

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | May 21, 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>

Journey to Pentecost

April 23 - May 28



Sunday Morning
Pastor Kevin

“Positions of Influence: He Went”
Acts 13:1; Luke 8:1-3; Acts 23:12-24

Our journey to Pentecost through the eyes of lesser-known figures of the New Testament concludes with the question we all must answer: “What influence, what part may I play?”

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: Grace Eding and Mary VanderPoppen

Next Week (May 28): Jim Dubbink

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: Libby Casemier, Molly Casemier

Next Week (May 28): Jackie Taratuta, Olivia McCormick

Making the Bible Smaller

Have you ever felt overwhelmed by how much there is in the Bible? Do you feel like others always seem to know more than you? Or maybe you've just wanted some way to string together the many Bible stories you have learned throughout the years. You are invited to join Pastor Kevin in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service on May 21, May 28 and June 4 where he will be sharing some beginning steps to grow in your study and learning of the Bible. Whether you are well versed, or simply starting out, this casual and commitment-free time of learning will have something for everyone.

Teen Helpers Meeting

A brief meeting will be held in the Conference Room this morning immediately following the worship service for any teenager who is interested in helping during the service (singing, taking pictures, creating photo slide shows, presenting children's messages, helping in tech booth, etc). Please contact Nicki Boerman for more information.

This Week

Sunday, May 21

9:30am Sunday Worship

10:45am Teen Helper Meeting

10:45am "Making the Bible Smaller"

2:30pm Baccalaureate at Overisel Reformed

Monday, May 22

8:30am Prayer Group

6:00pm Elders Meeting

7:00pm Consistory Meeting

Thursday, May 25

9:00am Staff Meeting

7:00pm HHS Graduation at Hamilton High School

Friday, May 26

10:00am Pantry

A Look Ahead

June 18

Summer Story Time Begins

July 18-20

Hamilton Area VBS

HRC Podcast

Our sermons are now available as a podcast!

Visit our website:

hamiltonreformedchurch.org

and click on

the "sermons" box.

Summer Story Time

We will once again be offering Summer Story Time this summer (June, July, and August). Children three years old to 2nd grade will be dismissed from the morning worship service to head downstairs. Our theme this year is “At the Beach”. **We are in need of volunteers to make this a success.** Sign up on the Student Ministries bulletin board by the carport.

Handicap Equipment

We have a wheelchair available by the main entrance for those who may need to use it when joining us for worship. This is our last remaining wheelchair in good working condition (the others unfortunately did not survive “youthful enthusiasm”), so we ask that it is only used when actually needed, and not used as a toy. Thanks for your help with this.

Flower Watering

We love to see the freshness and beauty of spring – and that includes flowers. We are looking for a volunteer (or volunteers) to help water the flower here at church this summer. Sign up for a specific day each week...a week at a time...or even a month at a time. Please contact Lynn Bosch for more information or to help us out.

Art Show

The Hamilton Middle School Art Show will be going on at the same time as the Lion’s Chicken BBQ – May 24 from 4:30-6:30pm. Come out and see what our students have created and get some dinner at the same time. The art will be displayed in the east gym and hallways near the cafeteria.

May Mission of the Month

Grand Valley State University Campus Ministries

Campus Ministry @ GVSU is a community of Christ followers called to: Engage college students with the life-changing love of God, disciple leaders who make disciples, and be a bridge to Jesus Christ and His church.

Missionary of the Week

Dean & Christine VanFarowe
Calvary Reformed Church
1918 W. 65th St.
Cleveland, OH 44102-3904

Missionary Update

A new update from Josh & Alison Perkins is available at the Missionary Board. Pick up a copy and see how God is at work around the world through the missionaries we support.

Please Pray for:

- Yvonne Wentzel is recovering from some challenges with her breathing. She is feeling better and is getting stronger.
- All those who will be graduating. We especially pray for our graduates: Colin Eding, Payton Eustice, Kilee Kleinheksel and Abigail Lindholm.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you for the prayers and concerns during my recent tests. I am now scheduled for gall bladder surgery on June 6.

Bob Rigterink

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy following the passing of Luanne's mother, Shirley Schut. We truly appreciate it!

Lynn & Luanne Elenbaas

Vacation Bible School 2023

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 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.

Visit the link below or see

Gracie or Nicki to sign up.

vbspro.events/p/hamiltoncommunitystellar



Please Continue to Pray for:

Continued Care

Stu Woldring

Undergoing Treatments

Terry Dougan

Kids Hope Mentor

Dave Mazurek

Friend at Home

Jean Hutt

Ministry Focus

Please pray for Bethany Flynn as she has returned back from Ukraine and looks to her future involvement in missions.

Tithes & Offerings

May 14 Total - \$10,075

Offering - \$5,010

E-Tithe - \$2,065

\$7,744 needed weekly to maintain budget

Community Events

Baccalaureate

You are invited to the Baccalaureate Service of the Hamilton High School Class of 2023 this afternoon (May 21), at 2:30pm at Overisel Reformed Church.

Lions Club Chicken BBQ

The annual Lions Club Chicken BBQ is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, at Hamilton Middle School from 4:30-6:30pm. Tickets are \$15.00 each and can be purchased at Hamilton Dentistry, State Farm in Hamilton, and Hamilton Chiropractic, or through Lions members. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Graduation

You are invited to the Graduation Ceremony of the Hamilton High School Class of 2023 on Thursday, May 25, at 7:00pm at Hamilton High School. The ceremony will also be livestreamed: youtube.com/@hamiltoncommunityschoolsmi5877

Love INC 10 Homes Program

In this rainy season, we thank God for the roofs over our heads – the shelter from cold and water. But some cannot say the same. Love INC's 10 Homes Program is seeking to provide 10 mobile homes to families who complete the transitional housing portion of their Homes of Hope Program. Could you help put 10 roofs over the heads of 10 families in need? \$30 will purchase a bundle of shingles and \$1,300 will purchase the materials to replace one roof. To make a contribution, visit: loveincnwa.org and designate your gift to "10 Homes". To learn more about the program, visit: loveincnwa.org/10-homes

Hamilton Memorial Day Parade

The entire community is invited to come out and take part in this special celebration on Monday, May 29. We would be honored to have all Veterans, combat and non-combat, come out and march in the parade. Rides are available. Enter your business or community floats, antique cars and tractors, horses, bikes and military vehicles, etc.

We want to see the whole community come out and be a part of this special time! Line up begins at 8:00am. Enter at the high school and follow the service drive around to line up at the middle school. The parade begins at 9:00am. Immediately following the parade, you are encouraged to attend a public Memorial Service at Riverside Cemetery. In the event of inclement weather, parade cancellation information will be announced on Wood TV 8. ***A note from the Allegan County Sheriff Department: NO ATVs, dirt bikes, golf carts or other off-road vehicles are allowed in the parade.***

From Seniors to Seniors

Following is advice from some of our HRC senior adults to our graduating seniors:

- 🎓 Learn to balance your checkbook
- 🎓 Learn how to read a map - there isn't always cell service
- 🎓 Book knowledge is good, but so is common sense
- 🎓 Let common sense prevail
- 🎓 Choose your friends wisely
- 🎓 Consider service in the armed forces
- 🎓 Don't be afraid to be yourself - God made you special for such a time as this
- 🎓 Always remember to keep God and His love at the center of your life
- 🎓 Remember who you are and from where you came
- 🎓 If it's on the net, it's always true? The answer is NO!!!
- 🎓 Never charge on a credit card more than you can pay for in a month
- 🎓 Follow God's path, even when life is "fine"
- 🎓 Remember your heritage
- 🎓 Don't waste your talent
- 🎓 Share your time with others
- 🎓 Look for good mentors
- 🎓 Work hard, play safe, and play smart
- 🎓 Tithe first, then save, share, and spend
- 🎓 If you don't have time to regularly pray, read the Bible, and attend church, then maybe you're too busy
- 🎓 Trust God to lead your way

Proverbs 3:5 & 6, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

When everything seems so tough, remember Psalm 46: "Be still, and know that I am God. . ." (v. 10a).

Our Graduates



Colin Eding

Colin Eding is graduating from Hamilton High School.

He played football in 9th, 10th and 11th grades and played tuba in the band in 9th and 10th grade. He participated in co-op working at Menards.

Colin plans on going to manager training through Menards following graduation.



Payton Eustice

Payton Eustice is graduating from Hamilton High School.

She was involved in theater and choir. She received A-team awards, lamp of learning pin, varsity letter for grades and theater, choir and theater pins.

Payton plans on taking a gap year, then go to community college to pursue a degree in creative writing.

Beginning ... and Beginning Again

During the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn't a closed door, an end or a farewell. Instead, it's an entryway threshold, a beginning, a hello – and one of many such opportunities that mark life. “God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings, just as graduations are not terminations but commencements,” writes Bernie Siegel. “Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease.” Of course, we can “create a perfect world” only by letting God guide our actions. So, dear graduates, may you partner with God...to meet suffering with love, kindness and compassion through all the new beginnings of your life!

Our Graduates



Kilee Kleinheksel

Kilee Kleinheksel is graduating from Hamilton High School.

She played softball and was also involved in FFA and 4-H. She received the superior commitment award at the Tech Center, the outstanding junior award, and the academic excellence award.

Kilee plans on attending Michigan State University to study animal science.



Abigail Lindholm

Abigail Lindholm is graduating from Hamilton High School.

She was involved in band, color guard, theatre and is a member of the National Honor Society. She is graduating with a Summa Cum Laude GPA and is ranked 6th in her class. She continues to shoot her compound archery and has earned several awards and sponsorships.

Abigail plans on attending Calvin University where she will pursue a biology/pre-veterinary bachelor's degree. After Calvin University, she plans on attending Michigan State University to complete veterinary school.

*Congratulations Colin, Payton, Kilee and Abigail!
May God continue to guide you as you begin this next stage in life.*