

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | May 18, 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

Hebrews 12:1

“Therefore: Let’s Run”

After accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, Christians often wonder what is next. The preacher of *Hebrews* would not have us sit still, but calls and implores us forward with specific directions.

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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: Andy & Erin Rozendaal and family

Nursery Volunteers: Holly Cochrane, Brianna Fales

Security Team: Ross Eding, Nick Haskill

Next Week (May 25):

Greeters: Scott & Irene Sikkema and family

Nursery Volunteers: Erin Rozendaal, Zoe Rozendaal

Security Team: Tyler Taratuta, Todd Burton

Today's Activities & Information

This morning, we celebrate our graduates:

from Hamilton High School

- *Ryleigh Becksford*
- *Hailey Brinks*
- *Aiden Bruesch*
- *Beau Casemier*
- *Madison Fales*
- *Matthew Fales*
- *Bailey Kay*
- *McKoy Lohman*
- *Jacob Russcher*

from Homeschool

- *Elijah Helder*

This Week

Sunday, May 18

9:30am Sunday Worship
Recognition of Our
Graduates

3:00pm Baccalaureate at
Cultivate

Tuesday, May 20

1:00pm Quilting Group

Thursday, May 22

7:00pm HHS Class of 2025
Graduation

Friday, May 23

10:00am Pantry

Saturday, May 24

8:00am Scrapbooking

A Look Ahead

Sunday, June 15

Summer Story Time Begins

July 22-24

Hamilton Area VBS

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.

Baccalaureate

You are invited to the Baccalaureate Service of the Hamilton High School Class of 2025 on Sunday, May 18, at 3:00pm at Cultivate.

Lions Club Chicken BBQ

The annual Lions Club Chicken BBQ is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, at Hamilton Middle School from 4:30-6:30pm. Tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR code or will also be available at the door. This year's format will be a drive-thru only.



Graduation

You are invited to the Graduation Ceremony of the Hamilton High School Class of 2025 on Thursday, May 22, at 7:00pm at Hamilton High School.

Hamilton Memorial Day Parade

The entire community is invited to come out Monday, May 26, and celebrate Memorial Day as we honor our military heroes who gave their lives while serving their country. Line up begins at 8:00am. The parade begins at 9:00am. Immediately following the parade, you are encouraged to attend a public Memorial Service at Riverside Cemetery.

Hungry For Christ Cereal Drive

This month we are participating in the Hungry For Christ Cereal Drive. Cereal is a staple item for families to have for their children during the summer months. There is a box outside the library to place the cereal in. Please note that all the cereal collected will benefit those in our community that visit the Family Pantry.

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

Jennifer Lucking

Ministry Focus

Please pray for our youth groups and their sponsors as they develop their relationship with Christ.

Please Pray for:

- Our graduates as they begin the next stage in life

A Note of Thanks...

A sincere thank you to Pastor Kevin and the HRC congregation. I appreciate all the prayers, calls and other caring concern shown to me following Donna's passing. We appreciate being part of this faith family. Thank you!

Don Lampen and family

Thank you for all the prayers, calls and cards following my recent hospitalization. Thanks also to Pastor Kevin for his calls. It was all greatly appreciated.

Cheryl Kempkers

Thank you for all of your prayers over the past few years. Thanks also for all the cards for birthdays, our anniversary, and expressions of sympathy over the years. Thank you for the beautiful Easter lily. May God bless you!

Eileen Schrotenboer

Summer Story Time

Before you know it, summer will be here...and so will Summer Story Time. This year we will be talking about Super Heros. **How can YOU help?** Grab a friend and sign up on the bulletin board by the carport entrance to be a leader or helper or talk to Nicki and Gracie for more information.

VBS 2025 ~ July 22-24

Join us at Cultivate for VBS this year as we discover God's GREATNESS through science. If your child is 3 years old (and potty trained) through 4th grade this fall, we'd love to have them join us! We are looking for many volunteers to help out in: crafts, games, snacks, junior helpers, and more. Visit: <https://vbspro.events/p/f8faf5> to sign up your child(ren) or volunteer. You can also see Gracie or Nicki and we'll get you signed up.

Please Continue to Pray for:

Continuing Care

Sharon Haverdink
Cheryl Kempkers
Pat Kragt
Mark Woldring

Friend at Home

Nelvin DeWeerd

Tech Booth Volunteers

All those who assist in the Tech Booth – helping with sound, video and projection

Tithes & Offerings

May 11 Total - \$9,050

Offering - \$7,485

E-tithe - \$1,565

*\$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.*

Our High School Graduates



Ryleigh Becksford

Ryleigh is graduating from Hamilton High School.

She played tennis her freshman year and was involved in golf for three years. She attended the Careerline Tech Center and received the Superior Commitment award in Business Management. She also received Academic Honors awards her sophomore, junior and senior years as well as various other honor roll awards.

Ryleigh is working at Al's Excavating and TriPonds and plans on attending Davenport University this fall to study towards a Bachelor's in Management.

Beau Casemier

Beau is graduating from Hamilton High School.

He attended the Careerline Tech Center where he studied welding. He received the Superior Commitment Award.

Beau finished his classes at Hamilton High School early. He is working full-time as a diesel mechanic at Tier 1 in Holland and welding part-time at Brink Farms.



Madison Fales

Madison is graduating from Hamilton High School.

She was involved in Women's Chorale for three years and the Musical Chorus all four years of high school.

She received a varsity letter for choir, performed in the State Chorale Festival and was a State Solo & Ensemble qualifier in 2024.

Madison plans on attending Aquinas College for nursing.



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Matthew Fales

Matthew is graduating from Hamilton High School.

He was involved in wrestling all four years and played football three years. He received a varsity letter in both wrestling and football.

Matthew plans on starting a career in HVAC.



Elijah Helder

Elijah is graduating from homeschooling.

He was involved in Boy Scouts and was part of the Mackinac Honor Guard and achieved the Order of the Arrow.

Elijah has enlisted in the Army National Guard as military police. He reports for basic training in August and hopes to become a police officer after the military.

McKoy Lohman

McKoy is graduating from Hamilton High School.

He played soccer all four years of high school. He was on the honor roll, was the soccer team captain his sophomore year and was all-state academic his junior year.

McKoy plans on attending the University of Northwestern Ohio for Ag/Heavy Diesel Mechanics, as well as working on the farm with his dad and grandpa.



Our High School Graduates



Bailey Kay

Bailey Kay is graduating from Hamilton High School.

She received the A-Team Award

Bailey plans on attending Cornerstone University to study elementary education.

Jacob Russcher

Jacob is graduating from Hamilton High School.

He plans on continuing to work at Brink Farms, becoming a driver right after graduation.



Beginning ... and Beginning Again

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!

Hailey Brinks

Hailey is graduating from Hamilton High School.

Aiden Bruesch

Aiden is graduating from Hamilton High School.

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).