

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | December 31, 2023

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 Ron Lugten

“Crossing Over”
Exodus 14

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Sunday Mornings at HRC

Worship Locations

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

Greeters: Rob & Shelly McCormick and family
Next Week (January 7): Les & Deb Meiste

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 Volunteers: Maddy Poll, Kathy Weerstra
Next Week (Jan. 7): Jen Becksford, Ryleigh Becksford

Today's Activities & Information

No Children In Worship or Sunday School this morning.
Classes will resume on January 7.

A Look Ahead...

- Next Sunday, January 7:
 - We welcome Rev. Ben Ingebretson. He is a leadership vitality / church planting consultant and has led widely with organizations, churches and denominations with a mission to expand impact through the multiplication of partnerships, resources, systems and leaders.
 - Children In Worship and Sunday School classes resume
- Sunday, January 14: Ordination and Installation of newly elected Elders and Deacons
- Wednesday, January 17: Wednesday Night activities resume
- Sunday, January 21: Welcoming new members

This Week

Sunday, December 31

9:30am Sunday Worship

Monday, January 1

Church Closed

Tuesday, January 2

1:00 Mini Golf Set Up

Wednesday, January 3

1:00-4:00pm Mini Golf

Thursday, January 4

10:00am-12:00pm Mini Golf

1:00pm Kids Hope Party

6:00-8:00pm Mini Golf

Friday, January 5

10:00am Pantry

10:00am-12:00pm Mini Golf

2:00pm Mini Golf

Break Down

HRC Podcast

Our sermons are now available as a podcast!

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

Reverse Advent Calendar Collection

Remember to gather items for our Reverse Advent Calendar. Extra calendars can be found on the ledge outside the library. Items should be placed in the Conference Room or under the coat rack outside the Fellowship Hall. Items are due by next Sunday, January 7.

Church Usage

Just a reminder that ALL meeting and events need to be scheduled through the church office (even if you have your own key to the building). Additionally, a *Building Usage Form* is required, even if you don't need a specific set up. Forms are available in the office as well as on the back of the mail cart. Thanks!

Love INC's 10 Homes Program

Love INC has expanded their Homes of Hope Program with a permanent housing option. Their goal is to provide 10 mobile homes over 5 years to families who complete the transitional housing portion of the Homes of Hope Program. They want to purchase, place, refurbish, and move the families into these homes, making it possible for them to eventually take ownership of the homes...but they can't do this alone. For true transformation In the Name of Christ to take place, they need the help of fellow Christ-followers (local churches), generous donors, and eager families who are ready to reach their God-given potential. They need the community to step up, and step into the lives of the families who are ready to be transformed, journeying spiritually, physically, financially, and, ultimately, relationally so that, together, we can grow hope out of homelessness. What part will you play? Please consider donating to support this need in our community. Visit: <https://loveincnwa.org/10-homes> for more information.

December Missions of the Month

Adult & Teen Challenge HAYM (Hamilton Area Youth Ministries)

Adult & Teen Challenge provides Christian faith-based, residential care to young people and adults who struggle with life-controlling problems.

HAYM is the youth ministries of ten area churches working together to love, care for and be a part of students' lives for the cause of Jesus Christ!

Missionary of the Week

Dean & Christine VanFarowe
Calvary Reformed Church
1918 W. 65th St.
Cleveland, OH 44102-3904
Email:
dvanfarowe@yahoo.com

Please Pray for:

- Shirley Wassink has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a form of bone cancer. She anticipates beginning treatment in pill and shot form after the first of the year.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you for the Poinsettia and all the Christmas cards. Also, thanks to the Youth Praise Team for coming to sing Christmas carols. I sure feel the love of my church family!

Ivan Top

Address Directory Update

Even though we updated our address directory a few months ago, a new one will be published in January which will include updates to Consistory members and their roles. Please let the office know in writing if you have any updates or changes to your information.

Holiday Hours

Church will be closed on January 1 for the holiday. We will reopen Tuesday, January 2, at 8:00am.

Sorting the Psalms

Adult Sunday School class beginning in January - Here is a chance to grow in the Psalms. Whether you have a daily Psalm or only know Psalm 23 in part, this is an opportunity to start connecting the dots and discover the larger questions and answers that our faithful ancestors held. We will make connections and discover the impact of the Psalms on the New Testament.

Some items that will come up:

- The Psalms are broken into five different books, each begins with a question or statement about God
- Explore well-known Psalms and where they fall within the larger work
- Psalms with important teachings
- Psalms that shape the New Testament

Please Continue to Pray for:

Continued Care

Nelvin DeWeerd

Vern Klein

Bob Tucker

Brian VandenBrink

Friend at Home

Clara TenHagen

Education Volunteers

Rob McCormick

Sandy Mulder

Kids Hope Mentor

Pat Kragt

Ministry Focus

Please pray for the volunteers and staff of Hungry For Christ as they meet the needs of the Hamilton area community.

Tithes & Offerings

Dec. 24 Total - \$9,772.70

Offering - \$8507.70

E-tithe - \$1,265

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

Christmas Eve Special
Offering for Love INC
\$855

Updates from Children's Ministry

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

As we begin a new calendar year, we wanted to thank all of you for your help! The kids did a great job with the Christmas program, thank you for all your hard work practicing music and lines. We'd also like to thank the cookie bakers and everyone who has helped with teaching Sunday school, Children in Worship, Kid Connection and doing the Children's Messages. Without all of your help this couldn't happen.

Join Our Team

We're still in need of a few volunteers this year:

Children in Worship Adult Leader Needed:
January 14, February 4, March 10

Children's Message Presenter Needed:
January 21, February 11

Dates to Remember

January 7

Children In Worship
& Sunday School Resume

January 17

Kid Connection Resumes
with a special event

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

Meets Wednesdays – 6:30-7:30pm

Calendar

January 5-7: Retreat
January 10: MOB at Overisel Hall
January 17: Retreat Recap
January 24: Lesson Night
January 31: Lesson Night

Grow

Meets Wednesday – 6:30-7:30pm

January Theme: Old Testament Faith
Lessons from the life of Joseph

Grow begins again on January 17

The Gathering

Meets Sundays – 6:00-7:30pm

Calendar

January 12-14: Retreat
January 21: Retreat Recap
January 28: Lesson Night

The Gathering Needs Your Help

Each Sunday evening The Gathering enjoys a meal together. If you are willing and able to provide a meal for 20-25 people, we would love to have your help. Please talk to Andy or Erin Rozendaal to share your willingness to provide a meal for one of the upcoming meetings.

Please remember our January Prayer Buddies in your prayers!



River Taratuta

Parents: Tyler & Jackie Taratuta

Birthday: March 8

Age / Grade: 10 months

I like to: be outside, play with my toys, bonfires, and watch anything my brother, sister or puppy are doing, and bonfires

Prayer Request: Please pray that I continue to learn new things and to stay healthy



Piper Boerman

Parents: Phil & Nicki Boerman

Birthday: November 21

Age / Grade: 6 years old / kindergarten

I like to: play soccer, draw, and be outside

Prayer Request: Please pray that I am independent and learn to love God more



Carrisa Daley

Parent: Eli Daley

Birthday: June 26

Age / Grade: 9 years old / 4th grade

I like to: play soccer

Prayer Request: Please pray that I have a safe school year



Louis Poll

Parents: Craig & Maddy Poll

Birthday: April 17

Age / Grade: 4 years old / preschool

I like to: farm, play with tractors and trucks, swim and help Dad

Prayer Request: Please pray that I continue to have a happy, healthy school year, make new friends and grow my love of Christ

Please remember our January Prayer Buddies in your prayers!



Isaiah Helder

Parents: Eric & Lisa Helder

Birthday: December 13

Age / Grade: 16 years old / 10th grade

I like to: play Minecraft, watch TV and spend time with friends

Prayer Request: Please pray that I continue to make positive and lasting friendships and that my school year is successful



Ryleigh Becksford

Parents: Eric & Jen Becksford

Birthday: October 25

Age / Grade: 17 years old / 11th grade

I like: hunting, golfing, racing in the derby, and hanging out with friends

Prayer Request: Please pray that I stay healthy and have a good school year



Breslin Boerman

Parents: Danny & Brooke Boerman

Birthday: March 2

Age / Grade: 8 years old / 2nd grade

I like to: swimming, drawing, and playing with Barbies

Prayer Request: Please pray for a healthy, happy 2nd grade year



Isaac Haskill

Parents: Nick & Lisa Haskill

Birthday: July 3

Age / Grade: 3 years old

I like to: play with trucks, trains, and my tool bench; and go outside and ride bikes

Prayer Request: Please pray that I continue to grow and be healthy learning to love Jesus as He loves me

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 programming begins again on January 17 and 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

January 17

TBD served by the Youth Praise Team

January 24

Ham & potato casserole and salads served by the Women's Bible Study

January 31

Pig-in-the-blankets and soup served by Gravitate

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.



Bible-Themed Miniature Golf

We are excited for our Bible themed miniature golf event! We will have 9 different holes: Noah and the Ark, the Parting of the Red Sea, Daniel in the Lion's Den and more!

We hope to see you there! Invite your friends and family!



A few more volunteers are still needed. Please check out the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the library to see how you can help.

Please contact Diane VanLente if you have any questions.



Library News

New books in the library by Kim Michele Richardson:

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek

The Book Woman's Daughter

The Book Woman is about the first mobile library in Kentucky and the fierce, brave Packhorse Librarians who delivered books to remote areas of the Appalachian Mountains during the Great Depression dispensing literacy, hope and a compassionate human connection. Add to this the history of the unique and oppressed blue-skinned people of Kentucky.

January Ministry Volunteers

Ministry	January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
Greeters	Les & Deb Meiste	Jeff & Sandy Mulder and family	Craig & Maddy Poll and family	Gord & Linda Poll
Nursery	Jen Becksford Ryleigh Becksford	Bev Ende Jacki Taratuta	Gracie Bosch Kendra & Kami Bosch	Deb Meiste Olivia McCormick
Children's Message		Jeff Reuschel		Bev Ende
Camera	Jerry VanLente	Missy Eustice	Ryan Lindholm	Eric Helder
PowerPoint	Craig Poll	Kilee Kleinheksel	Mark Kleinheksel	Ryleigh Becksford
Sound	Brian Kleinheksel	Jeff Mulder	Tim Bleeker	Paul Koopman
Pianist/ Organist	Sherry Kleinheksel	Deb Meiste	Nancy Kleinheksel	Nancy Kleinheksel
Praise Team	Paul, Dave, Gracie, Kendra & Molly	Calvin, Lane, Jen & Ashtyn	Brian, Paul, Kathy, Bev & Anna	Brian, Tim, Gracie, Kathy & Kendra

Valet Parking: Dave Mazurek

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 Meals: Meals are needed for February and March of the winter session of our Wednesday Night activities.
- Wednesday Night Desserts
- 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.
- 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. Contact Bev Ende if for more information.
- Cookies: Cookies are needed for our time of Fellowship on Sunday mornings.
- Youth Group Meals: Meals are requested for Sunday evenings for The Gathering (high school youth group). Please contact Andy & Erin Rozendaal to sign up.

January

Birthdays

January 3: Brian VandenBrink
January 4: Becky Groenheide
Jeff Reuschel
January 5: Rylee Boerman
January 6: Blake Casemier
Travis Poll
January 7: Ron Kleinheksel
January 9: Leona Boerigter*
Grayson Rozendaal
January 12: Laurie Mulder
January 14: Ron Klingenberg
Debbie Lampen
January 16: Aurora Boerman
January 18: Dave Elenbaas
Clara Haskill
January 19: Alyssa Mulder
Grayson Mulder
January 20: Rob McCormick
January 21: Rick Brenner
January 22: Nathan Hart
Larry Schrotenboer
January 24: Breanna Calkins
January 25: Paul Koopman
January 26: Arlynn Immink
January 27: Julie Woldring
January 30: Dale VanderPoppen
January 31: Pat Driscoll
Veta Lohman

Anniversaries

January 11, 2013
Bob & Sheri Sprik
January 19, 1973
Ron & Peg Klingenberg
January 24, 1958
Nelvin & Eleanor DeWeerd
January 31, 1977
Paul & Jean Koopman

CONGRATULATIONS

Leona Boerigter is celebrating her
94th birthday on January 9.

Please celebrate with them by sending a card.

*Address can be found in the Address Directory.

Happening in January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Church Closed</i>	2 Miniature Golf Set-Up	3 1:00-4:00pm Miniature Golf	4 10:00am-12:00pm Miniature Golf 1:00pm Kids Hope Party 6:00-8:00pm Miniature Golf	5 10:00am-12:00pm Miniature Golf 10:00am Pantry <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><i>Gravitate Winter Retreat January 5-7</i></div>	6
7 9:30am Worship <i>Children In Worship</i> 10:45am Sunday School	8 8:30am Prayer Group	9 10:00am Bible Study	10 6:30pm Gravitate to MOB at Overisel Hall	11 9:00am Staff Meeting	12 10:00am Pantry <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><i>The Gathering Winter Retreat January 12-14</i></div>	13 6:00am Men's Bible Study
14 9:30am Worship Installation/Ordination of Elders & Deacons <i>Children In Worship</i> 10:45am Sunday School	15	16 10:00am Bible Study	17 5:45pm Meal 6:00pm YPT 6:30pm Kid Connection, Grow, Gravitate	18 9:00am Staff Meeting	19 10:00am Pantry	20
21 9:30am Worship <i>Children In Worship</i> 10:45am Sunday School 6:00pm The Gathering	22 8:30am Prayer Group	23 10:00am Bible Study	24 5:45pm Meal 6:00pm YPT 6:30pm Kid Connection, Grow, Gravitate	25 9:00am Staff Meeting	26 10:00am Pantry	27 6:00am Men's Bible Study
28 9:30am Worship <i>Children In Worship</i> 10:45am Sunday School 6:00pm The Gathering	29 5:00pm Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry	30 10:00am Bible Study	31 5:45pm Meal 6:00pm YPT 6:30pm Kid Connection, Grow, Gravitate			