

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | December 17, 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

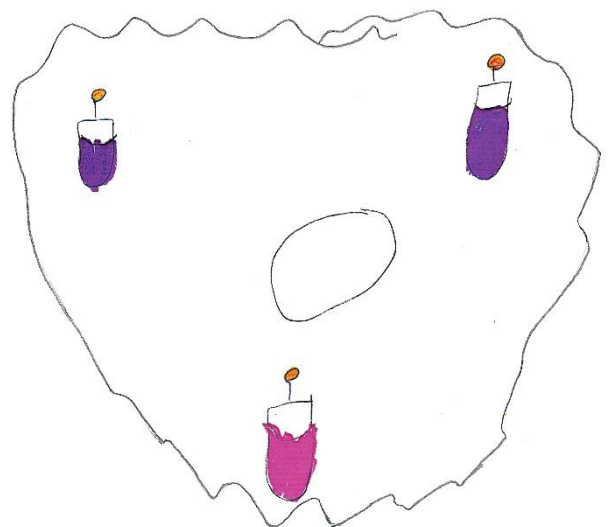
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Sunday Morning Christmas Program

Welcome to worship at HRC.
A blessed Advent to you!

*Parents – please pick your children up
from the basement immediately following
the conclusion of the service.



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Sunday Mornings at HRC

Worship Locations

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

Greeters: Cal & Sue Lubbers

Next Week (December 24): Dave Mazurek

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: Lisa Haskill, Madi/Matthew Fales

Next Week (Dec. 24): Marie Jacobs, Olivia McCormick

Today's Activities & Information

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

The Gathering (High School Youth Group)

Meets 5:30-8:00pm in the Youth Room downstairs for their Christmas party

Women's Sunday School Class

All women are invited to join this class beginning on January 7. We will be starting a new study entitled: *Live Hopefully - A Study in the Book of Nehemiah* by Lenya Heitzig. We will learn that hope is a strong and confident expectation for the future. Today is the last day to sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen so a book can be ordered for you (or talk to Arlynn Immink).

Christmas Eve Worship Service

Please join us Sunday, December 24, at 5:00pm for a Christmas Eve worship service.

This Week

Sunday, December 17

9:30am Sunday Worship

2:00pm Youth Praise Team
Caroling

5:30pm The Gathering

Tuesday, December 19

1:00pm Quilting Group

Friday, December 22

10:00am Pantry

A Look Ahead

Sunday, December 24

5:00pm Christmas Eve
Worship Service

Monday, December 25

Church Closed

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 under the coat rack outside the Fellowship Hall.

Congregational Meeting Summary

The annual HRC congregational meeting was held on December 5. The proposed budget was approved. The following slate of nominees were also approved: Elders – Dave Bakker and Jim Van Den Beldt; Deacons – Larry Boerman and Todd Burton. Please notify VP Jeff Reuschel or Pastor Kevin if you have any questions or concerns.

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!

Sorting the Psalms

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 descendants held. We will make connections, 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

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

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

Please Pray for:

- Bob Tucker fell and injured his lower back. He underwent a surgical procedure on Friday, December 15, and is recovering at home.
- Vern Klein is a patient at Spectrum Butterworth where he is being treated for an infection.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and well wishes following my recent injury.

Bob Tucker

Thank you for all the prayers and cards following our recent surgeries, hospital stays, and follow-up treatments. A special thanks to Pastor Kevin and Pastor Ron for their calls and visits.

Bill & Nancy Jacobs

Thank you to those who provided desserts for the recent 55+ holiday gathering, and to those who helped in the kitchen. You greatly added to the enjoyment of our time together!

Tithing Envelopes

2024 tithing envelopes have been placed in mailboxes. If you didn't receive yours, if you don't have any but would like them, or if you no longer want to receive physical tithe envelopes, please contact Nicki in the office.

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 a total of 29 kids and will take care of distributing the cards.

**Kids through 8th grade – be sure to check your mailboxes!

Please Continue to Pray for:

Continued Care

Nelvin DeWeerd

Bill Jacobs

Brian VandenBrink

Friend at Home

Jean Hutt

Education Volunteers

Bev Ende

Brianna Fales

Kids Hope Mentor

Amy Carroll

Ministry Focus

Please pray for our youth. Pray that they develop a lasting relationship with Christ as their Savior.

Tithes & Offerings

December 10 Total - \$6,670

Offering - \$4,205

E-tithe - \$2,465

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

December Consistory Chronicles

Consistory had an exciting meeting as it met earlier in the month in order to make way for Christmas. At this meeting as guests were Elder elects Jim Van Den Beldt and Dave Bakker; and Deacon elects Larry Boerman and Todd Burton.

- We received updates from various teams with highlights including the Elders meeting with and receiving Rylan McCormick upon Profession of Faith. The Deacons gave an update on items they have completed and our financial position.

- Officers and Committee Liasons were voted upon and established for the coming year as follows:

Vice President of Consistory: Jeff Reuschel

Clerk: Scott Essenburg

Chair of Deacons: Tyler Taratuta

Treasurer: Rick Eustice

Congregational Life: Dave Bakker

Spiritual Formation: Jim Van Den Beldt

Service and Outreach: Calvin Kragt

Facility/Property and Love Fund/Budget Deacons are yet to be determined

- After considerable reflection, the Consistory voted to extend the length of time off between terms of service from 3 years to 4 years with a plan to review and assess in 2027. This move reflects learnings from the congregation as well as expands the pool of potential nominees.
- We received a note from the Consistory at Calvary Reformed Church thanking us for our support.
- Finally, we appreciate all the wonderful work and care given by those Consistory members who have completed their terms: Elders Gary Jurries and Jim Kraker; and Deacons Mike Bosch and Ryan Lindholm. We have truly been blessed by their service and faithfulness to God.

2023 Consistory

Elders

Terry Dougan

Scott Essenburg

Gary Jurries

Calvin Kragt

Jim Kraker

Jeff Reuschel

Deacons

Mike Bosch

Ross Eding

Rick Eustice

Ryan Lindholm

Tyler Taratuta

Tom Weerstra

Consistory Officers

Vice President

Jeff Reuschel

Clerk

Scott Essenburg

Congregational Life

Dave Bakker

Spiritual Formation

Jim Van Den Beldt

Service & Outreach

Calvin Kragt

Deacon Chair

Tyler Taratuta

Treasurer

Rick Eustice

Facility/Property

TBD

Love Fund & Budget

TBD



Bible-Themed Miniature Golf

We are excited for our upcoming 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!

To make this a success, we need several volunteers each session:

2 Greeters, 2 Roamers & 2 Hosts
(can be adults or students 8th grade and up)



Wednesday, December 27
1:00-4:00pm



Thursday, December 28
10:00am-12:00pm
6:00-8:00pm



Friday, December 29
10:00am-12:00pm



Wednesday, January 3
1:00-4:00pm



Thursday, January 4
10:00am-12:00pm
6:00-8:00pm

Friday, January 5
10:00am-12:00pm



Check out the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board outside of the library.

Please contact Diane VanLente if you have any questions.