

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | November 30, 2025

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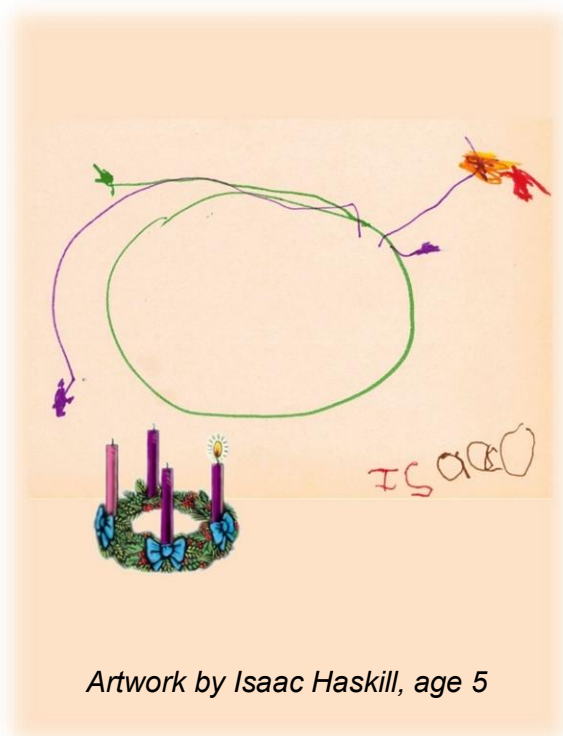
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to *God's* family, Word
and way of *Life*



HRC Core Values: Open Hospitality | Selfless Generosity
Intentional Faith Development | Compassionate Acts of Service

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Sunday Morning
Jeff Reuschel

1st Sunday of Advent

John 4
"The Woman at the Well"

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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: John & Libby Casemier and family

Nursery Volunteers: Jen Becksford, Ryleigh Becksford

Security Team: Nick Haskill, Todd Burton

Children In Worship: Lynn Bosch, Kendra Bosch

Next Week (December 7):

Greeters: Larry & Holly Cochrane and family

Nursery Volunteers: Deb Meiste, Matthew Fales

Security Team: Todd Burton, Mark Groenheide

Children In Worship: VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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

This Week

Sunday, November 30

9:30am Sunday Worship

Children In Worship

10:45am Sunday School

Tuesday, December 2

7:00pm Congregational Meeting

Wed., December 3

5:45pm Wednesday Meal

6:00pm Youth Praise Team

6:30pm Kid Connection,
Grow, Gravitate

Thursday, December 4

10:15am Staff Meeting

12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, December 5

10:00am Pantry

Saturday, December 6

6:00am Men's Bible Study

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.

Congregational Meeting

Our annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2.

Elder Nominees:

Bill MacKechnie, Mike Shaffer

Deacon Nominees:

Jim Veldhoff, Mark Woldring

Absentee ballots are available outside the library. Agendas have been placed in mailboxes. Please bring your copy with you to the meeting.

Congregational Meeting

The Consistory met and received updates on the life of the Church.

- The 55+ Group had a great night with the hymn sing on November 20.
- All preparations are in place for the Annual Congregational Meeting on Tuesday, December 2, at 7:00pm.
- The Consistory received and accepted the recommendation from the Personnel Team and Search Team for our new Worship and Music Coordinator position--further details forth-coming.
- Deacons gave the financial update as well as did a quick review of some property items, among which was a brief discussion concerning our sign out front.
- Elders received Tim Keen into Membership and have scheduled his Profession of Faith and Baptism for Sunday, December 7.
- The November financial reports are as follows:
 - Budget Fund: -\$1,236.39
 - Projects Fund: \$9,509.77
 - Memorial Fund: \$13,230.00
 - Love Fund: \$5,185.54
 - Additional Reserve Funds: \$12,662.77
- The next Elders and Consistory meetings are scheduled for Monday, December 15.

November Missions of the Month

Compassionate Heart Ministries Benjamin's Hope

Compassionate Heart Ministries is a place where individuals (ages 14-45) with mild to moderate disabilities can find friends, acceptance and have fun while building inclusive relationships in Christ.

Benjamin's Hope offers a thriving neighborhood for adults with developmental differences, as well as a community for Christ followers of all abilities.

Missionary of the Week Jennifer Lucking

Ministry Focus

Please pray for Grant Me Hope ministry as they seek to place teenaged foster kids into a permanent home setting.

Please Pray for:

- Janice Pegg is in declining health.
- Jon Schrottenboer continues his recovery at Resthaven Rehab following successful surgery to repair a fractured hip.

Our Sympathies to:

The family and friends of Leona Boerigter who passed away on Saturday, November 22. A candle has been placed on the landing leading up to the Sanctuary in Leona's memory.

Dick and ArylInn Immink and Brian and Nancy Kleinheksel. Dick and Nancy's mom, Delores Immink, passed away Wednesday, November 26.

Women's Ministry Christmas Party

Women's Ministry will be holding their Christmas Party for ALL women on Monday, December 8, 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.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The next Hamilton area Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, December 4, from 12:00-6:00pm at HRC. If you weigh at least 110 lbs., are 17 years old or older, and are in good health you may donate. To schedule an appointment (not required, but recommended), visit: redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Sponsor code: Hamiltonreformed

Christmas Day Worship Service

Join us Christmas morning at 9:30am as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Please Continue to Pray for:

Continuing Care

Shirley Berens
Dick Immink
Nancy Kleinheksel
Vern Sale
Mike Shaffer
Elijah Helder (MP training)

Friend at Home

Janice Pegg

Education Volunteers

Maddy Poll
Grayson Rozendaal

Praise Teams and Musicians

Tithes & Offerings

November 23 Total Budget

Offering - \$19,311.70

Offering - \$17,991.70

E-Tithe - \$1,320

*\$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.

Faith Development Opportunities

Adult Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study: Meets during Sunday School

Women's CBS Connect Bible Study: Meets Tuesdays at 1:30pm

Men's Bible Study: Meets every other Saturday at 6:00am

Wednesday Nights at HRC

Our Wednesday Night programming 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! **A reminder to Youth Praise Team – please move to the front of the line so you can eat and get up to the Sanctuary by 6:00pm.**

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 Parents!!!

When your child(ren) are done eating on Wednesday night, please send them downstairs before programming begins. We have all sorts of games and activities set up.

If they are a part of Youth Praise Team, please send them to the Sanctuary at 6:00pm for practice.

Wednesday Night Meals

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

Upcoming Meals

December 3

Chicken and salads served by the Mission Committee

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.

Winter Meals Needed

The sign-up sheet for the winter session of Wednesday night activities is available on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

Updates from Children's Ministry

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

Kid Connection

Kid Connection will be having a birthday party for Jesus on December 10 during our normal Wednesday night meeting time (there will not be a meal beforehand). We are planning to play some fun games as well as have some birthday cake to celebrate Jesus' birth. After the party, we will be on Christmas break. Kid Connection resumes January 14.

Volunteer Needs

Children's Message Presenters
Children In Worship Volunteers

Dates to Remember

Sunday, December 7

Christmas Program Practice
(during Sunday School)

Wednesday, December 10

Kid Connection Christmas Party (no meal)

December 13 (Saturday)

Christmas Program Practice
10:00-11:30am

Sunday, December 14

Christmas Program

Sunday, December 21 & 28

No Children In Worship or Sunday School
(resume on January 4)

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

Grow (4th-5th Grade)

Meets Wednesday – 6:30-7:30pm

December 3: Trust

December 10: Christmas Party

Gravitate (6th-8th Grade)

Meets Wednesdays – 6:30-7:30pm

December 3: MOB

December 10: Christmas Party

The Gathering (9th-12th Grade)

Meets Sundays – 6:00-7:30pm

November 30: Lesson & Game Night

December 7: Lesson

December 14: Christmas Party

Please remember our December Prayer Buddies in your prayers!



Emma Daley

Granddaughter of Tom & Kathy Weerstra

Parent: Eli Daley

Birthday: February 29

Age / Grade: 9 years old / 4th grade

I like to: read, play outside, play soccer, and spend time with family and friends

Prayer Request: Please pray for my faith to grow as well as a successful school year



Travis Poll

Parents: Craig & Maddy Poll

Birthday: January 6

Age / Grade: 4 years old / preschool

I like to: play outside, get dirty, and farm with Dad

Prayer Request: Please pray that I continue to do well in school, make new friends, and learn a lot



Brooke Mulder

Parents: Jeff & Sandy Mulder

Birthday: April 17

Age / Grade: 10 years old / 5th grade

I like to: play with Legos, bake, and hang out with animals

Prayer Request: Please pray that I adjust well to middle school and have a healthy year of school



Braelynn Danczyk

Granddaughter of Paul & Amy Carroll

Parents: Stephen & Kelsey Danczyk

Birthday: February 13

Age: 10 months old

I like to: smile at my brother and sister, and play with Mom, Dad and Grandma

Prayer Request: Please pray that I continue to be happy and learn about Jesus



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

This December we encourage you to give to those in need by participating in a Reverse Advent Calendar. Most advent calendars have you remove an item each day as you count down to Christmas. A Reverse Advent Calendar is the opposite – each day leading up to Christmas, you ADD an item to a box that is donated to help others. This would be a great project to do with your family, grandchildren, or a group of friends!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Laundry Detergent</i>	2 <i>Canned Soup</i>	3 <i>Tissues (Kleenex)</i>	4 <i>Canned Tuna</i>	5 <i>Fabric Softener</i>	6 <i>Canned Fruit</i>
7 <i>Toilet Paper</i>	8 <i>Macaroni & Cheese (with cheese pouch)</i>	9 <i>Paper Towels</i>	10 <i>Canned Vegetables</i>	11 <i>Dish Soap</i>	12 <i>Peanut Butter</i>	13 <i>Disposable Razors</i>
14 <i>Canned Chicken</i>	15 <i>Hand Lotion</i>	16 <i>Cereal</i>	17 <i>Kitchen Garbage Bags</i>	18 <i>Tuna Helper</i>	19 <i>Women's Shaving Cream / Gel</i>	20 <i>Jelly or Jam</i>
21 <i>Hair Conditioner</i>	22 <i>Canned SPAM</i>	23 <i>Band-Aids</i>	24 <i>Crackers</i>	25 <i>Laundry Detergent (dye-free)</i>		

Please bring your filled box(es) to church by Sunday, January 4. They should be placed under the coatrack outside of the Fellowship Hall. Donated items will be divided between two Love INC pantries: the Personal Needs Pantry at HRC and the Food Pantry at Christ Community Church in Allegan. Thank you for sharing Christ's love with others this Christmas season!





Spreading Christmas Cheer

Christmas Cards for Our Friends at Home

You are encouraged to send some Christmas cheer to those who are not able to worship with us regularly...

- Mail a card or stop in for a visit
- Bring a card to church and place it in the box on the ledge outside the library by Wednesday, December 3 (can address to a specific person or leave unaddressed – PLEASE rubber band your cards together)
- After December 3, we ask that you mail the cards directly to our Friends at Home

Jill Broekhuis

[Redacted address]

Nellie Brower

[Redacted address]

Nelvin & Eleanor DeWeerd

[Redacted address]

Jean Hutt

[Redacted address]

Vern & Alvina Klein

[Redacted address]

Janice Pegg

[Redacted address]

Vern & Diane Sale

[Redacted address]

Jon & Eileen Schrottenboer

[Redacted address]

Clara TenHagen

[Redacted address]

Bob Tucker

[Redacted address]

Joyce VanDam

[Redacted address]

Marianne Yonker


[Redacted address]

Christmas Cards for Kids

Kids LOVE getting mail of their own. This Christmas, you are encouraged to bring signed Christmas cards to church and place them in the box on the landing leading up to the Sanctuary. Please rubber band your cards together. We have 31 kids and will take care of distributing the cards.



December Ministry Volunteers

Ministry	December 7	December 14	December 21	December 25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	December 28
Greeters	Larry & Holly Cochrane family	Bern & Donna Diekema	Arie & Hope Doolaard	Terry & Joan Dogan	Pat & Kris Driscoll
Nursery	Deb Meiste Matthew Fales	Erin Rozendaal Zoe Rozendaal	Gracie Bosch Kami Bosch	--	Holly Cochrane Brianna Fales
Children's Message	Presenters needed in January. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.				
Children In Worship		Volunteers also needed in January. Sign up on the Children's Ministry bulletin board.			
Security Team	Todd Burton Mark Groenheide	Tyler Taratuta Jim Van Den Beldt	Ross Eding Todd Burton		Tyler Taratuta Mark Groenheide
Camera	Eric Helder	Zander Boerman	Jerry VanLente		Zoe Rozendaal
PowerPoint	Craig Poll	Kilee Kleinheksel	Mark Kleinheksel		Ryleigh Becksford
Sound	Brian Kleinheksel	Jeff Mulder	Tim Bleeker	Paul Bosch	Paul Koopman
Pianist/ Organist	Ruth Brink	Sherry Kleinheksel Deb Meiste	Deb Meiste	Sherry Kleinheksel	Deb Meiste
Praise Team	Instrumentalists Paul & Dave	Christmas Program Youth Praise Team	Brian, Calvin, Jen & Anna	Tim, Dave, Calvin, Molly & Kathy	Calvin, Tim, Gracie & Kendra

Valet Parking: Wayne Keegstra

New Library Books

Hey kids!! Check out these new library books. They are awesome!

Who Would Win? series

- *Killer Whale vs. Great White Shark*
- *Lion vs. Tiger*
- *Jaguar vs. Skunk*
- *Komodo Dragon vs. King Cobra*
- *Whale vs. Giant Squid*
- *Rhino vs. Hippo*
- *Tyrannosaurus Rex vs. Velociraptor*
- *Ultimate Bug Rumble*
- *Ultimate Reptile Rumble*



December

Birthdays

December 1: Rick Ende
Larry Haverdink
Ashlyn King
December 3: Mike Shaffer
December 4: Suzanne Hart
Sandy Mulder
December 8: Scott Devereaux
December 9: Cheryl Bleeker
Holly Cochrane
December 11: Scott Sikkema
December 12: Reed Lampen
December 13: Isaiah Helder
Lisa Kempkers
December 14: Cliff Sale
Howie VanderPoppen
December 16: Jack Eding
Mary Lezman
Gord Zalsman
December 17: Holly Harper
December 20: Deb Meiste
December 24: Felicity Boerman
December 29: Don Lampen
December 30: Rylan McCormick

Anniversaries

December 2, 1988
Wayne & Ruth Keegstra
December 10, 2005
Eric & Lisa Helder
December 12, 2012
Jim & Wanda Kraker
December 13, 2014
Larry & Holly Cochrane
December 17, 1971
Jim & Barbara VanGelderren
December 18, 1987
Jack & Mary Lezman
December 21, 1962
Howie & Carol VanderPoppen
December 23, 2005
Mike & Gracie Bosch

CONGRATULATIONS

Don Lampen is celebrating his
94th birthday on December 29.

Please celebrate with him by sending a card.

Happening in December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:00pm Congregational Meeting	3 5:45pm Meal 6:00pm Youth Praise Team 6:30pm Gravitate, Grow, Kid Connection	4 10:15am Staff Meeting 12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive	5 10:00am Pantry	6 6:00am Men's Bible Study
7 9:30am Worship <i>Children In Worship</i> 10:45am Christmas Program Practice 6:00pm The Gathering	8 9:00am Prayer Group 7:00pm Women's Ministry Christmas Party	9 6:00pm LLPP Preschool Christmas Program	10 6:00pm Youth Praise Team 6:30pm Gravitate, Grow, Kid Connection Christmas Parties (no meal)	11	12 10:00am Pantry	13 10:00am Christmas Program Practice
14 9:30am Worship <i>Christmas Program</i> 6:00pm The Gathering	15 6:30pm Consistory Meeting	16	17	18 10:15am Staff Meeting	19 10:00am Pantry	20 6:00am Men's Bible Study 8:00am Scrapbooking
21 9:30am Worship	22 9:00am Prayer Group	23	24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Church Closed</div>	25 9:30am Christmas Morning Worship	26 10:00am Pantry	27
28 9:30am Worship	29	30	31			

Weather Cancellation Guidelines

If Hamilton Schools are closed for the day, or if they close in the course of the day due to winter weather conditions, all church activities scheduled that day will be cancelled and the office might also be closed.

If Hamilton 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: wzzm13.com ~ Fox 17: fox17online.com
HRC Prayer Line (269-751-5422) ~ HRC's Facebook Page