra forms are available outside the library. **Forms and photos are due by August 31.**

Harvest Table

You are invited to bring excess produce from your garden to share with others. Please leave items on the designated table in the lobby and take home what you can use.

This Week

Sunday, August 30

9:30am Sunday Worship

Monday, August 31

Pictorial Directory Updates
and Photos Due

Wed., September 2

Carpet Cleaning

Thursday, September 3

10:00am Staff Meeting

6:00pm LLPP Preschool

Open House

Friday, September 4

10:00am Pantry

A Look Ahead

September 13

Children In Worship and
Sunday School Begin

September 23

Consistory Nominations
Due

October 7

Wednesday Night Kick-Off

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.

Still Needed...

There are a few volunteer openings that need to be filled:

- Children In Worship – volunteers are needed on:
 - November 22
- Sunday School – volunteers are needed for:
 - Young 5s / Kindergarten
 - 1st / 2nd Grade
 - 5th / 6th Grade
- Kid Connection – volunteers are needed for Crowd Control before programming begins (talk to Gord Poll)

Stop by the Children's Ministry bulletin board near the entrance to see where God can use YOU to help mentor the younger members of our church.

Women's Sunday School Class

All women are welcome and encouraged to become part of this class. Please join us on Sunday, September 13 to meet with those who are interested and get an overview of this Bible Study class. We will meet during Sunday School in the conference room. Since there is no Sunday School on September 20, we will begin on September 27 and continue our current study, "Waiting For God" by Juanita Ryan. We'll be doing Lesson 5: Waiting With Hope. Each lesson is a stand-alone so you can easily join this study.

CBS Connect

CBS Connect will begin again October 8; we will be studying Colossians. Community Bible Studies is a global organization who believes that the Bible is God breathed, and that everyone's life can be transformed through the Word! The connect studies are abbreviated studies with a six to eight week commitment. The cost is \$10 (we can cover the cost if you are unable). Please invite friends and others in our community to join us! If you wish to attend, please email Becky:

rjshaffer0628@gmail.com

August Mission of the Month

Hand2Hand

Hand2Hand is eliminating child hunger by mobilizing schools, churches, businesses, and individuals to provide a backpack of nutritious food. Hand2Hand seeks to be a resource for children who face hunger over the weekend and on school breaks.

Missionary of the Week Josh & Alison Perkins

Ministry Focus

Please pray for the Mission Committee as they discern mission support for 2027.

Please Pray for:

- Sue Dykhuis has received the news that she is cancer-free
- Bev Woldring was a patient at Holland Hospital where she was treated for an infection. She has moved to Resthaven Maple Woods Cottages for a time of recovery and rehab (740 College Ave.).

A Note of Thanks...

Thanks to the gals who sewed bags for Dr. Wickstra to distribute in Honduras when he goes this winter to do dental work for the people there. We gave him 380 bags! They were shipped last week. Each one will be appreciated!

Consistory Nominations

Ballots for Elder and Deacon nominations have been placed in mailboxes (or mailed). Pray for God's guidance in the selection of individuals to fill these leadership positions. Ballots must be received in the office no later than Wednesday, September 23, and may be mailed to the office or placed in the designated box on the ledge outside of the library.

55+ Retirees and Seniors of HRC

55+ Retirees and Seniors of HRC will meet for breakfast on Thursday, September 17, at 9:00am at The Trestle. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Please sign up by Sunday, September 13, if you plan on joining them.

Youth Praise Team Kick-Off

The YPT kick-off will be Sunday, September 27, from 4:00-6:00pm at the Meiste's. There will be food and games for the kids. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. *Please bring a lawn chair.

Please Continue to Pray for:

Continuing Care

Amy Carroll
Luanne Elenbaas
Mary Lezman
Yvonne Wentzel

Undergoing Treatments

Bern Diekema

Friend at Home

Vern Sale

Decorating Committee

All who help decorate the Sanctuary and around church for special occasions and throughout the year

Tithes & Offerings

August 23 Budget Offering:

Offering – \$5,861

E-Tithe – \$1,270

Total – \$7,131

*\$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

We're so excited for this year's programming to start. Thank you everyone who has volunteered!! Sunday school starts in just a few short weeks and *we are still looking for a few teachers* as well as additional volunteers for Children In Worship. If you feel led to fill those slots or are willing to help out for a specific month please talk to Nicki or Gracie.

Student Registration, Prayer Buddies & Media Releases

Student Registration forms, Prayer Buddies information and Media Releases were all due last week. ***Student registration forms are required for children 3 years old – 5th grade.*** Each child must have an updated registration form on file every year in order to participate in HRC education programs. We would love to pray specifically for your children! Fill out a Prayer Buddy questionnaire so we can pray specifically for your child(ren). The Prayer Buddies program is for ALL children infant through 12th grade. Media Release Forms give us permission to share photos of your child and is required for **ALL children** infant through 18 years old. Paper forms are available on the ledge outside of the library.

- 5th - 6th Grade
 - 1st - 2nd Grade
 - Young-5 - Kindergarten
- Sunday School***

- Children's Message Presenters
- Sunday Morning***

Please pray asking God if this is where He is calling YOU to serve. Sign up on the Children's Ministry bulletin board. Specific volunteer needs include:

Volunteers Wanted



Dates to Remember

September 13

Volunteer Commissioning

September 13

Children In Worship Begins
Sunday School Begins

September 20

NO Sunday School
(Hamilton Schools off)

October 7

Wednesday Night Kick-Off
at the Community Ball Fields
(next to Hamilton Elementary)

October 14

Wednesday Night
Activities Begin

Please remember our September Prayer Buddies in your prayers!



Grayson Mulder

Parents: Jeff & Sandy Mulder

Birthday: April 17

Age / Grade: 9 years old / 4th grade

I like to: be outside, ride my dirt bike, drive RC trucks, build with Legos, football and baseball

Prayer Request: Please pray for a good year of growth, focus and health



Henry Haskill

Parents: Nick & Lisa Haskill

Birthday: October 29

Age: 1 year (almost 2)

I like to: tackle my brothers, take walks in the stroller, and eat snacks

Prayer Request: Please pray that I grow to understand more and more how much Jesus loves me and that I learn to sleep through the night more frequently



Brianna Fales

Parents: Larry & Holly Cochrane

Birthday: November 8

Age / Grade: 17 years old / 12th grade

I like to: hang out with my friends, choir, work, and play with my dog

Prayer Request: Please pray that I have a great last year at school and continue to grow in my faith



Carrisa Daley

(granddaughter of Tom & Kathy Weerstra)

Parent: E. Daley

Birthday: March 2

Age / Grade: 12 years old / 7th grade

I like to: read, draw, and hang out with friends

Prayer Request: Please pray that I have a great school year and cross country season

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

Student Ministries have an exciting year planned! This year, we will be focusing on building character through some characters. We will use unlikely people or unlikely attributes of likely people in the Bible to learn character for today.

Gravitate

Begins in October

Leaders: John Casemier
Ryleigh Becksford
Andy & Erin Rozendaal

The Gathering

Meets Sundays – 6:00-7:30pm

Leaders: Colin Eding
Tyler & Jackie Taratuta
Andy & Erin Rozendaal

Grow

Begins in October

Our theme this year is “Facing Our Giants”

The Gathering Calendar

September 13: Beach Night (4:00pm)
September 20: Campfire & Lesson
September 27: Service Night



Consider Putting Your Faith Into Action

Following Jesus' final commission to share the Good News of His love for us is hard yet easy. With a new school year started there comes with it many young people (and their families) who live close by but don't yet know this Good News.

Please consider taking on the opportunity that working with the Kids Hope Program can bring to you and to others. Committing to meet once a week and tutoring a student for 30-40 minutes or being in daily prayer as a prayer partner or even helping with program events throughout the school year makes you a blessing to others.

We Need YOU! Please consider putting your faith into action to help with the ever expanding need for Mentors, Prayer Partners and Event Volunteers. Take a moment to pray about it and let me know if you would be able to help.

Thanks! Joy Essenburg – Kids Hope USA Director
KidsHopeHRC@gmail.com – (269)751-5431 (call or text)

Education Opportunities

Children In Worship and Sunday School
begin Sunday, September 13

Sunday School is held 10:45-11:30am

- Three Years Old – 12th Grade meet in various classrooms on the main level and downstairs

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

- Women's Bible Study – Meets weekly during Sunday School (10:45-11:30am) in the Conference Room. All women are welcome! (see page 3 for more information)
- Men's Bible Study – Meets every other week on Saturday mornings at 6:00am in the Conference Room. Our first meeting is September 12.
- CBS Connect – Meets weekly on Thursdays at 10:30am in the conference Room. Our first meeting is October 8. (see page 3 for more information)
- Adult Bible Study – Pastor Kevin is looking to offer a Bible study this fall. Watch future Heartbeats for more information.

Middle School & High School Youth Groups

- Gravitare (6th – 8th Grade Youth Group) – Gravitare meetings are held on Wednesday evenings in the Youth Room downstairs 6:30-7:30pm. Gravitare will begin in October.
- The Gathering (9th – 12th Grade Youth Group) – The Gathering meets on Sunday evenings in the Youth Room downstairs from 6:00-7:30pm. Our kick-off on September 13 will be a beach day (5:30pm).

Children In Worship

This program is for children from three years old – Kindergarten.

Children are dismissed from the morning worship service and meet in the Noah's Ark Room downstairs. While in Children In Worship, the students will be exploring the Bible using the "Leading Children in Worship" curriculum. This curriculum uses wooden figures to allow the children to see and feel the characters and stories. A small snack will also be served. At the conclusion of the worship service, children will be brought upstairs for a cookie before returning downstairs for their Sunday School session.

Wednesday Nights at HRC

Wednesday Night Kick-Off on Wednesday, October 7
Join us at the community ball fields next to Hamilton Elementary for a fun night of food and fellowship!

Wednesday Night Programs begin on October 14

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 – 8th grade. Wednesday night meals are served in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45pm until 6:15pm. All are welcome to these meals...free of charge!

Youth Praise Team: Our Youth Praise Team is for students 2nd – 12th grade and will meet on Wednesday evenings. We will learn new songs for Praise and Worship and talk about the meanings of the songs and incorporate Bible verses as well as a time of prayer. Practices will be held 6:00-6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Kid Connection: Three Years Old – 3rd Grade:

Love them or hate them, bugs are a part of God's creation. As small as they are, these little things can give us some direction on how to live a life that glorifies God. As always, we will do our scripture portion together, split into groups for games and crafts and come back together to wrap up. We're looking forward to another year of laughs, fun and learning.

Grow: 4th – 5th Grade: Grow is set up like youth group while offering more challenging material than Kid Connection. This year's topic is "Facing Our Giants". Grow meets on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30pm in the Balcony Room in the Sanctuary.

Gravitate (6th – 8th Grade Youth Group): Gravitate meetings are held on Wednesday evenings in the Youth Room downstairs 6:30-7:30pm.

Wednesday Night Meals

We are excited for Wednesday Night Meals beginning October 8!

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

We need YOUR help to make them a success! Each committee/group is asked to sign up for ONE FAMILY MEAL NIGHT during the course of the education year. The sign-up sheets for both Fall and Winter sessions are located on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Please list what your meal will be when you sign up. Please contact Pat Kragt if you have 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.

September Ministry Volunteers

Ministry	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
Greeters	Lane & Veta Lohman	Cal & Sue Lubbers	Rob & Shelly McCormick	Jeff & Sandy Mulder and family
Nursery	Holly Cochrane Brianna Fales	Deb Meiste Matthew Fales	Gracie Bosch Kami Bosch	Jen Becksford Ashtyn Becksford
Children's Message	--		--	
Children In Worship	--	Erin Rozendaal Grayson Rozendaal	--	Lynn Bosch Kami Bosch
Security Team	Mark Groenheide Wayne Keegstra	Todd Burton Tyler Taratuta	Nick Haskill Ross Eding	Jim Van Den Beldt Todd Burton
Camera	Ryan Lindholm	Eric Helder	Zander Boerman	Jerry VanLente
PowerPoint	Ryleigh Becksford	Craig Poll	Kilee Kleinheksel	Mark Kleinheksel
Sound	Brian Kleinheksel	Jeff Mulder	Tim Bleeker	Paul Koopman
Pianist	Deb Meiste	Nancy Kleinheksel	Mary Cupery	Sherry Kleinheksel
Praise Team	Tim, Calvin, Kathy & Mary	Brian, Dave, Gracie & Kendra	Calvin, Paul, Molly, Anna & Ryan	Tim, Jen, Mary & Ryan

Valet Parking: Wayne & Ruth Keegstra

Grant Me Hope's 11th Annual Family FUNFEST

Saturday, September 19 ~ 10:00am-4:00pm ~ Dutch Village ~ FREE WILL DONATION

BIG TRUCKS! ***CARS & MOTORCYCLES!***

Registration at 11:00am, \$20 per vehicle. Trophies awarded.

DUTCH VILLAGE! Fun rides and activities, a petting zoo, gorgeous flower beds and lots Dutch history, exhibits, demonstrations and performances!

FOOD! We'll serve a picnic meal inside Dutch Village starting at noon.

Visit grantmehope.org/funfest or email info@grantmehope.org for more information!

Compassionate Heart's Annual Friends of the Heart Gala

Thursday, September 24, at The Pinnacle Center (Hudsonville)

Join us for a night of fun celebrating our Shining Stars! Entertainment includes dinner, music, and many awesome raffles.

Purchase tickets by September 10 at: <https://www.jotform.com/261523446711150>

September

Birthdays

September 3: Ashtyn Becksford
September 4: Sally Elenbaas
September 5: Kamryn Bosch
September 6: Jim Veldhoff
September 8: Dave Mazurek
September 9: Don Folkert
Donna Jurries
Bob Sprik
September 10: Jen Becksford
Bonnie DeZwaan*
September 11: Paisley Burch
Sharon Folkert*
Mark Woldring
September 13: Chevy TenBrink
John VanderZwaag
September 14: Olivia McCormick
September 16: Eric Becksford
September 19: Jim Kraker
September 21: Molly Casemier
Stephen Danczak
September 23: Lisa Hulst
September 25: Gunner Taratuta
September 29: Eleanor DeWeerd*
Paula VandenBrink

**Address can be found in address directory.*

CONGRATULATIONS

Eleanor DeWeerd is celebrating her 91st
birthday on September 29.

Please celebrate with her by sending a card.

Anniversaries

September 1, 1967
Bill & Nancy Jacobs

September 2, 1988
Jim & Tracy Van Den Beldt

September 4, 1964
Del & Mary Redder

September 7, 1990
Arie & Hope Doolaad

September 8, 2018
Nick & Lisa Haskill

September 10, 1954
LaVern & Diane Sale

September 16, 1977
Calvin & Pat Kragt

September 18, 1970
Reed & Sandy Sloothaak

September 19, 1974
Jerry & Diane VanLente

September 20, 2025
Stephen & Kelsey Danczak

September 21, 2024
Ben & Grace Boeve

September 24, 1999
Stan & Ardella Gates

September 26, 1969
Earl & Linda Smit

September 28, 1991
Kevin & Debbie Kroeze



September Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Carpet Cleaning	3 10:00am Staff Meeting	4 10:00am Pantry	5
6 9:30am Worship	7 <i>Church Closed</i> <i>Labor Day</i>	8	9	10	11 10:00am Pantry	12 6:00am Men's Bible Study
13 9:30am Worship <i>Commissioning</i> <i>Children In Worship</i> 10:45am Sunday School Begins 5:30pm The Gathering	14 9:00am Prayer Group	15	16	17 9:00am 55+ Breakfast at The Trestle 10:00am Staff Meeting	18 10:00am Pantry	19
20 9:30am Worship No Children In Worship or Sunday School 6:00pm The Gathering	21	22 1:00pm Quilting Group	23	24	25 10:00am Pantry	26 6:00am Men's Bible Study
27 9:30am Worship <i>Children In Worship</i> 10:45am Sunday School 4:00pm Youth Praise Team Kick-Off 6:00pm The Gathering	28 9:00am Prayer Group 6:00pm Consistory Meeting (earlier time)	29	30			

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. Please check one of the following for the status of church activities:

WOOD-TV (woodtv.com) ~ Fox 17 (fox17online.com)
HRC Prayer Line (269-751-5422, #18) ~ HRC's Facebook Page