

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | APRIL 16, 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

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>

## BELIEVE



Sunday Morning  
Pastor Kevin

“Blessed in Belief”  
John 20:19-31

The Gospel Writer John has written with a purpose in mind. It is more than to convey the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. He wants people to have the opportunity to believe, to grasp the overwhelming love of God through His Son, Jesus (think John 3:16). Those who can come to believe without seeing are truly blessed.

3554 LINCOLN RD. | HAMILTON, MI 49419 | (269) 751-5145

HAMILTONREFORMEDCHURCH@GMAIL.COM | WWW.HAMILTONREFORMEDCHURCH.ORG

FIND US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

# *Sunday Mornings at HRC*

## **Worship Locations**

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

Greeters: John & Libby Casemier and family

Next Week (April 23): Larry & Holly Cochrane and family

## **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: Erin Rozendaal, Zoe Rozendaal

Next Week (April 23): Jessi Boerman, Drew Boerman

## **Children In Worship**

Children 3 years old through kindergarten will be dismissed from the worship service and head downstairs for a Bible story, activity and small snack.

## **Sunday School classes begin at 10:45am:**

- Three Years Old – 8th grade meet downstairs
  - Preschool (3 – 4 years old) meets in Room 101
  - Young 5s – Kindergarten meets in the Red Carpet Room
  - 1st – 2nd grade meets in Room 107
  - 3rd – 5th grade meets in Room 108
  - Middle School (6th – 8th grade) meets in Room 109
- High School (9th – 12th grade) meets in the Youth Room downstairs
- Women's Sunday School / Bible Study meets in the Conference Room

## *Communion Vespers*

Communion Vespers will be served in the Conference Room immediately following the worship service.

## *This Week*

### ***Sunday, April 16***

9:30am Sunday Worship

Children In Worship

10:35am Communion

Vespers

10:45am Sunday School

### ***Monday, April 17***

6:00pm Executive Meeting

### ***Tuesday, April 18***

1:00pm Quilting Group

### ***Wednesday, April 19***

10:30am Library

& Play Group

11:30am Wahoo

Wednesday Lunch

7:00pm Discipleship Team

### ***Thursday, April 20***

9:00am Staff Meeting

5:00pm 55+ Retirees &

Senior Adults Supper  
at Trestle Stop

### ***Friday, April 21***

10:00am Pantry

Eding Wedding Rehearsal

### ***Saturday, April 22***

Eding Wedding

## *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. **Today** is the last day to sign up if you plan on attending (so the restaurant can adequately prepare). Following supper, there will be a presentation by God's Helping Hands Ministry. A free-will offering will be received to help support the ministry.

## *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.

## *Printed Heartbeat*

This week we transitioned those with email away from a printed version of the Heartbeat. We have a limited number of printed Heartbeats available on Sunday mornings for those visiting with us. If you would like to continue receiving a printed version (and didn't get one in your mailbox this week), please contact the church office so we can plan our printing accordingly. Thanks!

## *National Day of Prayer*

Mark your calendar for the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 4, from 12:00-12:50pm at the Hamilton Veteran's Memorial Park (3440 M-40).

## *A Look Ahead*

### **April 24**

Elders Meeting  
Consistory Meeting

### **April 29**

Church Auction

### **May 7**

Final Week of Children In  
Worship & Sunday School

---

## *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.

---

## *Tithes & Offerings*

April 9 Total - \$14,184.24

Offering - \$11,719.24

E-Tithe - \$2,465

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

## ***Church Auction ~ 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). ***If you are donating an item, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the library no later than TODAY (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.

## ***Library, Play Group and Fellowship***

Wednesdays ~ 10:30am-12:00pm

Area preschoolers (and their parents or grandparents) are invited to join us on Wednesdays for library, play group and a time of fellowship. Coffee will be available, kids can play on the playground, and the library will be open for you to check out books. We'll be serving hotdogs, chips, water, and cookies on Wednesdays to interested preschoolers and their parents at 11:30am

## ***Temporary Job Opening***

HRC is looking for someone to work at church this summer to cover a medical leave. This paid position is approximately 10 hours a week. You would be in charge of cleaning the church (indoor custodian). The job will start early June and last 2-3 months depending on the need. This is a great opportunity for someone looking for a temporary summer job, including high school or college students. Please reach out to one of the Personnel Committee members if you are interested or have questions. Lisa Hulst, Holly Cochrane, Terry Dougan, Bob Berens, Dave Mazurek, or Pastor Kevin

## ***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.

---

### **Missionary of the Week**

Jennifer Lucking  
Restorations Second Stage Homes  
201 Paradise Rd. North  
Hamilton, Ontario  
L8S 3T3  
Email:  
[jennifer@restorationscanada.org](mailto:jennifer@restorationscanada.org)

## *Prayer Concerns*

- Ivan Top is a patient at Holland Hospital where he is being treated for issues related to congestive heart failure.
- Bob Rigterink is undergoing medical testing and observation due to concerns suspected to be related to his gallbladder.
- Matt Essenburg (son of Scott & Joy Essenburg) and his family. Matt has entered liver failure and is under palliative care. He has a lot of pain. Please pray for peace in this difficult time.

## *A Note of Thanks...*

Thank you to everyone for the gifts, those who have congratulated us, the dinner, and those who have prayed and are still praying for us since River was born. Please continue to pray that everyone stays healthy and a smooth transition back into work and daycare in a couple of weeks.

Tyler, Jackie, Gunner, Huntleigh and River Taratuta

Thanks for the beautiful Easter Lily which was delivered to me by Deacon Ross Eding. I enjoyed our short visit also.

Harv Hoekje

Thank you to Tyler Taratuta and Gunner for bringing me a lovely Easter Lily. Thanks also to the congregation for your heartfelt expressions either by a visit or cards sent. It was all appreciated.

Terry Dougan

## *Please Continue to Pray for:*

### **Continued Care**

Belva Brower  
Harv Hoekje  
Jim Veldhoff  
Stu Woldring

### **Undergoing Treatments**

Terry Dougan

### **Kids Hope Mentor**

Carol VanderPoppen

### **Friend at Home**

Marianne Yonker

### **Ministry Focus**

Please pray for our Deacons as they discern the needs of the greater Hamilton community.

# *Community Events*

## *Hamilton School Science Olympiad*

A few weeks ago, we participated in a Prayer Walk in the Hamilton area where we walked around the area schools and prayed over them. We have received a request from Hamilton High School giving us another opportunity to pray for our area students, specifically a few students who have qualified for the State of Michigan Science Olympiad

Tournament being held at MSU on April 22. In addition to praying over them, we would like to bless them with care package items - some snacks and notes of encouragement to take along on their trip. A list of students as well as their snack preferences is available on the shelf outside the library (the list includes financial needs, and you may gladly give to that as well if you feel God calling you to, but please don't feel obligated). Snacks and notes/cards can be dropped off at the church office by Wednesday, April 19, and we will deliver them to the high school.

What a great way for us to show the love of Christ to these students!

## *Hungry for Christ Pancake Breakfast*



Saturday, April 29 ~ 8:00-10:30am  
at Hungry for Christ (4565 135<sup>th</sup> Ave., Hamilton)

The community is invited to a pancake breakfast cooked and served by Hungry for Christ's faithful volunteers. Stay and tour the facility and learn more about the programs offered by Hungry for Christ. Every dollar donated will go toward their "Pounding the Pavement" project to resurface their parking lot.

## *Bentheim Reformed Church's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

Bentheim Reformed Church will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 22-23. The Sesquicentennial Celebration will include public tours of the church facilities, including the new Children's Ministry Center, on Saturday, April 22 from 1:00-4:00pm. Memorabilia, pictures, etc. will also be on display. The Bentheim Cottage, next door to the church parsonage, will also be open to the public to learn about the history of Bentheim, its early settlers, etc. The sesquicentennial commemoration will conclude on Sunday, April 23 at 5:00pm with a Worship Service of Music will conclude the festivities. The community is welcome to these events as Bentheim Reformed Church celebrates this milestone!