

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | APRIL 2, 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

“Who Is This?”  
Matthew 21:1-11

*Today is Palm Sunday*

*Palm Sunday recalls the event of Jesus entering into Jerusalem and being greeted by the people waving palm branches. It's a reminder of the welcoming of Jesus into our hearts and of our willingness to follow him.*

*You are invited to take a palm branch as you enter the Sanctuary (or Fellowship Hall) as we celebrate the triumphant entrance of our Savior.*



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## *Sunday Mornings at HRC*

### **Worship Locations**

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

Greeters: Todd & Kathy Burton

Next Week (April 9): Paul & Amy Carroll

### **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: Kathy Weerstra, Donna Jurries

Next Week (April 9): Lynn Bosch, Kendra Bosch,  
Kamryn Bosch

**Children In Worship and Sunday School** will not meet this week (off for Spring Break)

## *Easter Flowers*

You are invited to bring flowering plants to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter. Spring plants in bloom remind us of the new life that is ours through the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. Due to an increasing number of members who are unable to attend worship Easter morning because of sensitivities and allergies, **we ask that you do not bring in hyacinths or stargazer lilies** which have a strong fragrance. Flowers should be brought to Fellowship Hall on Thursday, April 6, prior to the Maundy Thursday service. Plants may be given in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone, or simply to bring color and life to the sanctuary. **Sign-up sheets are now located in the Fellowship Hall along with labels to write your name on and attach to the bottom of your plant.** The names of those donating plants and those in whose honor or memory they are given will be published Easter morning. Thank you for making our worship center a sanctuary of new life!

## *This Week*

### *Sunday, April 2*

9:30am Sunday Worship

### *Monday, April 3*

### *Tuesday, April 4*

### *Wednesday, April 5*

### *Thursday, April 6*

9:00am Staff Meeting

10:45am Red Cross

Blood Drive

7:00pm Maundy Thursday

Worship Service

### *Friday, April 7*

### *Saturday, April 8*

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## *Podcast Now Available*

Do you like listening to podcasts? Our sermons are now available online!

Visit our website:

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

## *New Heartbeat Format*

Welcome to the new Heartbeat format! We hope this new format will enhance our online component for those who are digitally on the go. Not online? That's okay! We will continue to put a printed Heartbeat in your mailbox. If we already send you publications via email, we will be transitioning away from putting a printed version in your church mailbox after Easter. If you would still like to receive the printed version, please email church by April 11. Printed versions will continue to be available on Sundays for our guests.

## *Maundy Thursday Service*

You are invited to join us on Thursday, April 6, at 7:00pm for a Maundy Thursday Service. We will gather around tables in the Fellowship Hall. Communion will be served as a part of the service.

## *Red Cross Blood Drive*

The next Hamilton area blood drive will be at HRC on Thursday, April 6. Because this is also Maundy Thursday, **the blood drive will be held 10:45am-4:30pm**. For more information or to schedule an appointment (not required), call 1-800-RED CROSS, or go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), sponsor code: hamiltonreformed

## *Attention Graduates*

Are you graduating from high school or college this Spring? Did you graduate from college this past winter? We would like to celebrate with you! Fill out a graduate form and submit it to the church office along with a photo of yourself (forms are available in the church office or on the ledge outside the library. We will be honoring all of our graduates in May. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

## *A Look Ahead*

**April 15**

Mom2Mom Sale

**April 16**

Communion Vespers

**April 18**

Quilting Group

**April 20**

55+ Retirees & Senior  
Adults Group

**April 24**

Elders Meeting  
Consistory Meeting

**April 29**

Church Auction

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## *Tithes & Offerings*

March 26 Total - \$5,980

Offering - \$5,415

E-Tithe - \$565

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

March Mission on the Month  
Offering - The Gate Youth  
Ministry - \$675

## *Saturday, April 29*

Women's Ministry will be serving burgers and hot dogs and ask that you please bring a salad or dessert.

***Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen if you plan on attending (and indicate which side dish you plan on bringing).***

The church auction is only a few weeks away and we need **YOUR** help to make it a success! Unsure what to donate? Here are some suggestions to get you thinking:

Gardening Tools ~ Greenhouse Gift Certificate  
Golf Outing ~ Camping Supplies ~ Lawn Chairs  
Volunteer to do Yard Work ~ Fishing Trip

Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the library **by April 16** to have your items included in the auction information packet. \*Items may be dropped off in the church office Monday-Friday from 8:00am-1:00pm.

Money raised will go toward installing additional lighting in the church parking lot. If you have questions, please contact Women's Ministry:

Karen TerHaar, Shelly McCormick,  
Lisa Hulst, or Donna Jurries.

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

Thanks for the birthday cards I received from the congregation. Also, many thanks for praying that God would be with me and spare my life through a heart attack; and then getting 2 stents placed into two arteries at the Meijer Heart Center. God's watchful eye was over me and the hands of the surgeons. Give praise to God! What a blessing Pastor Ron has been to us during this time. We greatly appreciated his words of wisdom, and sharing scripture with us at the hospitals and giving of his time so freely to keep Pastor Kevin informed.

Thanks, Pastor Ron and Pastor Kevin!

Harv & Evelyn Hoekje

## *April Mission of the Month*

### **Western Theological Seminary**

Western Theological Seminary offers rigorous academic study in a nurturing community to prepare men and women for the challenges and opportunities of ministry in today's world. They are generously Reformed, 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 Walcott  
YFC Letters  
PSC 47 Box 414  
APO, AE 09470

Email:

[jwalcott@yfc.net](mailto:jwalcott@yfc.net)

# *Consistory Chronicles*

## **March Executive Team Meeting**

- The Executive Team continues to work on potential Church Bi-Laws for presentation to Consistory. In addition, on direction from Consistory, we have begun work on addressing and bringing up to date our Articles of Corporation to be in line with our switch from the RCA to ARC.
- The next Executive Team meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 17.

## **March Elders / Consistory Meetings**

This month's Consistory meeting focused mainly on reports with little to no action. Highlights of reports received included:

- The admission of another one of our teen's, Kalissa Brus, into the membership by Profession of Faith
- The Deacons reviewed and accepted a new Insurance carrier for the church
- Spiritual Formation reported on a good year in our various programs with initial VBS conversations underway
- The Consistory did further follow-up in our aligning with the Harvest Network within the Alliance of Reformed Churches (ARC)
- The financial reports are as follows:
  - General Fund: \$95,105
  - Building Fund: \$31,057
  - Building Maintenance Fund: \$16,204
  - Memorial Fund: \$23,920
  - Love Fund: \$4,134
- The next Elders and Consistory meetings are scheduled for Monday, April 24.

# *2023 Consistory*

## **Elders**

Terry Dougan  
Scott Essenburg  
Gary Jurries  
Calvin Kragt  
Jim Kraker  
Jeff Reuschel

## **Deacons**

Mike Bosch  
Ross Eding  
Rick Eustice  
Ryan Lindholm  
Tyler Taratuta  
Tom Weerstra

## **Consistory Officers**

### ***Vice President***

Jeff Reuschel

### ***Clerk***

Jim Kraker

### ***Congregational Life***

Gary Jurries

### ***Spiritual Formation***

Scott Essenburg

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

Calvin Kragt

### ***Deacon Chair***

Rick Eustice

### ***Treasurer***

Mike Bosch

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

Ross Eding, chair

Ryan Lindholm

Tom Weerstra

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

Tyler Taratuta



## *Prayer Concerns*

- Terry Dougan begins radiation on Monday, April 3, for the treatment of metastatic prostate cancer
- Jim Veldhoff is again a patient at Corewell Health Blodgett Hospital due to some complications following the recent removal of his gallbladder.
- Julie Woldring was a patient at Zeeland Hospital where she was treated for gallstones, kidney stone, kidney infection and sepsis. She has since returned home.

HRC wants to prayerfully walk alongside you through the highs and lows in life. If you have a celebration or a concern, we want to know how we can pray for you. Prayer requests may be submitted by calling or emailing Pastor Kevin or Pastor Ron, or by filling out the back of a "Get Connected at HRC" card. Cards are available in the pews as well as on the ledge outside the library. Completed cards can be dropped in the prayer box outside the library or in any of the offering boxes.

## *HRC 55+ Retirees & Senior Adults*

The next gathering of the 55+ retirees and senior adults group will be for supper at The Trestle Stop at 5:00pm on Thursday, April 20. A special menu has been prepared for us and is available on the bulletin board near Pastor Kevin's office door in the back hallway. Ordering will be done at the restaurant and payment will be on an individual basis. Please sign-up no later than Sunday, April 16, if you plan to attend so the restaurant can adequately prepare. Also, check out some additional pictures on the bulletin board of our most recent breakfast gathering! Following supper on the 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be a presentation by God's Helping Hands Ministry. A free-will offering will be received to help support the ministry.

## *Please Continue to Pray for:*

### **Continued Care**

Belva Brower  
Sara Groenheide  
Harv Hoekje  
Brian VandenBrink  
Stu Woldring

### **Kids Hope Mentor**

Rick Ende

### **Friend at Home**

Clara TenHagen

### **Ministry Focus**

Please pray for the volunteers that work in the various Love INC pantries at churches in our area.

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



***Ryleigh Becksford***

**Parents:** Eric & Jen Becksford

**Birthday:** October 25

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

**I like to:** hunt, snowmobile, play golf, and go up north

**Prayer Request:** Please pray that I have a safe and healthy school year



***Emma Daley***

**Parent:** Eli Daley

**Birthday:** February 29

**Age / Grade:** 7 years old / 1<sup>st</sup> grade

**I like to:** play soccer, read books, and play card games and board games

**Prayer Request:** Please pray that I am strong in school and continue to learn



***Jaycee Poll***

**Parents:** Craig & Maddy Poll

**Birthday:** August 10

**Age / Grade:** 7 years old / 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

**I like to:** swim, ride quad and gator, play outside, make new friends, and anything sports related

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for a happy, healthy school year with lots of new friends and experiences



***Rylee Boerman***

**Parents:** Kirk & Joann Boerman

**Birthday:** January 5

**Age / Grade:** 5 years old / preschool

**I like to:** swim, dance, do crafts, and play with her Grandma's kittens

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for a smooth adjustment to kindergarten this fall

# Updates from Children's Ministry

## Kid Connection

We had an amazing time Under the Sea with Jesus this year in Kid Connection. We learned about all kinds of different sea creatures and how they can help us learn to be better Christians. Dolphins are chatty, we shouldn't be crabby like Jonah was, we can't hide (like the stingray) from God and so much more. We finished the year off with Finding Nemo, popcorn, and some sea based snacks. Thank you for all the donations, time and craft assistance that you helped with this year.



## Dates to Remember



**April 2 & April 9**

NO Children in Worship  
or Sunday School (Spring Break)

**May 5**

Last Day of Children in Worship  
and Sunday School

**June 18**

Summer Story Time Begins  
(3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

**July 18-20**

Hamilton Community VBS

## Vacation Bible School 2023

Save the dates and get ready to go on a galactic adventure!!

Hamilton Community VBS  
July 18-20 ~ ~ 6:00-8:30pm  
(held at Cultivate this year)

Children ages 3 years old (and potty-trained)  
through going in to 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Many volunteers are needed to help make this event amazing! Different volunteer positions will be needed. We are in need of some key volunteers to help with the planning and leading of key areas. We are also in need of leaders, helpers, etc... Prayerfully consider how you might be able to help. Visit the link below or see Gracie or Nicki to sign up.  
[vbspro.events/p/hamiltoncommunitystellar](https://vbspro.events/p/hamiltoncommunitystellar)



## Summer Story Time!

Throughout the summer months (June, July, and August) we will once again be having Summer Story Time during the morning worship service. Summer Story Time will be for kids ages 3 to 2nd grade. This year our theme is "At the Beach" Our Bible stories will focus on different themes of the beach. Check out the bulletin board by the carport entrance to sign up to be a leader or helper.



# *Wednesday News*

## *Library, Play Group and Fellowship*

Wednesdays ~ April 12-May 10 ~ 10:30am-12:00pm

Attention parents (and grandparents) of preschoolers – join us on Wednesdays for library, play group and a time of fellowship. You are invited to come with your children 10:30am-12:00pm. Coffee will be available, kids can play on the playground, and the library will be open for you to check out books.

## *Wahoo! It's Wednesday...Lunch!*

Wednesdays ~ April 12-May 10 ~ 11:30am

We'll be serving hotdogs, chips, water, and cookies on Wednesdays to interested preschoolers and their parents at 11:30am We hope to see you there!

## *New Children's Library Books*

### Pinkalicious books

*Pink Around the Rink*  
*Cupcake Calamity*  
*Fairy House*  
*Soccer Star*  
*Puptastic*

### Fancy Nancy books

*Pajama Day*  
*Apples Galore*  
*Spectacular Spectacles*  
*Mademoiselle Mom*  
*Makes Her Mark*

### National Geographic Kids

*Flutter, Butterfly!*  
*Safari*  
*Swing, Sloth!*  
*Swim, Fish!*  
*Hop, Bunny!*

### Super Hero books

*HULK*  
  
*Just One More*  
*Little Loon and Papa*  
*Five Minute Princess Stories*  
*Frozen*  
*Five Minute Bedtime Stories*  
*Look and Find Disney Princess*  
*The Little Mermaid Look and Find*  
*Mickey and Minnie*



### Easy Readers

*JoJo and the Twins*

### Joke books

*Little Critter Joke Book*  
*A Book of Silly Jokes*

## *April Ministry Volunteers*

Ministry	April 2	April 6 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	April 9 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	April 16	April 23	April 30
<b>Greeters</b>	Todd & Kathy Burton		Paul & Amy Carroll	John & Libby Casemier family	Larry & Holly Cochrane family	Bern & Donna Diekema
<b>Nursery</b>	Kathy Weerstra Donna Jurries		Lynn Bosch Kendra Bosch Kamryn Bosch	Erin Rozendaal Zoe Rozendaal	Jessi Boerman Drew Boerman	Deb Meiste Matthew Fales
<b>Children's Message</b>	Pastor Kevin	--	--	Anna Hart		
<b>Camera</b>	Missy Eustice		Ryan Lindholm	Eric Helder	Jerry VanLente	Missy Eustice
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Jessi Boerman		Ryleigh Becksford	Craig Poll	Kilee Kleinheksel	Mark Kleinheksel
<b>Sound</b>	Tim Bleeker	Paul Koopman	Paul Bosch	Brian Kleinheksel	Jeff Mulder	Tim Bleeker
<b>Pianist/ Organist</b>	Ruth Brink	Deb Meiste	Nancy Kleinheksel	Sherry Kleinheksel	Nancy Kleinheksel	Deb Meiste
<b>Praise Team</b>	Instrumentalists		Brian, Tim, Gracie, Jen, Molly, Kendra & Ashtyn	Youth Praise Team	Paul, Dave, Bev & Kathy	Lane, Calvin, Jen, Ashtyn & Molly



HRC is excited to host our very first Mom2Mom sale!

**Saturday, April 15**  
**9:00am-12:00pm**

If you are interested in a space, please sign up online by Monday, April 10:

<https://forms.gle/s7vHGvc7JKeUWWUs9>

or stop by the office and pick up a sign-up form.

You can sign up for 1-3 tables (tables available on a first come, first serve). The cost is \$5.00 (no matter the size). Money raised from table fees will be used for additional supplies for our courtyard playground (more toys, chalk, bubbles, etc.).

Vendors will be able to set up on Friday, April 14, between 6:00-8:00pm and again on Saturday morning from 8:00-9:00am. Doors will open to the public at 9:00am

If you have any questions or want more information,  
please talk to Lynn Bosch, Maddy Poll or Nicki Boerman.

# April

## *Birthdays*

- April 1: Andy Rozendaal  
Arlyn Wolters
- April 2: Jeff Mulder  
Warren VanderKolk  
Dylan Weerstra
- April 3: Jim VanGeldereren
- April 4: Brian Kleinheksel
- April 5: Ruth Lubbers
- April 9: Dave Bakker
- April 10: Bill Sheffield
- April 12: Pastor Kevin Hart
- April 13: Huntleigh Taratuta
- April 14: Ross Eding  
Jackie Taratuta
- April 17: Brooke Mulder  
Louis Poll
- April 20: Wanda Kraker  
Jack Lezman
- April 21: Brian Kempkers  
Vern Klein
- April 22: Carol VanderPoppen
- April 23: Tyler Taratuta
- April 26: Madison Fales  
Matthew Fales  
Gloria Haverdink
- April 30: Nicki Boerman

## *Anniversaries*

- April 3, 1970  
Terry & Joan Dougan
- April 5, 2014  
Craig & Maddy Poll
- April 8, 1978  
Jim & Eunice Veldhoff
- April 9, 1988  
Cal & Sue Lubbers
- April 16, 2016  
Bob & Shirley Berens
- April 26, 1957  
Jon & Eileen Schrottenboer
- April 27, 1996  
Kevin & Michelle King
- April 28, 1978  
Reed & Debbie Lampen
- April 30, 1994  
Rick & Missy Eustice

## CONGRATULATIONS

Jim & Eunice Veldhoff are celebrating their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 8.

Reed & Debbie Lampen are celebrating their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 28.

*Please celebrate with them by sending a card.*

# Happening in April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 6:00am Men's Bible Study 8:00am Scrapbooking
<b>2</b> 9:30am Worship No Children In Worship or Sunday School	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:45am Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	<b>7</b> 10:00am Pantry	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:30am Worship No Children In Worship or Sunday School	<b>10</b> 8:30am Prayer Group	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10:30am Library & Play Group 11:30am Wahoo Wednesday	<b>13</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting	<b>14</b> 10:00am Pantry	<b>15</b> 6:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Mom2Mom Sale
<b>16</b> 9:30am Worship Children In Worship 10:45am Sunday School	<b>17</b> 6:00pm Executive Meeting	<b>18</b> 1:00pm Quilting Group	<b>19</b> 10:30am Library & Play Group	<b>20</b> 5:00pm 55+ Retirees & Senior Adults Supper at Trestle Stop	<b>21</b> 10:00am Pantry  <i>Eding Wedding Rehearsal</i>	<b>22</b>  <i>Eding Wedding</i>
<b>23</b> 9:30am Worship Children In Worship 10:45am Sunday School	<b>24</b> 8:30am Prayer Group 6:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Consistory Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:30am Library & Play Group	<b>27</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting	<b>28</b> 10:00am Pantry	<b>29</b> Church Auction 5:30pm Meal 6:45pm Auction
<b>30</b> 9:30am Worship Children In Worship 10:45am Sunday School						