

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | October 29, 2023

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to *God's* family, Word
and way of *Life*



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Intentional Faith Development | Compassionate Acts of Service

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Sunday Morning
Pastor Kevin Hart

“Declaring the Gospel: Motive and Method”
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Sometimes it is helpful to stop and consider why we do what we do. This is particularly important when we consider our part in sharing the Gospel – the Good News of Jesus Christ. We will consider Paul’s experience and how he approached sharing with others.



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Sunday Mornings at HRC

Worship Locations

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

Greeters: Ron & Sandy Kleinheksel

Next Week (November 5): Paul & Jean Koopman

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: Nicki Boerman, Zander Boerman

Next Week (Nov. 5): Holly Cochrane, Brianna Fales

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

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
 - Adult Sunday School meets in the Fellowship Hall

The Gathering (High School Youth Group)

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

This Week

Sunday, October 29

9:30am Sunday Worship
Children in Worship
10:45am Sunday School
6:00pm The Gathering

Tuesday, October 31

10:00am Bible Study

Wednesday, November 1

10:30am Playgroup
11:30am Library
5:45pm Meal
6:00pm Youth Praise Team
6:30pm Kid Connection,
Grow & Gravitate

Thursday, November 2

9:00am Staff Meeting

Friday, November 3

10:00am Pantry

Saturday, November 4

6:00am Men's Bible Study

HRC Podcast

Our sermons are now available as a podcast!

Visit our website:
hamiltonreformedchurch.org
and click on
the "sermons" box.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

You are invited to join us for our annual Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 22, at 7:00pm.

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). Please sign up on the bulletin board by the kitchen if you plan on attending. For more info contact: Lisa Hulst, Donna Jurries, Shelly McCormick, Karen TerHaar

Congregational Meeting

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

Blessings Basket

The Blessings Basket is outside of the library to celebrate the birth of Aiden Todd, son of Drew & Jessi Boerman. Welcome him with a card or small gift.

Pantry Volunteer Coordinator

For over seven years, Shelly McCormick has helped to coordinate volunteers for the Personal Needs Pantry. She will be stepping down the end of the year, and we are looking for an individual or team to take over. Responsibilities include calling volunteers to fill any pantry days that don't have a volunteer signed up as well as bringing the pink papers to the Love INC office once a month. Please contact Shelly or the office if you are interested.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you for all the cards for my 95th party and for all the food brought over.

Dale Brower

October Mission of the Month

Hope College Chapel Ministries

The main focus of Chapel Ministries is to prepare students to live 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

Chad & Dara Vanden Bosch
Audio Scripture Ministries
PO Box 1439
Holland, MI 49422
Email: chad@asmtoday.org

Ministry Focus

Please pray for Jennifer Lucking as she meets the needs of the young women who are caught up in the ever-present sex trafficking trade.

Please Pray for:

- Nelvin DeWeerd underwent surgery at Holland Hospital on October 22 to address a broken hip and has transferred to Meadow Woods Nursing and Rehab Center in Bloomingdale for a time of rehabilitation and further recovery. Cards and correspondences should be sent to his home.

Our Sympathies to:

- Cal & Sue Lubbers on the passing of Cal's sister, Marilyn Cull.
- Orv Deters and family on the passing of his wife, Thelma, on Thursday, October 26.

Congratulations to:

Drew & Jessi Boerman on the birth of a son, Aiden Todd, on Wednesday, October 25. Aiden weighed 7 lb. 5 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Get Involved at HRC

There are many ways you can get involved at HRC! Sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

- Wednesday Night Crews: Occasionally help as meal servers or as a clean-up crew for our Wednesday night meals. Contact Pat Kragt for more details.
- Wednesday Night Desserts
- Valet Parking: 1 to 2 people are needed each month to assist with valet parking as needed.
- Personal Needs Pantry Volunteers: Volunteers are needed each Friday from 10:00am-12:30pm.
- Cookies: Cookies are needed for our time of Fellowship on Sunday mornings.

Please Continue to Pray for:

Continued Care

Holly Harper
Bill Jacobs
Nancy Jacobs
Brian VandenBrink
Stu Woldring

Friend at Home

Joyce VanDam

Education Volunteers

Brianna Calkins
Matthew Fales

Kids Hope Mentor

Amy Carroll

Tithes & Offerings

October 22 Total - \$9,262.70

Offering - \$7,997.70

E-tithe - \$1,265

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

Updates from Children's Ministry

Nicki Boerman & Gracie Bosch – Children's Ministry Coordinators - hrcchildren@gmail.com

Kid Connection

It's a bustling zoo downstairs! Our zookeepers are loving all the monkeys. Kid Connection this year is all about the zoo. So far, we've learned that Jesus is like a zookeeper, it's His job to take care of us. We also learned that monkeys are curious and we should be curious about God.

Throughout the Wednesday night calendar, there will be several events that we are welcoming the congregation to join us for. November 15th will be the next one. We will be having a Harvest Party and will do some crafts and games, we'd love for you to join us. Details will be published at a later date.

Children In Worship

Leader Needs:

We are in need of a leader for Children In Worship a few times in November:

November 5

November 12

Please see Nicki Boerman or Gracie Bosch if you are willing or would like to discuss what volunteering for that looks like.



Dates to Remember

November 15

Kid Connection Harvest Party
(watch for details soon)

November 22

Thanksgiving Eve
(no Kid Connection)

December 17

Christmas Program

Wednesday Playgroup & Library

Playgroup and library are up and running! If you are a parent or grandparent of children ages infant to preschool, you are invited to join us on Wednesdays for playgroup, library and fellowship. Playgroup begins at 10:30am. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate are available and kids can play with toys inside or on the playground in the courtyard. The library is open at 11:30am to check out books. We hope to see you there!

Please remember our November Prayer Buddies in your prayers!



Emma Daley

Parent: Eli Daley

Birthday: February 29

Age / Grade: 7 years old / 2nd grade

I like: gym

Prayer Request: Please pray for a safe school year



Kamryn Bosch

Parents: Mike & Gracie Bosch

Birthday: September 5

Age / Grade: 10 years old / 4th grade

I like to: play sports, read, write stories, draw, and spend time with friends

Prayer Request: Please pray that I continue to grow academically, emotionally and spiritually throughout this year



Olivia McCormick

Parents: Rob & Shelly McCormick

Birthday: September 14

Age / Grade: 18 years old / 12th grade

I like to: shop and spend time with friends

Prayer Request: Please pray for a good last year of high school and that I do well at the Tech Center studying Advanced Healthcare



Nathan Hart

Parents: Kevin & Suzanne Hart

Birthday: January 27

Age / Grade: 17 years old / 12th grade

I like to: garden, work with plants, work outside, draw, make things, and help others

Prayer Request: Please pray that I have a wonderful senior year and that God makes clear what next year should bring

Student Ministries

Grow: 4th-5th Grade / Gravitate: 6th-8th Grade / The Gathering: 9th-12th Grade

Andy & Erin Rozendaal – Directors of Youth Leadership - hamrefyouth@gmail.com

Gravitate and The Gathering have gotten off to a great start! Both groups came together on October 22 and made over 12 blankets for the blanket ministry!

Gravitate

Meets Wednesdays – 6:30-7:30pm

We began our year in the theme of "The Amazing Race." Our time together has focused on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:1-2).

The second leg of our race was on friendship and traveling partners on the journey of life. We have also talked about the masks we wear and why we need to be the way God created us. In November, we look forward to shopping in town for a family through the program called Operation Christmas Child.

Calendar

November 1: MOB at Overisel Hall

November 8: Lesson Night

November 15: Operation Shoebox Shopping

November 22: Thanksgiving Break

November 29: Craig's Cruisers

October 25: Halloween Party

The Gathering

Meets Sundays – 6:00-7:30pm

This year's theme focuses on the ways we can "Be Real." We began our discussion with talking about the real Jesus who asks a lot of us. We learned in scripture that the teachings of Jesus are often difficult to live into. As we live our lives with Jesus, we are called to be radically different from the world we live in.

Calendar

November 5: Lesson Night

November 12: Lesson Night

November 19: Game Night

November 26: Thanksgiving Break

Grow

Meets Wednesday – 6:30-7:30pm

November: God Uses Us

This month we will look at the book of Judges: Stories of the way God used normal people in times of need.

Ways you can support our youth...

Meals Wanted: Would you be willing to bring a meal to The Gathering on a Sunday evening? A schedule is posted on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

Connecting with Our Youth: Thank you to all who have visited the youth at a sporting event or another activity they are in! It is encouraging to see the church support the activities of our teens. If you are interested in what else the kids are doing, please check out the youth bulletin board by the main entrance. We will update it periodically for the new season ahead.

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!

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 Kids!!!

When you are done eating your meal on Wednesday night, come and join us downstairs before programming begins. We have all sorts of games and activities set up.

****If you are a part of Youth Praise Team, please head up to the Sanctuary at 6:00pm for practice.****

Wednesday Night Meals

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

November Meals

November 1

Pulled pork served by the Bleeker & Kragt families

November 8

TBD served by the Gates & Eding families

November 15

TBD served by the Men's Bible Study

November 29

TBD served by the Women's Bible Study

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.

October Consistory Chronicles

The Consistory met on Monday, October 23, and had a productive meeting:

- Our numerous Faith Development ministries (Sunday School, Kid Connection, Grow, Youth Groups, Bible Studies) are all off to a good start.
- Finances remain strong. The Congregation's response to Calvary Reformed's need is impressive and a total amount will be posted soon.
- As the nomination process for new Elders and Deacons wraps up, further discussion is planned for how we can continue to improve on our process.
- The Elders welcomed Mike and Becky Shaffer into membership and also met with Nick and Lisa Haskill and approved baptism for Wyatt.
- The Deacons continue to address items around the church. Plans are underway for new tables and chairs for our outdoor ministries, as well as consideration of some additional playground items.
- A Congregational Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5, in order to approve the 2024 Budget, slate for new Elders and Deacons to Consistory, and final approval of new *Articles of Incorporation* now that we have left the RCA and joined the *Alliance of Reformed Churches*.
- The October financial reports are as follows:
 - General Fund: \$17,841.53
 - Building Fund: \$20,079.32
 - Building Maintenance Fund: \$4,430.61
 - Memorial Fund: \$23,919.84
 - Love Fund: \$4,718.97
- The next Elders meeting and Consistory meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 27.

2023 Consistory

Elders

Terry Dougan
Scott Essenburg
Gary Jurries
Calvin Kragt
Jim Kraker
Jeff Reuschel

Deacons

Mike Bosch
Ross Eding
Rick Eustice
Ryan Lindholm
Tyler Taratuta
Tom Weerstra

Consistory Officers

Vice President

Jeff Reuschel

Clerk

Jim Kraker

Congregational Life

Gary Jurries

Spiritual Formation

Scott Essenburg

Service & Outreach

Calvin Kragt

Deacon Chair

Rick Eustice

Treasurer

Mike Bosch

Facility/Property

Ross Eding, chair

Ryan Lindholm

Tom Weerstra

Love Fund & Budget

Tyler Taratuta



New Books for Fall Reading

Stop by the library and check out some of these new adult books:

Extreme Measures series by Lynette Eason

- *Countdown* (book #4)

Danger Never Sleeps series (new series) by Lynette Eason

- *Collateral Damage* (book #1)
- *Acceptable Risk* (book #2)
- *Active Defense* (book #3)
- *Hostile Intent* (book #4)

Saving Grayson by Chris Fabry

Grason Hayes doesn't remember things as well as he used to, but he's sure his time is running out. Diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's, he realizes he has a small window of time left to right a terrible injustice – he just can't remember what it is. Convinced of the importance of his mission, he embarks on a journey to the small West Virginia town of his childhood hoping he can put together the fractures pieces of his memory and set things right. But as the past becomes clearer, he wonders if God forgives the sins he can't remember.

Steadfast Mercy by Ruth Reid

The Sweetest Thing by Elizabeth Musser

Into the Fire by Irene Hannon

The Heirloom by Beverly Lewis

Daughter of Eden by Jill Eileen Smith

Biblical fiction author, Jill Eileen Smith, imagines the life of the first woman to ever live, unspooling an epic story of love, loss, and the promise of redemption.

When the greatest joys she has ever know are stripped away, the first woman must find the courage to face an unknown future.

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Overisel 175th Anniversary Events

Overisel Reformed Church is celebrating their 175th anniversary with a variety of events:

- Friday, November 3, 7:00pm: Trivia Night - Come join us and discover some hidden facts about Overisel. No pressure - just fun and laughter and maybe even gain some knowledge. Snacks and drinks will be provided.
- Saturday, November 11, 3:00-5:00pm: Open House – The community is invited to Overisel Reformed for an Open House with informational displays about the history of the Village of Overisel.
- Saturday, November 11, 6:30pm: All are invited to join us for a historical program led by Dr. Robert Swierenga, professor at Hope College.
- Sunday, November 12, 5:00pm: Community Hymn Sing – The community is invited to join their voices in song and praise.

Veteran's Day Prayer Service

You are invited to honor and pray for the many veterans of our community who bravely served in the military to protect our country and freedom at a Veteran's Day prayer service is being planned for Saturday, November 11, at 10:00am at the Hamilton Area Veterans Memorial next to the Heath Township Hall on M-40. (canceled if it is raining) More information can be found on the Hamilton Area Veterans Memorial on Facebook.

Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry

The next Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry distribution is Monday, October 30, from 5:00-6:00pm at "The Old Bus Garage" located at 3644 48th Street in Hamilton. Mobile Pantries are like farmers markets on wheels that provide groceries, including produce, protein, dairy, grains and more, to anyone in need at no charge.

Love INC Employment Opportunities

Love INC is currently hiring for full-time and part-time positions in their office and Heart to Heart Resale store. Positions include Office Manager, Caseworkers and Resale Store Director. Email barry@loveincnwa.org to further inquire about these positions and/or apply online at loveincnwa.org/employment-application

November Ministry Volunteers

Ministry	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 22 <i>Thanksgiving Eve</i>	November 26
Greeters	Paul & Jean Koopman	Kevin & Debbie Kroeze	Reed & Debbie Lampen		Jack & Mary Lezman
Nursery	Holly Cochrane Brianna Fales	Libby Casemier Callie Casemier	Jackie Taratuta Molly Casemier		Deb Meiste Matthew Fales
Children's Message	Diane VanLente	Anna Hart	Molly Casemier		Lisa Helder
Camera	Nathan Hart	Jerry VanLente	Missy Eustice		Ryan Lindholm
PowerPoint	Ryleigh Becksford	Craig Poll	Kilee Kleinheksel		Mark Kleinheksel
Sound	Paul Bosch	Brian Kleinheksel	Jeff Mulder	Tim Bleeker	Paul Koopman
Pianist/ Organist	Nancy Kleinheksel	Nancy Kleinheksel	Ruth Brink	Deb Meiste	Sherry Kleinheksel
Praise Team	Brian, Tim, Gracie, Kendra & Anna	Paul, Dave, Jen, Ashtyn & Molly	Instrumentalists		Youth Praise Team

Valet Parking: Rob McCormick

Kids Hope in Our Community – Please Help it to Continue

The beautiful fall colors remind us that God is the creator of all and by design we praise Him. The bright colors mixed within the dull ones only make the differences seem that much more spectacular. As Christians, we are the light of the world and need to intermingle with those of our greater community.



I think upon two verses that wake me out of my fall stupor and bring me to action. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy sitting back and taking in the beauty of what our Creator has done, but I also know that I'm here for a purpose:

1. to praise Him
2. to share the message of salvation with others

There are students that need you to be their mentor.

Please contact Joy Essenburg at kidshopehrc@gmail.com if you have 40 minutes a week to spend with a local student. They truly need you - you can make the difference.

Then saith He unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Matthew 9:37

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Isaiah 52:7

November

Birthdays

November 2: Jim Van Den Beldt
November 3: Lynn Elenbaas
November 7: Bev Ende
November 8: Sydney Eustice
Brianna Fales
November 9: Eli Daley
November 14: Sharon Haverdink
November 15: Kendra Bosch
Rick Eustice
Janice Pegg
November 17: Jim Dubbink
November 19: Russ Dubbink
Norma Reeves
November 21: Piper Boerman
November 22: Larry Boerman
November 25: Wayne DeZwaan
November 28: Amy Carroll
Donna Diekema
Joy Essenburg

Anniversaries

November 3, 2000
Mark & Julie Woldring
November 11, 1983
Harv & Evelyn Hoekje
November 14, 1987
Rob & Shelly McCormick
November 15, 1963
Stu & Bev Woldring
November 29, 2014
Kirk & Joann Boerman
November 30, 2012
Danny & Brooke Boerman
November 30, 1984
Larry & Shelly Boerman

CONGRATULATIONS

Harv & Evelyn Hoekje are celebrating their
40th anniversary on November 11.

Stu & Bev Woldring are celebrating their
60th anniversary on November 15.

Please celebrate with them by sending a card.

Happening in November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:30am Playgroup 11:30am Library 5:45pm Meal 6:00pm Youth Praise Team 6:30pm Kid Connection, Grow, Gravitate	2 9:00am Staff Meeting	3 10:00am Pantry <i>Hamilton Elementary Released Time</i>	4 6:00am Men's Bible Study
5 9:30am Worship <i>Children In Worship</i> 10:45am Sunday School 6:00pm The Gathering	6	7 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Discipleship Team Meeting	8 10:30am Playgroup 11:30am Library 5:45pm Meal 6:00pm Youth Praise Team 6:30pm Kid Connection, Grow, Gravitate	9 9:00am Staff Meeting <i>Hamilton Schools Emergency Drill</i>	10 10:00am Pantry	11
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19 9:30am Worship <i>Children In Worship</i> 10:45am Sunday School 6:00pm The Gathering	20 5:00pm Executive Team Meeting	21 10:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Quilting Group	22 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	23 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Church Closed</div>	25
26 9:30am Worship <i>Children In Worship</i> 10:45am Sunday School	27 8:30am Prayer Group 6:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Consistory Meeting	28 10:00am Bible Study	29 10:30am Playgroup 11:30am Library 5:45pm Meal 6:00pm Youth Praise Team 6:30pm Kid Connection, Grow, Gravitate	30 9:00am Staff Meeting		