



HRC Heartbeat January 2022

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As we end another year and look ahead to 2022, we are reminded in Lamentations 3:22-23:

“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

Despite any challenges, changes or disappointments in 2021; God is with us as we follow and glorify Him in the year ahead.

As we begin a New Year, here are the message titles and scripture passages for the month of January:

January 2

Isaiah 43:1-13

“Assurance for the Present and Future”

January 9 – Installation of new Elders and Deacons

Ephesians 4:11-16

“Serving Together as One Body”

3-Week Series: “Overcoming Regret”

January 16

Psalm 32:1-11

“The Reality of Regret”

January 23

Psalm 51:1-12

“Dealing with the Consequences of Regret”

January 30

Psalm 119:9-16, 105

“A Pro-Active Approach toward Eliminating Future Regrets”



As we prepare for this series called “Overcoming Regret”, I would like to invite you to submit anonymous regrets that you feel in your life. I will share some of these examples throughout the series. Please keep them to a few sentences or less focusing more on listing what the regret is rather than the details or outcomes. You can fill out the form and use the designated box located on the shelf near the library. Please turn these in by Sunday, January 9.

Thanks and Happy New Year,
Pastor Steve

January Kids Hope Update ~ Take Hold of Your Opportunities

I look forward to working as the Kid's Hope USA Director for Hamilton and Haven Reformed Churches starting January 1, 2022. I wanted to say "Thank you". Thank you for the opportunity to serve our community. Thank you for the opportunity to help those that might be ignored. Thank you for the opportunity to share faith, hope and love to others.

I'm hoping you read the above paragraph and saw all the opportunities that I listed. Those opportunities are for everyone and for most of us, we either miss out on them or choose to ignore them. Please prayerfully consider the opportunities that are put in front of you daily and how you might be the hands and feet of Christ.

With my retirement from Hudsonville Public Schools, I shared one of my favorite poems that explains perfectly my thoughts on education and life. As the daughter of a preacher, I especially enjoyed sharing it often with my Dad (ha). You don't have to read the whole poem; the first six lines say it all.

I'd Rather See A Sermon

Poet: Edgar A. Guest

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way.
The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear,
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear;
And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds,
For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.

I soon can learn to do it if you'll let me see it done;
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.
And the lecture you deliver may be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lessons by observing what you do;
For I might misunderstand you and the high advice you give,
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

When I see a deed of kindness, I am eager to be kind.
When a weaker brother stumbles and a strong man stays behind
Just to see if he can help him, then the wish grows strong in me
To become as big and thoughtful as I know that friend to be.
And all travelers can witness that the best of guides today
Is not the one who tells them, but the one who shows the way.

One good man teaches many, men believe what they behold;
One deed of kindness noticed is worth forty that are told.
Who stands with men of honor learns to hold his honor dear,
For right living speaks a language which to everyone is clear.
Though an able speaker charms me with his eloquence, I say,
I'd rather see a sermon than to hear one, any day.

Our influence as Christians shouldn't stop at the church door, we need to let the Holy Spirit do His work within us. Take the opportunity to let others see Christ in us. Isn't that amazing! We can mentor students in a public school and let the Holy Spirit Shine. Separation of church and state have no divide when it comes to the opportunities given to those who are the sermon.

Joy Essenburg, Kids Hope Director ~ kidshopehrc@gmail.com



Children's Discipleship Update

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

The kids did a great job with the Christmas program a few weeks ago. The children, the readers, the piano players, and the Youth Praise Team all did a wonderful job celebrating Jesus' birth.

We hope that you enjoyed watching the program.

Right now, we are busy getting ready for the winter sessions of Children in Worship, Sunday School and Kid Connection. We still have some openings for activity leaders and dates for people to watch movies with the kids. Stop by the Children's Ministry bulletin board and sign up where you are able to help.

Volunteers Needed

There are several ways YOU can help out in Children's Ministry:

Children's Message Presenters: We have several openings for children's message presenters. If you're interested in helping but don't know what to talk about, we'd be happy to help you find something.

Sunday School Activity Days: Plan a special activity for students ages 3 years old - 6th grade and we'll help you facilitate it. See the bulletin board for available dates.

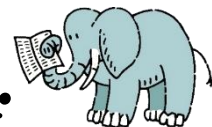
Movie Day Supervisors: Can you hand out popcorn and sit and watch a movie with our primary students? Sign up for a single date or help out a few times.



Thank You!

We have officially finished the fall sessions of Children in Worship, Sunday School and Kid Connection. It was a great fall! We are so grateful to each volunteer who helped to make these programs run smoothly. It could not have been done without your help. Sunday School and Children in Worship will resume on January 9. The winter session of Kid Connection begins on January 19. We are excited to see what the winter session has in store.

Dates to Remember



December 26

No Children In Worship
or Sunday School Classes

January 2

No Children In Worship
or Sunday School Classes

January 9

Children In Worship and
Sunday School Resume

January 16 – Leader Needed!

Sunday School Special Activity

January 19

Kid Connection Resumes

January 23

Regular Sunday School Lesson

January 30

Sunday School Movie Day

Kid Connection

When the winter session of Kid Connection begins, we will continue collecting hats and gloves for the elementary.

If you would like to join us in our collection, please leave items on the counter downstairs.



Thank you for your support!

Please remember our January Prayer Buddies in your prayers this month!



Molly Casemier

Parents: John & Libby Casemier

Birthday: September 21

Age/Grade: 13 years old/7th grade

I like: soccer, making jewelry, cheer, skiing and dirt biking

Prayer Request: Please pray for endurance handling middle school academics/sports and positive friendships.



Madison Fales

Parents: Larry & Holly Cochrane

Birthday: April 26

Age/Grade: 14 years old/9th grade

I like: crafting, knitting, cross stitch, listening to music

Prayer Request: Please pray for a safe and successful first year in high school. Also pray that I grow in my faith with God.



Olivia McCormick

Parents: Rob & Shelly McCormick

Birthday: September 14

Age/Grade: 16 years old/10th grade

I like: shopping and spending time with friends

Prayer Request: Please pray for a good school year and safety driving.



Zoe Rozendaal

Parents: Andy & Erin Rozendaal

Birthday: May 28

Age/Grade: 12 years old/7th grade

I like: soccer, volleyball, camping, shopping, hanging out with friends, crafting, and reading

Prayer Request: Please pray that I have healthy relationships in middle school and stay injury free during sports.

Student Ministries at HRC

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

Drew Boerman – Director of Youth Leadership - hamrefyouth@gmail.com

Gravitate

Meets Wednesday Nights ~ 6:30-7:45pm

Calendar

January 5: No Meeting
January 7-9: Winter Blast Retreat at Grace Adventure
January 12: Game Night
January 19: Lesson Night
January 26: Lesson Night

In January we will be attending Grace Adventures for the Winter Blast retreat with HAYM. It will be a fun filled weekend full of games and worship. We will also continue our studying of faith which has been an ongoing theme this year in Gravitate.

Grow: 4th-5th Grade

Meets Wednesday Nights ~ 6:30-7:30pm

Grow is learning about God's character through the Psalms

January 19: When I'm afraid, I can trust God
January 26: My God delivers me from danger

The Gathering

Meets Sunday Nights ~ 6:00-7:30pm

Calendar

January 9: Game Night (everyone invited)
January 14-16: Winter Retreat at Spring Hill
January 23: Lesson Night
January 30: Off-Site

This month we will be attending Spring Hill for our High School retreat. This will be a weekend full of worship and relationship building. We also will continue our studies on faith this month. We continue to invite everyone to join us on our game nights. This will give you a chance to connect with our youth on their grounds.

January Meals

January 9: Meal Still Needed
January 24: Meal Still Needed

Wednesday Meals this Month

January 19 ~ Youth Praise Team

January 26 ~ Help Needed!

We are in need of more groups to sign up for meals for the winter session!! Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen if you are willing to help. Groups are responsible for planning, preparing and serving the meal. You will be reimbursed for the cost of ingredients purchased.
We are also in need of desserts each week.

Monthly Bible Reading Plan

Our monthly Bible reading plan is available on our website. Printed copies can be found outside the library. This year's readings come from "At Home with the Word"

Dates to Remember

December 27 – Consistory Meeting followed by Elders / Deacons Meetings
January 6 – Discipleship Team Meeting
January 7-9 – Gravitate Winter Retreat
January 9 – Installation of Elders and Deacons
January 9 – Children In Worship and Sunday School Classes Resume
January 14-16 – The Gathering Winter Retreat
January 18 – Quilting Group
January 19 – Wednesday Night Activities Resume
January 24 – February Heartbeat Deadline
January 24 – Consistory Meeting followed by Elders / Deacons Meetings

January Missions of the Month

Camp Beechpoint
Young Life

Ministry Helpers for January

We thank our Ministry Helpers for giving of their time!

Ministry	January 2	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30
Greeters	Ross & Melissa Eding and family	Dave & Sally Elenbaas	Lynn & Luanne Elenbaas	Scott & Joy Essenburg	Rick & Missy Eustice and family
Nursery	Holly Cochrane Madi Fales	Kathy Weerstra Carla VanderPoppen	Bev Ende Lynn Bosch	Luanne Elenbaas Brianna Fales	Maddy Poll Jackie Taratuta
Children's Message	Help Needed!				
Camera	Jerry VanLente	Missy Eustice	Ryan Lindholm	Eric Helder	Jerry VanLente
PowerPoint	Craig Poll	Kilee Kleinheksel	Mark Kleinheksel	Jessi Boerman	
Sound	Jeff Mulder	Tim Bleeker	Paul Koopman	Paul Bosch	Brian Kleinheksel
Pianist/ Organist	Sherry Kleinheksel	Nancy Kleinheksel	Deb Meiste	Sherry Kleinheksel	Deb Meiste
Praise Team	Praise Band	Bev, Brian & Tim	Dale, Lane, Jen & Kathy	Youth Praise Team	Bev, Dave, Gracie & Kendra
Valet Parking	Wayne Keegstra				

HRC Volunteer Opportunities

There are MANY opportunities to help out at HRC. Check the bulletin boards by the kitchen or the carport to sign up.

- Children's Ministry Helpers:
 - Volunteers are needed to present a Children's Message during the morning worship service.
 - Do you enjoy making crafts? We need a few craft activities planned for kids ages 3 through 5th grade during the Sunday school hour. We will purchase supplies and help you with the presentation.
 - Do you enjoy watching movies? We have a few dates where we need adults to help out with handing out popcorn and watching a movie during the Sunday school hour with our kids.
- Cookies – Cookies are needed for our fellowship time on Sunday mornings.
- Personal Needs Pantry Volunteers – Volunteers are needed on Fridays from 10:00am-12:30pm.
- Valet Parking – 1-2 people are needed to help each month.
- The winter Family Night meal schedule has been posted. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the kitchen.
- Desserts are needed for our Wednesday Night meals.

**Sign Up
Today!**





JANUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Please see the church directory for address*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 <i>Brian VandenBrink</i>	4 <i>Becky Groenheide Jeff Reuschel</i>	5 <i>Rylee Boerman</i>	6 <i>Blake Casemier</i>	7 <i>Ron Kleinheksel</i>	8
9 <i>Leona Boerigter* Grayson Rozendaal</i>	10	11 <i>Robert & Kerri Ritsema (37) Bob & Sheri Sprik (9)</i>	12 <i>Laurie Mulder</i>	13 <i>Arlene VanDine</i>	14 <i>Ron Klingenberg Debbie Lampen</i>	15
16 <i>Aurora Boerman</i>	17	18 <i>Dave Elenbaas</i>	19 <i>Alyssa Mulder Grayson Mulder Ron & Peg Klingenberg (49)</i>	20 <i>Rob McCormick</i>	21 <i>Rick Brenner</i>	22 <i>Larry Schrotenboer</i>
23	24 <i>Breanna Eding Nelvin & Eleanor DeWeerd (64)</i>	25 <i>Paul Koopman</i>	26 <i>Arlynn Immink</i>	27 <i>Julie Wolding</i>	28	29
30 <i>Dale VanderPoppen</i>	31 <i>Pat Driscoll Veta Lohman Paul & Jean Koopman (45)</i>					

Birthday Blessings



*Leona Boerigter
is celebrating
her 92nd birthday
on January 9.*

*Please remember
her by
sending a card.*

So Help Me God

No matter how firm our resolutions, we can't make ourselves better people *by ourselves*. God empowers our good works when we rely on his aid. H.P. Nichols, a 19th-century poet, wrote:

If I resolve, with the new year, a better child to be,
'Twill do no good at all, I fear, but rather harm to me,
Unless I try, with every day, no angry word to speak;
Unless, each morn, to God I pray to keep me mild and meek.
Then let me try with all my might, and may God help me too,
Always to choose the way that's right, whatever act I do.



January 2022



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Winter Weather Cancellation Guidelines

If Hamilton Community Schools are closed for the day, or close in the course of the day due to winter weather conditions, all church activities scheduled for that evening will be cancelled. Please call the church office for the status of events that may be scheduled to occur throughout that day. If Hamilton Community Schools have neither closed for the day, nor closes throughout the course of the day due to winter weather conditions, but a "Winter Weather Advisory" is in effect, please check one of the following for the status of church activities:

WOOD-TV (woodtv.com) ~ WZZM-TV (wzzm13.com) ~ HRC Prayer Line (269-751-5422, #18) ~ HRC's Facebook Page