



HRC Heartbeat March 12, 2023

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Happening this Week

Sunday, March 12

9:30am Sunday Worship – Pastor Kevin

Scripture: Matthew 6:1-24

Message: "Our Praise"

Children In Worship

10:45am Sunday School Classes

6:00pm The Gathering

Monday, March 13

8:45am Preschool

Tuesday, March 14

8:45am Preschool

Wednesday, March 15

8:45am Preschool

10:30am Library & Play Group

5:45pm Wednesday Night Meal

6:00pm Youth Praise Team

6:30pm Kid Connection, Grow, Gravitate

Thursday, March 16

8:45am Preschool

9:00am Staff Meeting

9:30am Retiree & Senior Adult Breakfast at
The Trestle Stop

Friday, March 17

8:45am Preschool

10:00am Pantry

Hamilton Elementary Released Time

Gravitate Lock-In

Saturday, March 18

6:00am Men's Bible Study

A Look Ahead...

March 19

Sunday Worship – Pastor Kevin

3:00pm Prayer Walk

March 22

Kid Connection Year-End Event

Grow to BAM

March 24-25

The Gathering Lock-In

HRC News & Upcoming Events

Last Week of Regular Wednesday Night Activities: This week is the last week of our regular Wednesday night activities for the education year as well as the last week a meal will be served.

Kid Connection Year-End Event: Hey Kid Connection! We will be wrapping up our year under the sea next Wednesday, March 22, at 6:00pm. Please join us for some fun ocean snacks and "Finding Nemo". There will be no Wednesday night meal so please eat before you come.

Supplies Needed: The Primary Department is in need of individually packaged snacks. They also need adhesive glue dots. Items can be placed in the tote outside the library or on the counter downstairs. Thanks!

HRC Retirees & Senior Adults: The next gathering of retirees and senior adults ages 55 and up will be for breakfast at The Trestle Stop at 9:30am on Thursday morning, March 16. To accommodate the restaurant, a special group menu has been prepared for us and is posted on the bulletin board in the back hallway near the side door to Pastor Kevin's office. Breakfast ordering will be done at the restaurant, but **please sign up no later than TODAY, Sunday, March 12**, if you plan to attend. The cost of breakfast will be on an individual and out-of-pocket basis. Following breakfast, there will be a K-9 dog presentation by the Allegan County Sheriff Department.

Blessings Basket: The Blessings Basket is outside of the library to welcome River Gabriel, son of Tyler & Jackie Taratuta. Please welcome him with a card or small gift.

Please Stand By: Last week we were excited to begin using some of the new and upgraded equipment in the Tech Booth. If you watched online, you noticed how nice our picture quality is.....and that we need to work on sound quality. Work in the Tech Booth is not complete yet and we ask for your patience during the process. Thanks!

PRAYER CONCERNS



Please Pray for:

- Stu Woldring is a patient at Holland Hospital where he is being treated for fluid around his lungs.

Ongoing Cares & Concerns:

- Sara Groenheide
- Brian VandenBrink

Congratulations to:

- Tyler & Jackie Taratuta and family on the birth of a son, River Gabriel, on Wednesday, March 8. River weighed 8 lb. 8 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Friend at Home of the Week:

Harvin Bultman

Missionary of the Week:

Josh & Alison Perkins
Global Mission RCA
4500 60th St., SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512
Email: joshualperkins@gmail.com

Missionary Prayer Requests:

Please pray for pastors, both national and international, that are part of spreading the Gospel through the ministry of WordPartners (who trains pastors worldwide).

March Mission of the Month

The Gate Youth Ministry (at Cultivate Church)

Tithes & Offerings

March 5 Total - \$7,370
Offering - \$6,405 E-Tithe - \$965
\$7,744 needed weekly to maintain budget

Ministry Helpers

Greeters: Mike & Gracie Bosch and family
Nursery Helpers: Bev Ende, Maddy Poll

Next Week (March 19):

Greeters: Paul & Lynn Bosch
Nursery Helpers: Luanne Elenbaas, Madi Fales
Praise Team: Dave, Gracie, Kendra, Paul & Bev

Church Auction **Saturday, April 29**



The church auction is only two months away!

We will be serving burgers and hot dogs and ask that you please bring a side dish to share (sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen).

What can YOU donate? Everyone has a skill or a knack for something! Here's some ideas to get you started:

Gift Cards ~ Quilts ~ Weekend Getaway ~ Toys
Game Tickets ~ Theme Baskets ~ Baked Goods
Babysitting ~ Mowing ~ Fishing Trip ~ Boat Ride
Combine Ride ~ Tools ~ Desserts for a Year
BE CREATIVE!!

If you have an item or items you are willing to donate, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the library. If you have questions, please contact Women's Ministry: Karen TerHaar, Shelly McCormick, Lisa Hulst, or Donna Jurries.



We need YOUR help to make this auction a success! Money raised will go toward installing additional lighting in the church parking lot.

*Items may be dropped off in the office Monday-Friday from 8:00am-1:00pm. Thanks!!

Wednesday Night Activities

(final week that a meal will be served)

- Dinner is served from 5:45-6:15pm. The meal this week is sloppy joes and jello salads and will be served by the Ladies Prayer Group.
 - All are welcome to these meals...free of charge!
 - 5-6 desserts are needed each week – sign up on the bulletin board by the kitchen
- Youth Praise Team Rehearsal 6:00-6:30pm in the Red Carpet Room downstairs for 2nd-12th grade students
- Kid Connection meets 6:30-7:30pm in Room 101 downstairs for children 3 years old – 3rd grade
- Grow (4th-5th grade) meets 6:30-7:30pm in Room 8 in the back hallway
- Gravitare (6th-8th grade youth group) meets in the youth room downstairs

Poverty + the Church

How do you add people from poverty into your church family in a dignified way?

Join Love INC Allegan County for a five-week study on Bill Ehlig and Ruby Payne's book, *What Every Church Member Should Know about Poverty*. Together, we'll engage in discussion on how to serve the poor and address issues churches face when doing so. Participants should purchase their copy of the book (available on Amazon) in advance and are encouraged to read the chapters listed below before their corresponding weeks. Plus, on May 2, Love INC will host a bonus, panel discussion week with people who have grown up in generational poverty and struggle to commit to a church.

Date/Time: Tuesdays March 28-April 25, 6:30-8pm

Location: The Love INC Allegan County Hamilton Office (4621 135th Street)

Please RSVP by emailing jean@loveincnwa.org. We hope you'll join us!

Study Schedule:

March 28: Forward, Preface, Chapters 1-2
April 4: Chapters 3-4
April 11: Chapters 5-7
April 18: Chapters 8-10
April 25: Chapters 11-12, Conclusions
Bonus Week—May 2: Unchurched Discussion Panel



Change is Good and God Given



March is a month that makes us think of change. So often we are scared of changes. Once we follow through on a change that God has in store for us, we realize that change is what makes us grow closer to others and more importantly closer to Him.

We are privileged to work within our schools as mentors for our local students because this gives us the opportunity to change the lives of the lost within our own community. Satan has put up many barriers, but we continue to strive to build bridges by building relationships and sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

Please consider helping to change the lives of our local students and their families as a mentor, prayer partner, or event coordinator/worker.

Thank you for all your support and encouragement.

Please feel free to contact Joy at kidshopehrc@gmail.com



Do you like to walk?
Do you like to pray?

We have agreed to host churches in the Hamilton area to come together to walk through our various neighborhoods and pray for our community. On Sunday, March 19, we will gather here at Hamilton Reformed at 3:00pm to join with others from surrounding churches. After an introduction and instructions, we will separate into groups and be given areas to go and walk the 'neighborhood' praying for our community. This is an opportunity to grow in our faith walk while working alongside other brothers and sisters in the faith. Feel free to contact the office or Pastor Kevin with any questions.

Consistory Chronicles

February Elders Meetings Updates

- The Elders met on two separate occasions in February
 - A special meeting was held on Sunday, February 12 to meet with Scott & Irene Sikkema and family. Scott & Irene along with Irene's daughter, Kallie Brus, were welcomed into full membership at HRC through Reaffirmation of Faith. Irene's daughters Kaitlyn Brus and Kalissa Brus were welcomed into membership as baptized members. They will be publicly welcomed at a future date.
 - At their regular meeting, they were delighted to take steps to prepare for last week's Profession of Faith and Baptism before the congregation, welcoming in Ryleigh Becksford, Colin and Dylan Eding, and Isaiah Helder.
- The next Elders meeting is scheduled for March 27 at 6:00pm.

February Consistory Meeting Updates

- The Consistory met on February 27 to discuss the monthly business of the church.
- We welcomed an update on the formation of a Seniors Group and look forward to that developing ministry.
- Additional highlights pertained to our participation in the Alliance of Reformed Churches (ARC). Upon joining the ARC, churches are encouraged to explore, consider and eventually attach to one of the ARC's Networks. After careful review and consideration, the Consistory voted unanimously to join the *Harvest Network* aligning us with many of our neighbor churches that have joined the ARC.
- The financial reports are as follows:
 - General Fund: \$95,631
 - Building Fund: \$30,907
 - Building Maintenance Fund: \$13,734
 - Memorial Fund: \$23,920
 - Love Fund: \$3,913
- The next Consistory meeting is scheduled for March 27 at 7:00pm.

Easter Flowers

You are invited to bring flowering plants to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter. Spring plants in bloom remind us of the new life that is ours through the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. ***Due to an increasing number of members who are unable to attend worship Easter morning because of sensitivities and allergies, we ask that you do not bring in hyacinths or stargazer lilies which have a strong fragrance.*** Flowers should be brought to Fellowship Room 1A on Thursday, April 6, prior to the Maundy Thursday service. Remember that those plants with short bloom periods may be past prime by Sunday if they are in full bloom when dropped off. Please select your plant accordingly. Plants may be given in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone, or simply to bring color and life to the sanctuary. Sign-up sheets will be located on the bulletin board outside the library soon. Sheets, as well as labels to write your name on and attach to the bottom of your pot, will also be available in Fellowship 1A. The names of those donating plants and those in whose honor or memory they are given will be published Easter morning. Thank you for making our worship center a sanctuary of new life!

