

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | March 29, 2026

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

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:7-11

Philippians 2:5-11

“Who Is This?”

As we approach Holy Week, we are again asked to consider just how Jesus approached this final week, and what He was set out to do.

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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: Nick & Lisa Haskill and family

Nursery Volunteers: Deb Meiste, Molly Casemier

Children in Worship: Lynn Bosch, Kami Bosch

Security Team: Mark Groenheide, Ross Eding

Next Week (April 5):

Greeters: Eric & Lisa Helder and family

Nursery Volunteers: Luanne Elenbaas, Brianna Fales

No Children in Worship

Security Team: Nick Haskill, Todd Burton

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 & 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
- Women's Bible Study meets in the Conference Room

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

This Week

Sunday, March 29

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

Tuesday, March 24

1:30pm Women's Bible Study

Thursday, April 2

10:00am Staff Meeting
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3

10:00am Pantry
6:00pm Scrapbooking

Saturday, April 4

6:00am Men's Bible Study
8:00am Scrapbooking

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.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday recalls the event of Jesus entering into Jerusalem and being greeted by the people waving palm branches. It's a reminder of the welcoming of Jesus into our hearts and of our willingness to follow him. You are encouraged to take a palm branch as you enter the Sanctuary (or Fellowship Hall) as we celebrate the triumphant entrance of our Savior.

Maundy Thursday Service

You are invited to join us on Thursday, April 2, at 7:00pm for a Maundy Thursday Service. We will gather around tables in the Fellowship Hall. Communion will be served as a part of the service.

Pictorial Directory Updates

Grab a camera ~ or your phone ~ and have someone snap a picture of you and your family because HRC will be updating the Pictorial Directory this year. Green information request forms and a copy of your most recent update were placed in your church mailbox. Please update the form and place it in the tray outside the library, updated pictures can be emailed to hamiltonreformedchurch@gmail.com – if you have no updates or changes, please note that on your form before returning it. If you are a regular visitor with us, we'd love to include you, too – extra forms are available outside the library.

Attention Graduates

Are you graduating from high school or college this Spring? Did you graduate from college this past winter? We would like to celebrate with you! Fill out a graduate form and submit it to the church office along with a photo of yourself (forms are available in the church office or on the ledge outside the library). Forms are due to the office by Sunday, April 19. We will be honoring all of our graduates in May.

March Mission of the Month

The Gate Youth Ministry (at Cultivate Church)

The Gate exists to provide a safe and Christ-centered environment for students to grow, play, build relationships, and be challenged by creating an environment for students to interact with invested community members. The Gate wants to see students build relationships and achieve fulfillment while developing emotionally, spiritually, academically, and socially through an after-school program.

Missionary of the Week Sandi Nyboer

Ministry Focus

Please pray for the many volunteers that work for the Love INC store, Heart to Heart – a long-time ministry that reaches out to the needs of those in our community.

Please Pray for:

- Larry Haverdink has returned home following a recent hospitalization
- Sue Lubbers is a patient at Zeeland Hospital where she is being treated for COVID, influenza and pneumonia – no visitors please

Our Sympathies to:

- The family and friends of Cliff Sale who passed away on Saturday, March 21
- Floyd Everling and family on the passing of his wife, Marilyn Everling, on Sunday, March 22

A candle has been placed on the landing leading up to the Sanctuary in memory of Cliff and Marilyn

A Note of Thanks...

Thanks for the many beautiful birthday cards I received over the past few weeks. They enhanced the overall celebration with family. Thanks also to Kay Bakker and Deb Meiste who helped with the party. Again, one day at a time and thanks be to God for his blessings.

Harv Hoekje

Easter Flowers

You are invited to bring flowering plants to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter. Plants may be given in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone, or simply to bring color and life to the sanctuary. Due to an increasing number of members with sensitivities and allergies, **we ask that you do not bring in hyacinths or stargazer lilies** which have a strong fragrance. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board outside the library. Sheets, as well as labels to write your name on and attach to the bottom of your pot, will be available in the Fellowship Hall the week before Easter. The names of those donating plants and those in whose honor or memory they are given will be published Easter morning. Please deliver flowers to church by Thursday at 6:00pm.

Please Continue to Pray for:

Continuing Care

Yvonne Wentzel

Undergoing Treatments

Bonnie DeZwaan

Bern Diekema

Sue Dykhuis

Friend at Home

Betty Spaman

Education Volunteers

Madison VanderPoppen

Mary VanderPoppen

Blanket Ministry & Helping Hands

Those who minister to our HRC family during times of recovery or rehab through prayer blankets or coordinating meal delivery

Tithes & Offerings

March 22 Budget Offering:

Offering – \$7,230

E-Tithe – \$1,920

Total – \$9,150

\$8,962 needed weekly to maintain budget

Offering boxes are available by each entrance and at the top of the stairs for your tithes and offerings.

Updates from Children's Ministry

Kid Connection

Kid Connection has come to an end for the year and we couldn't be more thankful for everyone who donated, volunteered and attended!



Dates to Remember

April 5 & April 12

NO Children in Worship or Sunday School

May 3

Last Day of Sunday School

May 10

Last Day of Children in Worship

Vacation Bible School 2026

Faith Farm
July 21-23 ~ 6:00-8:00 pm

Day One: Creation

God created the wild animals:

we are planning on bringing in the ODC so kids can experience animals they might find in the wild

Day Two: Parable of the Sower

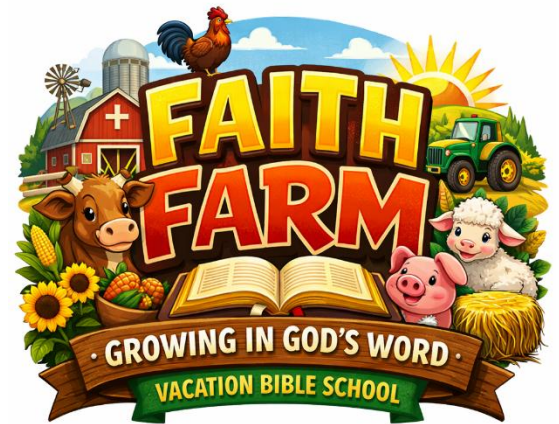
God working in our lives to plant seeds:

we are planning on having kids be able to touch-a-tractor (or farm equipment)

Day Three: The Good Shepherd

God takes care of us and we take care of the things He's given us:

we are hoping to have a petting zoo and observation of bees for kids to experience



We are going to be looking for individuals to buy shares in Faith to Farm. Shares will allow us to have real animal and farm experiences throughout the week.

Please reach out to Gracie, Nicki, or Gord with any questions.

Volunteer and Participant registration will be coming out later this spring.

Please remember our April Prayer Buddies in your prayers!



Brianna Fales

Parents: Larry & Holly Cochrane

Birthday: November 8

Age / Grade: 18 years old / 11th grade

I like to: hang out with my friends, choir, and play with my dog

Prayer Request: Please pray that I have a good remainder of my school year and continue to be healthy and grow more with God



Felicity Boerman

Parents: Phil & Nicki Boerman

Birthday: December 24

Age / Grade: 6 years old / kindergarten

I like to: collect Gabby's Dollhouse toys, play outside, color and dance

Prayer Request: Please pray that I continue to grow and learn about God



Kendra Bosch

Parents: Mike & Gracie Bosch

Birthday: November 15

Age / Grade: 15 years old / 9th grade

I like to: hang out with friends, be outdoors, sports, and spend time with family

Prayer Request: Please pray for continued growth in my faith and that I remain healthy



River Taratuta

Parents: Tyler & Jackie Taratuta

Birthday: March 8

Age: 3 years old

I like: to be outside, Paw Patrol, quad rides, Grandpa Devereaux's semi-truck, and playing with Gunner and Huntleigh

Prayer Request: Please pray for a healthy year at daycare, that I continue learning new things, and that I continue to learn about Jesus

Please remember our April Prayer Buddies in your prayers!



Braxton Burch

Parents: Stephen & Kelsey Danczak

Birthday: February 11

Age: 4 years old

I like to: play outside and with water, go for walks with Grandma, play with my younger sisters, and play with my toy trucks, cars and washing machine

Prayer Request: Please pray that I learn to control my emotions, that my eyesight will improve, and I continue to learn about Jesus

Blake Casemier

Parents: John & Libby Casemier

Birthday: January 6

Age / Grade: 10 years old / 4th grade

I like to: play soccer, go fishing, and go skiing

Prayer Request: Please pray for a continued great school year with lots of learning and positive friendships, and for my health and safety



Zoe Rozendaal

Parents: Andy & Erin Rozendaal

Birthday: May 28

Age / Grade: 16 years old / 11th grade

I like to: play volleyball, hang out with friends, play games

Prayer Request: Please pray for safety while traveling for volleyball and planning for my future (senior year next year and college plans)

Consistory Chronicles

March Elders / Consistory Meetings

The Consistory held its March meeting and reviewed the church life.

- 55+ Group had a nice gathering recently at Hawk's Nest and will meet again in August.
- The Discipleship Team has searched out a new room for its Wednesday night group, Grow, which has outgrown its previous room. Additionally, the team is very excited for this summer's VBS program as it will have a farm theme and be held here at HRC. In support of the team's work, a review of our Wi-Fi is underway.
- Rev. Dean VanFarowe is finishing up his work at Calvary in Cleveland, and the Mission Team is planning to continue our support for that ministry. There are some discussions of a possible Summer Mission trip with a potential local option or a revisiting of Calvary in Cleveland.
- The Deacons gave a property and financial update. Among the items discussed was a quick update on the heating for the Sanctuary and possible future projects. Financial discussions revolved around sharpening our clarity and future interpretation of reports.
- We will celebrate communion at our Maundy Thursday service on April 2. Communion Vespers will be served on Sunday, April 12.
- The Consistory voted to participate this year in *Bells Across America* (for Fallen Firefighters) on Sunday, May 3, in recognition of our communal loss of Chief David Haverdink this past year.
- The Consistory was pleased to grant a request from Hamilton CRC to use our facility when they have funerals.

2026 Consistory

Elders

Dave Bakker
Bill MacKechnie
Dave Mazurek
Les Meiste
Mike Shaffer
Jim Van Den Beldt

Deacons

Drew Boerman
Larry Boerman
Todd Burton
Scott Devereaux
Jim Veldhoff
Mark Woldring

Consistory Officers

Vice President

Les Meiste

Clerk

Dave Mazurek

Congregational Life

Dave Bakker

Spiritual Formation

Jim Van Den Beldt

Service & Outreach

Bill MacKechnie

Deacon Chair

Scott Devereaux

Treasurer

Todd Burton

Facility/Property

Drew Boerman, chair
Larry Boerman
Mark Woldring

Love Fund & Budget

Jim Veldhoff

Upcoming Fundraiser Events

Grant Me Hope ~ Celebrating Hope

Thursday, April 16, 6:00-9:00pm at the Holland Civic Center Place

“Celebrating Hope” is Grant Me Hope's annual dinner-auction supporting their mission to find forever homes for foster children. The night will include: Hors d'oeuvres, an amazing dinner, cash bar and more; an expansive silent auction; a live auction with large gifts, experiences, and get-a-ways and a 50/50 raffle and other fun competitive games designed so that both foster children and YOU win!

Purchase tickets online at: https://cbo.io/app/public/bidapp/ch26/tickets/tix_1

Make an Impact for Mental Health

Be Nice invites you to the 10th Annual Love & Lean Walk / Run for Mental Health

Come on Saturday, April 25, at 9:00am! Walk or run a 5K or 1.5 mile route on sidewalks, bike paths and trails through the wetlands. Physical activity is good for mental health! The route, which starts at the Zeeland stadium, will be lined with memorial pictures, motivating interaction, sidewalk chalk inspiration, and encouraging message signs. This annual event was inspired by the loss of Zach Kroll, who silently suffered from depression and died at the age of 15. More information and registration can be found at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Zeeland/LoveLeanWalkforMentalHealth>

Compassionate Heart ~ Hearts In Motion 5K Run/Walk & Flamingo Fun Run

Thursday, April 30 at Compassionate Heart Ministries

Flamingo Fun Run – 5:30-6:00pm / 5K Walk/Run – 6:30-8:00pm





Grab some friends and sign up today at: www.compheart.org/news-events

Right to Life ~ Walk for Life - 5k Walk/Run

Saturday, May 16 – 10:00am at Lawrence Street Park in Zeeland

Registration begins at 9:30am, and the walk begins with prayer at 10:00am. \$50 in sponsorships/donations will receive a T-shirt. A light lunch will be served, after the walk. Pledge sheets are available online at: www.rtlloholland.org/upcoming-events or stop by the Holland Right to Life office and pick one up!

April Ministry Volunteers

Ministry	April 5 <i>Easter</i>	April 12	April 19	April 26
Greeters	Eric & Lisa Helder and family	Jeff & Lisa Hulst	Dick & Arlynn Immink	Bill & Nancy Jacobs
Nursery	Luanne Elenbaas Brianna Fales	Drew Boerman Jessi Boerman	Sandy Mulder Brooke Mulder	Libby Casemier Callie Casemier
Children's Message	--	--		
Children In Worship	--	--		
Camera	Jerry VanLente	Zoe Rozendaal	Ryan Lindholm	Eric Helder
PowerPoint	Kilee Kleinheksel	Mark Kleinheksel	Ryleigh Becksford	Craig Poll
Sound	Paul Koopman	Paul Bosch	Brian Kleinheksel	Jeff Mulder
Security Team	Nick Haskill Todd Burton	Jim Van Den Beldt Tyler Taratuta	Ross Eding Mark Groenheide	Todd Burton Jim Van Den Beldt
Pianist/ Organist	Mary Cupery Ruth Brink	Nancy Kleinheksel	Sherry Kleinheksel	Mary Cupery
Praise Team	Easter Praise Team	Dave, Brian, Kathy & Molly	Paul, Calvin, Anna & Jen	Tim, Brian, Gracie & Kendra

Valet Parking: Lynn Elenbaas

Looking for a Way to Serve the Church?

There are many ways to get involved at HRC. We currently have needs for:

- Cookies for Fellowship Time: Please bring three dozen cookies (homemade or store bought) to be served during our fellowship time on Sunday mornings following the worship service.
- Valet Parking: 1-2 volunteers are needed each month.
- Children's Message Presenters: Volunteers are needed to provide the Children's Message in April and May.
- Children In Worship: Adult volunteers are needed to read a story for Children In Worship. (sign-up sheet on the Children's Ministry bulletin board)

Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

April

Birthdays

April 1: Andy Rozendaal
Arlyn Wolters

April 2: Jeff Mulder
Warren VanderKolk

April 3: Jim VanGeldereren

April 4: Dennis Cupery
Brian Kleinheksel

April 5: Ruth Lubbers

April 9: Dave Bakker

April 10: Bill Sheffield

April 12: Pastor Kevin Hart

April 13: Huntleigh Taratuta

April 14: Ross Eding
Jackie Taratuta

April 17: Mary Cupery
Brooke Mulder
Louis Poll

April 18: Tami King

April 20: Wanda Kraker
Jack Lezman

April 21: Brian Kempkers
Vern Klein*

April 22: Carol VanderPoppen

April 23: Tyler Taratuta

April 26: Madison Fales
Matthew Fales
Gloria Haverdink

April 29: Becky Shaffer

April 30: Nicki Boerman

Anniversaries

April 3, 1970
Terry & Joan Dougan

April 5, 2014
Craig & Maddy Poll

April 8, 1978
Jim & Eunice Veldhoff

April 9, 1988
Cal & Sue Lubbers

April 16, 2016
Bob & Shirley Berens

April 22, 2022
Avery & Breanna Calkins

April 27, 1996
Kevin & Michelle King

April 28, 1978
Reed & Debbie Lampen

April 30, 1994
Rick & Missy Eustice

**Address can be found in the address directory*



Happening in April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	3 10:00am Pantry 6:00pm Scrapbooking	4 6:00am Men's Bible Study 8:00am Scrapbooking
5 9:30am Worship	6	7	8	9	10 10:00am Pantry	11
12 9:30am Worship	13 9:00am Prayer Group	14 1:00pm Quilting Group	15	16 10:00am Staff Meeting	17 10:00am Pantry	18 6:00am Men's Bible Study
19 9:30am Worship Children In Worship 10:45am Sunday School	20	21	22	23 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Office Closed</div>	24 10:00am Pantry 6:00pm Scrapbooking	25 8:00am Scrapbooking
26 9:30am Worship Children In Worship 10:45am Sunday School	27 9:00am Prayer Group 6:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Consistory Mtg.	28	29	30		

Severe Weather Cancellation Guidelines

If a Tornado Watch or Warning has been posted for Allegan County within one hour prior to a church service or church activity, the service/activity will be cancelled. Also, if a Severe Thunderstorm Warning has been posted for Allegan County within one hour of any church service or church activity, the service/activity will be cancelled. Leaders and chairs of committees have the right to conduct an event during a cancellation if they deem the conditions are safe. In such cases, the leaders and chairs are responsible for notifying members and participants to inform them the event is still taking place and where they will be meeting. Please check one of the following for the status of church activities:

WOOD-TV (woodtv.com) ~ Fox 17 (fox17online.com) ~ WZZM (wzzm13.com)
 HRC Prayer Line (269-751-5422) ~ HRC's Facebook Page