

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | December 3, 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

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Sunday Morning ~ Pastor Kevin Hart

“Setting the Stage: Lights”
John 1:1-5

Advent is about preparation - preparation for the first coming of Christ, and preparation for Christ's coming again. John has a masterful way of opening his Gospel that compels us to look at the bigger picture of what God has done. Much like a play, where we hear, 'lights, camera, action,' we get to move through this opening preparation. In this first moment, we are challenged to see the light of Christ and become ones who reflect that light.



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Sunday Mornings at HRC

Worship Locations

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

Greeters: Ryan & Misti Lindholm

Next Week (Dec. 10): Lane & Veta Lohman

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 Volunteers: Donna Jurries, Madi Fales

Next Week (Dec. 10): Nicki Boerman, Aurora Boerman

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

Volunteers: Libby Casemier, Callie Casemier

Next Week (Dec. 10): Erin Rozendaal, Kendra Bosch

Sunday School Classes: 10:45am

- Three Years Old-12th Grade meet downstairs
 - Preschool (3-4 Years Old) meets in Room 101
 - Young 5s-Kindergarten meets in Room 106
 - 1st-2nd Grade meets in Room 107
 - 3rd-5th Grade meets in Room 108
 - 6th-9th Grade meets in Room 109
 - 9th-12th Grade meets in the Youth Room
 - Women's Sunday School / Bible Study meets in the Conference Room

The Gathering (High School Youth Group)

Meets 6:00-7:30pm in the Youth Room downstairs

This Week

Sunday, December 3

9:30am Sunday Worship

Children in Worship

10:45am Sunday School

6:00pm The Gathering

Monday, December 4

7:00pm Women's Ministry

Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 5

10:00am Bible Study

7:00pm Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, December 6

5:45pm Meal

6:00pm Youth Praise Team

6:30pm Kid Connection,
Grow, Gravitate

Thursday, December 7

9:00am Staff Meeting

12:00pm Blood Drive

Friday, December 8

10:00am Pantry

Saturday, December 9

10:00am Christmas

Program Practice

HRC Podcast

Our sermons are now available as a podcast!

Visit our website:

hamiltonreformedchurch.org

and click on

the "sermons" box.

Bible-Themed Miniature Golf

We will be offering Bible-themed miniature golf at HRC during the Christmas Break. We are looking for volunteers – **check out the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board outside of the library**. Please contact Diane VanLente if you have any questions.

We are Collecting

Primary department is collecting paper towel tubes and newspapers. Donations can be placed in the Sunday School tote outside the library or dropped off in the church office.

Youth Praise Team Caroling

Youth Praise Team will be caroling to some of our Friends at Home on Sunday, December 17. Please meet at church 2:00pm. We will have pizza afterward and should be back at church around 6:00pm.

55+ Retirees & Senior Adults of HRC

The 55+ Retirees & Senior Adults of HRC will be holding a holiday gathering on Thursday, December 14, at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will sing Christmas songs, listen to the story of Jesus' birth as told in the Bible, and Cal Klokkert will present his Tribute to Johnny Cash. Refreshments will be served following Cal's presentation and a free-will offering will be received for him. Sign-up on the bulletin board outside the church kitchen.

Free!!

If anyone is interested in a ping pong table, please contact the office. We have one in the basement and are looking to re-home it.

December Missions of the Month

Adult & Teen Challenge HAYM (Hamilton Area Youth Ministries)

Adult & Teen Challenge provides Christian faith-based, residential care to young people and adults who struggle with life-controlling problems.

HAYM is the youth ministries of ten area churches working together to love, care for and be a part of students' lives for the cause of Jesus Christ!

Missionary of the Week

Dave & Linda McCleery
Mission Aviation Fellowship
9305 Northwind Dr.
Zeeland, MI 49464
Email:
dave@innetworkusa.org

Please Pray for:

- Vern Klein was a patient at Holland Hospital where he was treated for pneumonia. He has since returned home where he continues to recover.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you for all the prayers and cards following the passing of Cal's sister, Marilyn. A special thank you to Pastor Kevin. How wonderful to be part of such a loving church family!

Cal & Sue Lubbers

A big THANK YOU to those who were a part of this year's Christmas decorating. Don Folkert for making the stable in the Sanctuary, Mark Woldring for making the stables in the Sanctuary windows, Sue Lubbers for decorating trees in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall, and Jeff Reuschel for the art work of the sign in the Sanctuary. A memory tree and decorations in memory of Thelma Deters, who was part of decorating the church for many, many years, which she loved.

Thanks also to our helpers – Luanne Elenbaas, Diane VanLente and Grace Eding.

The Decorating Committee: Sherry Kleinheksel, Julie Woldring and Shelly McCormick

Cookie Event

The congregation is welcome to join the primary department on Saturday, December 16, at 11:00am as we decorate cookies (following Christmas program practice). It's so much fun to see what fun designs the kids come up with and inevitably how many sprinkles one cookie can hold. The kids also love spending time with the grown-ups within our church.

Cut it Out

Children's Ministry has more craft projects to be cut out. There's a bin on the counter downstairs with baggies of projects and instructions. Thanks!

Please Continue to Pray for:

Continued Care

Nelvin DeWeerd

Holly Harper

Bill Jacobs

Brian VandenBrink

Friend at Home

Harvin Bultman

Education Volunteers

John Casemier

Olivia McCormick

Kids Hope Mentor

Carol VanderPoppen

Ministry Focus

Please pray for our Youth Directors Andy & Erin Rozendaal, as well as the youth sponsors, as they mentor our teens.

Tithes & Offerings

Nov. 26 Total - \$5,905

Offering - \$5,340

E-tithe - \$565

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

Mission of the Month Offering
for Compassionate Heart

\$885

Faith Development Opportunities

Adult Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study: Meets during Sunday School

Study on Romans: Meets Tuesdays 10:00-11:30am

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

Wednesday Nights at HRC

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 5:45-6:15pm. 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.

Upcoming Meals

December 6

Creamed chicken on buns and salad served by the Mission Committee

Please contact Pat Kragt if you have any 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.

Upcoming Events

The Rock Open House

You are invited to come see the incredible transformation of the old Rock Island Restaurant (1816 M-40) into a safe and loving home for aged out foster youth. An open house will be held from 2:00-4:00pm on Sunday, December 3, with ribbon cutting and a special presentation at 2:00pm. The Rock is the first of three Grant Me Hope homes opening in West Michigan. It will provide a safe and loving home for young men who have aged out of foster care and are in danger of homelessness.

Women's Ministry Christmas Party

Women's Ministry will be holding their Christmas Party for ALL women on Monday, December 4, at 7:00pm. There will be fellowship, games, appetizers, desserts and FUN! Ladies, we hope you will join us and come hungry! The evening will conclude with a Secret Pal gift exchange (participation in Secret Pal is not required to attend). TODAY is the final day to sign up if you plan on attending.

Congregational Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5, at 7:00pm.

Elder Nominees:

Dave Bakker, Jim Van Den Beldt

Deacon Nominees:

Larry Boerman, Todd Burton

Absentee ballots are available outside the library and are due prior to the start of the meeting. Agenda packets were placed in mailboxes. Please bring your copy with you to the meeting.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, December 7, from 12:00-6:00pm at HRC. If you weigh at least 110 lbs., are 17 years old or older, and are in good health you may donate. To schedule an appointment (not required, but recommended), visit: redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Sponsor code: Hamiltonreformed

Christmas Eve Worship Service

Join us Sunday, December 24, at 5:00pm for a Christmas Eve worship service.



Spreading Christmas Cheer

Christmas Cards for Our Friends at Home

You are encouraged to send some Christmas cheer to those who are not able to worship with us regularly...

- Mail a card or stop in for a visit
- Bring a card to church and place it in the box on the ledge outside the library by Wednesday, December 6 (can address to a specific person or leave unaddressed – PLEASE rubber band your cards together)
- After December 6, we ask that you mail the cards directly to our Friends at Home

Leona Boerigter

Jill Broekhuis

Jean Hutt

Harv Bultman

Alvina Klein

Nellie Brower

Orvin Deters

Nelvin DeWeerd

Bob Tucker

Marianne Yonker

Joyce VanDam

Clara TenHagen

Ivan Top

Christmas Cards for Kids

Kids LOVE getting mail of their own. This Christmas, you are encouraged to bring signed Christmas cards to church and place them in the box on the landing leading up to the Sanctuary. Please rubber band your cards together. We have a total of 29 kids and will take care of distributing the cards.



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

This December we encourage you to give to those in need by participating in a Reverse Advent Calendar. Most advent calendars have you remove an item each day as you count down to Christmas. A Reverse Advent Calendar is the opposite – each day you ADD an item to a box that is donated to help others. This would be a great project to do with your family, grandchildren, mentor or a group of friends!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Toilet Paper</i>	2 <i>Canned Soup</i>
3 <i>Bleach</i>	4 <i>Cake or Muffin Mix</i>	5 <i>Fabric Softener</i>	6 <i>Canned Fruit</i>	7 <i>Laundry Detergent</i>	8 <i>Pasta or Noodles</i>	9 <i>Paper Towels</i>
10 <i>Canned Vegetables</i>	11 <i>Dish Soap</i>	12 <i>Coffee, Tea, or Hot Chocolate</i>	13 <i>Disposable Razors</i>	14 <i>Boxed Jell-O or Pudding</i>	15 <i>Hand Lotion</i>	16 <i>Instant/Boxed Potatoes</i>
17 <i>Kitchen Garbage Bags</i>	18 <i>Diced Tomatoes</i>	19 <i>Dishwasher Detergent</i>	20 <i>Cake or Muffin Mix</i>	21 <i>Toilet Cleaner</i>	22 <i>Mustard</i>	23 <i>Band-Aids</i>
24 <i>Ketchup</i>	25 <i>Women's Shaving Cream / Gel</i>	26 <i>Gravy</i>	27 <i>Liquid Hand Soap or Body Wash</i>	28 <i>Canned Vegetables or Fruit</i>	29 <i>Cleaning Spray</i>	30 <i>Pork & Beans</i>
31 <i>Hair Conditioner</i>						

Please bring your filled box(es) to church by Sunday, January 7. They should be placed under the coatrack outside of the Fellowship Hall. Donated items will be divided between two Love INC pantries: the Personal Needs Pantry at HRC and the Food Pantry at Hamilton CRC. Thank you for sharing Christ's love with others this Christmas season!

