

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | March 30, 2025

HEARTBEAT



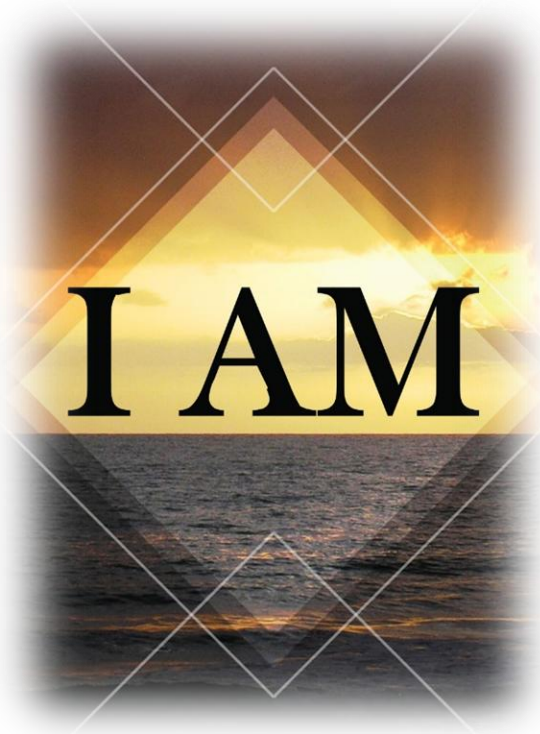
Connecting people
to *God's* family, Word
and way of *life*

HRC Core Values: Open Hospitality | Selfless Generosity
Intentional Faith Development | Compassionate Acts of Service



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Sunday Morning Pastor Kevin Hart

John 15:1-11

“Getting to Know Jesus: The Vine”

We are growing closer to Easter and the Resurrection. Today our journey with Jesus challenges us to see all that we are to be is through Him, that everything begins and ends with Him.

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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: Lane & Veta Lohman

Nursery Volunteers: Nicki Boerman, Aurora Boerman

Children In Worship: Libby Casemier, Callie Casemier,
Blake Casemier

Security Team: Nick Haskill, Jim Van Den Beldt

Next Week (April 6):

Greeters: Cal & Sue Lubbers

Nursery Volunteers: Maddy Poll, Jaycee Poll

No Children In Worship (Spring Break)

Security Team: Ross Eding, 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-12th Grade meet downstairs
 - Preschool (3-4 Years Old) meets in Room 101
 - Kindergarten-1st grade meets in Room 106
 - 2nd Grade meets in Room 107
 - 3rd-4th Grade meets in Room 109
 - 5th-7th Grade meets in Room 108
 - 8th-12th Grade meets in the Youth Room
- Women's Bible Study meets in the Conference Room

This Week

Sunday, March 30

9:30am Sunday Worship

Children In Worship

10:45am Sunday School

Tuesday, April 1

10:00am Bible Study

Wednesday, April 2

11:30am Library

Thursday, April 3

10:15am Staff Meeting

12:00pm Red Cross

Blood Drive

Friday, April 4

10:00am Pantry

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.

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). Forms are due to the office by Sunday, April 20 (Easter). We will be honoring all of our graduates in May. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The next Hamilton area blood drive will be at HRC on Thursday, April 3, from 12:00-6:00pm. For more information or to schedule an appointment (not required), call 1-800-RED CROSS, or go to redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: hamiltonreformed

Easter Flowers

You are invited to bring flowering plants to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter. Plants may be given in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone, or simply to bring color and life to the sanctuary. 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. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board outside the library. Sheets, as well as labels to write your name on and attach to the bottom of your pot, will be available in the Fellowship Hall the week before Easter. The names of those donating plants and those in whose honor or memory they are given will be published Easter morning.

March Mission of the Month

The Gate Youth Ministry (at Cultivate Church)

The Gate exists to provide a safe and Christ-centered environment for students to grow, play, build relationships, and be challenged by creating an environment for students to interact with invested community members. The Gate wants to see students build relationships and achieve fulfillment while developing emotionally, spiritually, academically, and socially through an after-school programming.

Missionary of the Week

Jennifer Lucking

Ministry Focus

Please pray for the many volunteers that work the Love INC pantries in the various churches in our area, meeting the needs of those in our community.

Please Pray for:

- Donna Diekema is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Thursday, April 3
- Peg Klingenberg is scheduled for a procedure on her leg on Tuesday, April 1

Financial Update

The Deacons have brought to the Consistory's attention that our cash flow has narrowed and needs bolstering in order to avoid discomfort financially. The feeling of Consistory was that the Congregation cannot address what it does not know. Any additional giving is most appreciated in addressing this item.

Those desiring additional information are invited to speak with Deacon Chair, Todd Burton or Treasurer, Tyler Taratuta. Some will wonder what has changed or how did we get here? The simple answer is that we believe recent weather patterns have decreased giving in the short-term. This fact, combined with extensive addressing of deferred maintenance over the past two years has tightened our finances. Giving for 2024 exceeded budget and made the targeted 2025 budget not only reachable, but also reflective of what was received in 2024. All indications are that the best present course of action is simply informing the Congregation.

We have shared what we know, but our greatest offering of what we know is simply this: that throughout the history of our church and through the many generations of the faithful who have come before, we hold onto God's faithfulness in always providing what we need.

"But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in Glory by Jesus Christ" Philippians 4:19

Please Continue to Pray for:

Continuing Care

Bob Berens
Ruth Brink
Vern Klein
Diane VanLente

Undergoing Treatments

Bob Rigterink

Friend at Home

Joyce VanDam

Education Volunteers

Sandy Mulder
Gord Poll

Blanket Ministry & Helping Hands

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

Tithes & Offerings

March 23 Total - \$12,681.70
Offering - \$11,416.70
E-tithe - \$1,265

*\$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

Kid Connection

Kid Connection has come to an end for the year and we couldn't be more thankful for everyone who donated, volunteered and attended! We reached 20-25 kids every week and had lots of fun studying the Armor of God and the Fruits of the Spirit!

Dates to Remember

April 6

NO Children in Worship or
Sunday School (Spring Break)

April 13

NO Sunday School
(Spring Break)

April 20

Happy Easter!
NO Children in Worship
or Sunday School

May 4

Last Day of Sunday School

May 11

Last Day of Children in Worship

June 15

Summer Story Time Begins
(3 years old – 2nd grade)

July 22-24

Hamilton Community VBS
(at Cultivate this year)

Vacation Bible School 2025

Hamilton Community VBS
July 22-24 (at Cultivate)

Children ages 3 years old (and potty-trained)
through going in to 4th 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. Sign-up information coming soon...



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 we will be talking about Super Heros. Check out the bulletin board by the carport entrance to sign up to be a leader or helper.

Summer Story Time will run:

June 15, 22, 29

July 13, 20, 27

August 3 and 10

Please remember our April Prayer Buddies in your prayers!



Braxton Burch

(Granson of Paul & Amy Carroll)

Parent: Kelsey Carroll

Birthday: February 11

Age: 3 years old

I like to: play with toys that spin, make music, go for walk, play in water, play with Grandma, and listen to stories

Prayer Request: Please pray that I can learn new words, that I can continue to navigate my surrounds with limited sign, and that I learn more about Jesus



Blake Casemier

Parents: John & Libby Casemier

Birthday: January 6

Age / Grade: 9 years old / 3rd grade

I like to: play soccer, swim, and go camping

Prayer Request: Please pray for a safe, healthy, and happy school year



Felicity Boerman

Parents: Phil & Nicki Boerman

Birthday: December 24

Age / Grade: 5 years old / preschool

I like to: play with my dolls, be outside, and be with my cousins

Prayer Request: Please pray that I continue to grow and learn about God



Gunner Taratuta

Parents: Tyler & Jackie Taratuta

Birthday: September 25

Age / Grade: 7 years old / 2nd grade

I like to: go for quad rides, karate, and anything outside

Prayer Request: Please pray for continued health, that I do well in school and continue to learn, and for continued focus and learning in karate

Please remember our April Prayer Buddies in your prayers!



Ryleigh Becksford

Parents: Eric & Jen Becksford

Birthday: October 25

Age / Grade: 18 years old / 12th grade

I like: hunting, racing derby cars, golfing, and going up north

Prayer Request: Please pray for a strong and successful final year of school and a good start to college



Zoe Rozendaal

Parents: Andy & Erin Rozendaal

Birthday: May 28

Age / Grade: 15 years old / 10th grade

I like to: play ports and hang out with friends

Prayer Request: Please pray that I continue to stay healthy and find lasting friendships



Madison Fales

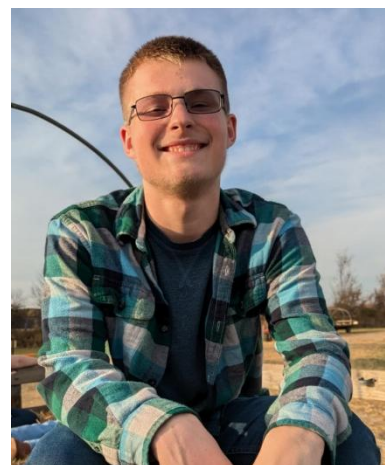
Parents: Larry & Holly Cochrane

Birthday: April 26

Age / Grade: 17 years old / 12th grade

I like to: watch CSI, work with animals, and spend time with my dogs Bailey and Crimson

Prayer Request: Please pray that I finish my school year well and am prepared for life after high school



Isaiah Helder

Parents: Eric & Lisa Helder

Birthday: December 13

Age / Grade: 17 years old / 11th grade

I like to: play video games, spend time with friends, and art

Prayer Request: Please pray for guidance for the future and safety as I look toward my senior year

A Note of Thanks...

Thanks to the congregation for the many prayers throughout the past year, birthday cards and personal best wishes calls received on my recent birthday to complete my last double digit birthday celebration. I've been blessed! Also, thanks to Pastor Kevin for visiting us and serving communion. ~Harv & Evelyn Hoekje

Consistory Chronicles

March Elders / Consistory Meetings

The Consistory met in March and reviewed reports, considered policy updates and discussed next steps.

The Elders shared that they continue to review and evaluate the Pastoral Care of the congregation following the departure of Pastor Ron Lugten. This includes updates from Pastor Kevin, and the relaunching of the *Friends at Home* ministry.

The Deacons continue to review our financial position and budget, and would like to thank the congregation for its initial response to the *Financial Update* found in the *Heartbeat* publication these past few weeks. Among our challenges, we are striving to raise our reserves for better cash flow.

Our *Articles of Incorporation Transition Team* provided a quick update on how our transition progresses. We anticipate final steps to be completed in June.

The Consistory has approved a Paid Sick Leave policy to begin in October to come into alignment with the law of the State of Michigan.

The Consistory is reviewing various policy updates including van usage, our Child Safety Policy, and consideration of a Knox Box (used by the Fire Department for access to our church). Additionally, a building use request is under consideration and review.

The next Executive Team meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 21. The next Elders and Consistory meetings are scheduled for Monday, April 28.

2025 Consistory

Elders

Dave Bakker
Scott Essenburg
Calvin Kragt
Dave Mazurek
Les Meiste
Jim Van Den Beldt

Deacons

Drew Boerman
Larry Boerman
Todd Burton
Scott Devereaux
Tyler Taratuta
Tom Weerstra

Consistory Officers

Vice President

Calvin Kragt

Clerk

Scott Essenburg

Congregational Life

Dave Bakker

Spiritual Formation

Jim Van Den Beldt

Service & Outreach

Les Meiste

Deacon Chair

Todd Burton

Treasurer

Tyler Taratuta

Facility/Property

Larry Boerman, chair
Drew Boerman
Tom Weerstra

Love Fund & Budget

Scott Devereaux

Upcoming Fundraiser Events

Grant Me Hope ~ Celebrating Hope

Thursday, April 17, 6:00-9:00pm at the Holland Civic Center Place

“Celebrating Hope” is Grant Me Hope's annual dinner-auction supporting their mission to find forever homes for foster children. The night will include: Hors d'oeuvres, an amazing dinner, cash bar and more; an expansive silent auction; a live auction with large gifts, experiences, and get-a-ways and a 50/50 raffle and other fun competitive games designed so that both foster children and YOU win!

Purchase tickets online at: <https://cbo.io/tickets/gmh/tix>

Make an Impact for Mental Health

Be Nice invites you to the 9th Annual Love & Lean Walk / Run for Mental Health

Come on Saturday, April 26, at 9:00am! Walk or run a 5K or 1.5 mile route on sidewalks, bike paths and trails through the wetlands. Physical activity is good for mental health! The route, which starts at the Zeeland stadium, will be lined with memorial pictures, motivating interaction, sidewalk chalk inspiration, and encouraging message signs. This annual event was inspired by the loss of Zach Kroll, who silently suffered from depression and died at the age of 15. More information and registration can be found at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Zeeland/LoveLeanWalkforMentalHealth>

Compassionate Heart ~ Hearts In Motion 5K Run/Walk & Flamingo Fun Run

Thursday, May 1 at Compassionate Heart Ministries

Flamingo Fun Run – 5:30-6:00pm / 5K Walk/Run – 6:30-8:00pm

Grab some friends and sign up today at:



<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Zeeland/HeartsinMotion5kRunWalk10KRun>

Right to Life ~ Walk for Life - 5k Walk/Run

Saturday, May 3 – 10:00am at Lawrence Street Park in Zeeland

Registration begins at 9:30am, and the walk begins with prayer at 10:00am. \$50 in sponsorships/donations will receive a T-shirt. A lite lunch will be served, after the walk. Pledge sheets are available online at: www.rtlofholland.org or stop by the Holland Right to Life office and pick one up!

April Ministry Volunteers

Ministry	April 6	April 13	April 17 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	April 20 <i>Easter</i>	April 27
Greeters	Cal & Sue Lubbers	Rob & Shelly McCormick		Jeff & Sandy Mulder family	Gord & Linda Poll
Nursery	Maddy Poll Jaycee Poll	Drew Boerman Jessi Boerman		Luanne Elenbaas Brianna Fales	Gracie Bosch Kamryn Bosch
Children's Message	--	--			
Camera	Eric Helder	Elijah Helder		Jerry VanLente	Zoe Rozendaal
PowerPoint	Kilee Kleinheksel	Mark Kleinheksel		Ryleigh Becksford	Craig Poll
Sound	Brian Kleinheksel	Jeff Mulder	Paul Bosch	Tim Bleeker	Paul Koopman
Security Team	Ross Eding Todd Burton	Nick Haskill Mark Groenheide		Tyler Taratuta Jim Van Den Beldt	Ross Eding Todd Burton
Pianist/ Organist	Sherry Kleinheksel	Nancy Kleinheksel	Sherry Kleinheksel	Nancy Kleinheksel Ruth Brink	Sherry Kleinheksel
Praise Team	Calvin, Lane, Kathy & Anna	Brian, Paul, Gracie, Kendra & Molly		All Praise Teams	Youth Praise Team

Valet Parking: Wayne Keegstra

Looking for a Way to Serve the Church?

There are many ways to get involved at HRC.

We currently have needs for:



- Cookies for Fellowship Time: Please bring three dozen cookies (homemade or store bought) to be served during our fellowship time on Sunday mornings following the worship service.
- Pantry Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to assist Love INC clients in the Personal Needs Pantry at HRC on Fridays from 10:00am-12:30pm.
- Valet Parking: 1-2 volunteers are needed each month.
- Ring the Church Bell: We are looking for volunteers to ring the church bell on Sunday mornings (you must be at least middle-school aged).

Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

April

Birthdays

April 1: Andy Rozendaal
Arlyn Wolters
April 2: Jeff Mulder
Warren VanderKolk
April 3: Jim VanGelderen
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 18: Tami King
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 29: Becky Shaffer
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 22, 2022
Avery & Breanna Calkins
April 26, 1957
Jon & Eileen Schrotenboer
April 27, 1996
Kevin & Michelle King
April 28, 1978
Reed & Debbie Lampen
April 30, 1994
Rick & Missy Eustice

*Address can be found in the address
directory



Happening in April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 11:30am Library	3 10:15am Staff Meeting 12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive	4 10:00am Pantry	5
6 9:30am Worship	7	8 10:00am Bible Study	9	10	11 10:00am Pantry	12
13 9:30am Worship Children In Worship	14 8:30am Prayer Group	15 10:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Quilting Group	16 10:30am Play Group 11:30am Library	17 10:15am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	18 10:00am Pantry	19
20 9:30am Worship	21 5:30pm Executive Team Meeting	22 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Discipleship Team Meeting	23 10:30am Play Group 11:30am Library	24	25 10:00am Pantry	26 8:00am Scrapbooking
27 9:30am Worship Children In Worship 10:45am Sunday School	28 8:30am Prayer Group 6:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Consistory Mtg.	29 10:00am Bible Study	30 10:30am Play Group 11:30am Library			

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 church activities:

WOOD-TV (woodtv.com) ~ Fox 17 (fox17online.com) ~ WZZM (wzzm13.com)
HRC Prayer Line (269-751-5422) ~ HRC's Facebook Page