

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | October 12, 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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Faith
EXPLORED

Sunday Morning
Pastor Kevin Hart

Luke 17:11-19

“Faith Explored”

How do we respond with Jesus in our life? The journey of the ten lepers leads us to dig deeper into our own life with Jesus.

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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: Dick & Linda Bonzelaar

Nursery Volunteers: Sandy Mulder, Brooke Mulder

Security Team: Tyler Taratuta, Todd Burton

Children In Worship: Lynn Bosch, Kendra Bosch

Next Week (October 19):

Greeters: Mike & Gracie Bosch and family

Nursery Volunteers: Luanne Elenbaas, Brianna Fales

Security Team: Mark Groenheide, Nick Haskill

Children In Worship: VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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

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

Sunday School Classes: 10:45am

- Three Years Old-12th Grade meet downstairs
 - Preschool (3-4 years old) meets in Room 101
 - Young 5s, Kindergarten & 1st grade meet in Room 107
 - 2nd-3rd grade meets in Room 106
 - 4th-5th grade meets in Room 109
 - 6th-8th grade meets in Room 108
 - 9th-12th grade meets in the Youth Room

The Gathering (high school youth group): 6:00pm

This Week

Sunday, October 12

9:30am Sunday Worship

Children In Worship

10:30am Communion

Vespers

10:45am Sunday School

6:00pm The Gathering

Monday, October 13

9:00am Prayer Group

Wednesday, October 15

5:45pm Wednesday Meal

6:00pm Youth Praise Team

6:30pm Kid Connection,

Grow, Gravitate

Thursday, October 16

10:15am Staff Meeting

Friday, October 17

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.

Wednesday Night Meals Needed!

Our first Wednesday night meal was a HUGE success, but help is needed for them to continue. Each committee/group is asked to sign up for ONE Wednesday Night meal during the course of the education year. Fall Session open dates:

- October 22
- November 5, 12, and 19

Sign up 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

Desserts are needed each week for our Wednesday Night meals. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

CBS Connect Bible Study

We are pleased to announce that we are going to be offering a Bible study for women beginning Tuesday, October 21, at 1:30pm here at HRC.

This study will be a first offering that is in conjunction with Community Bible Studies Connect. Community Bible Studies is a global organization who believes that the Bible is God breathed (2 Timothy 3:16), and that everyone's life can be transformed through the Word!

The first study will be in Ephesians. 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). The study leader, as we begin, will be Rebecca Shaffer. Please invite friends and others in our community to join us! If you wish to attend, please send your email to Rebecca: rjshaffer0628@gmail.com

October Mission of the Month

Hope College Chapel Ministries

Chapel Ministries' primary focus is to prepare students for the Church as grateful lifelong followers of Jesus Christ, knowing the freedom of the gospel as they gather, nurture and send students out to live holistic lives in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Missionary of the Week Jennifer Lucking

Ministry Focus

Please remember WordPartner Ministries in your prayers. Pray for those pastors that are being trained overseas to give the people of their country a clear understanding of the Gospel.

Please Pray for:

- Farmers this harvesting season

55+ Retirees and Seniors of HRC

55+ Retirees and Seniors of HRC will meet for breakfast on Thursday, October 16, at 9:00am at Hawk's Nest.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. TODAY is the final day to sign up if you plan on joining them.

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month—a time to recognize and encourage those who faithfully shepherd our churches. But if you've ever asked a pastor how to show your gratitude, the answer probably isn't a plaque or applause. More often than not, it's simple: "Pray for me."

Even the Apostle Paul didn't ask for much personally, except for the prayers of fellow believers. In his letter to the Romans, he wrote: "Now I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me, that I may be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints; so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God and relax in your company" (Romans 15:30–32, NASB).

Ministry can be demanding, but knowing the church is lifting them up makes all the difference. Let's show our love and gratitude for Pastor Kevin this month! Drop off a note of thanks, share a favorite sermon memory or simply tell him how he's made a difference.

Please Continue to Pray for:

Continuing Care

Marilyn Everling

Elijah Helder (basic training)

Friend at Home

Eleanor DeWeerd

Education Volunteers

Amy Carroll

Casemier family

Nursery

All who volunteer to watch over our littlest ones during the worship service and Holly for coordinating their schedule

Tithes & Offerings

October 5 Total

Budget Offering - \$6,126

Offering - \$5,156

E-Tithe - \$970

*\$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.*

Consistory Chronicles

September Elders / Consistory Meetings

The Consistory met in late September, receiving reports, furthering on-going work, and addressing presenting items.

- The Elders shared membership items were discussed and that World Communion will happen on October 5.
- The Deacons gave an update on activities, including the volunteer upkeep of the grounds over this summer. Initial work towards the 2026 Budget has begun. A financial update was also given.
- Discussion concerning Congregational Life included promotion of the 55+ Group Breakfast upcoming and review of Meal preparation and clean-up for our Wednesday Night Programming.
- Service and Outreach shared the success of our Local Mission Trip to Camp Beechpoint where over 170 feet of shelving was finished and a wrap-around deck was both power-washed and fully stained.
- The Consistory continued discussion and feedback as it works with the Security Team to fine-tune the safety and security of the congregation. This remains an on-going work.
- We received an update for our Task Force on remaining items to be addressed within our transfer from the RCA to the Alliance of Reformed Churches.
- Finally, the Consistory received the Nominations for Elders and Deacons for 2026 and took the appropriate steps to further the process.
- The next Executive Team meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 20. The next Elders and Consistory meetings are scheduled for Monday, October 27.

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

Faith Development Opportunities

Adult Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study: Meets during Sunday School

Men's Bible Study: Meets every other Saturday at 6:00am

Wednesday Nights at HRC

Our Wednesday Night programming 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 5:45-6:15pm. All are welcome to these meals...free of charge! **A reminder to Youth Praise Team – please move to the front of the line so you can eat and get up to the Sanctuary by 6:00pm.**

Youth Praise Team (2nd – 12th grade): Practice is held 6:00-6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Kid Connection (Three Years Old – 3rd Grade):

Students gather in the basement from 6:30-7:30pm.

Grow (4th – 5th Grade): Students gather in Room 8 in the back hallway from 6:30-7:30pm.

Gravitate (6th – 8th Grade Youth Group): Gravitate meets in the Youth Room downstairs 6:30-7:30pm.

Attention Parents!!!

When your child(ren) are done eating on Wednesday night, please send them downstairs before programming begins. We have all sorts of games and activities set up.

****If they are a part of Youth Praise Team, please send them to the Sanctuary at 6:00pm for practice.****

Wednesday Night Meals

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

October Meals

October 15

Pork BBQ served by Women's Ministry

October 22

HELP NEEDED!

October 29

TBD served by Gravitate

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Desserts Needed

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