

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | November 5, 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 Kevin Hart

“Our Conduct”
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

It is a part of life to be observant, to watch others, and to be aware that we are watched. Our behavior is the first part of our message. How can we work to ensure that our actions match our message?



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Sunday Mornings at HRC

Worship Locations

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

Greeters: Paul & Jean Koopman

Next Week (Nov. 12): Kevin & Debbie Kroeze

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: Holly Cochrane, Brianna Fales

Next Week (Nov. 12): Libby Casemier, Callie Casemier

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

Volunteers: Libby Casemier, Molly Casemier

Next Week (Nov. 12): Volunteers Needed

Sunday School Classes: 10:45am

- Three Years Old-12th Grade meet downstairs
 - Preschool (3-4 Years Old) meets in Room 101
 - Young 5s-Kindergarten meets in Room 106
 - 1st-2nd Grade meets in Room 107
 - 3rd-5th Grade meets in Room 108
 - 6th-9th Grade meets in Room 109
 - 9th-12th Grade meets in the Youth Room
 - Women's Sunday School / Bible Study meets in the Conference Room
 - Adult Sunday School meets in the Fellowship Hall

The Gathering (High School Youth Group)

Meets 6:00-7:30pm in the Youth Room downstairs

This Week

Sunday, November 5

9:30am Sunday Worship

Children in Worship

10:45am Sunday School

6:00pm The Gathering

Tuesday, November 7

10:00am Bible Study

7:00pm Discipleship Team Meeting

Wednesday, November 8

10:30am Playgroup

11:30am Library

5:45pm Meal

6:00pm Youth Praise Team

6:30pm Kid Connection,
Grow & Gravitate

Thursday, November 9

9:00am Staff Meeting

Friday, November 10

10:00am Pantry

Saturday, November 11

HRC Podcast

Our sermons are now available as a podcast!

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

Blessings Basket

The Blessings Basket is outside of the library to celebrate the birth of Aiden Todd, son of Drew & Jessi Boerman. Welcome him with a card or small gift.

Pantry Volunteer Coordinator

Shelly McCormick has helped to coordinate volunteers for the Love INC Personal Needs Pantry that we house downstairs. She will be stepping down the end of the year, and we are looking for an individual or team to take over. Responsibilities include calling volunteers to fill any pantry days that don't have a volunteer signed up as well as bringing the pink papers to the Love INC office once a month. Please contact Shelly or the office if you are interested.

New Library Books

We've added several new books for tweens and kids:

Tweens

Would You Rather?
Would You Rather? for Christmas
Would You Rather? for 9 Year Olds
The One & Only Ruby
Emmie & Friends

Easy Readers

Paw Patrol
Let's Be Thankful
Mission Paw
Look and Find
Lego City Heroes in Training
This is Spider-Man
These Are the Avengers
What Is a Princess?
Frozen Ghost Hunt!
Happy Birthday, Princess!
Pinkalicious and the Amazing Sled Run

November Mission of the Month

Compassionate Heart Ministries

Compassionate Heart Ministries was founded in 2006 as a place where those with disabilities could find friends, acceptance and have fun while building inclusive relationships in Christ. Since that time, hundreds of families and individuals (ages 14 - 45) with mild to moderate disabilities have found a home and a family of support.

Missionary of the Week

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

Ministry Focus

Please pray for Sandi Nyboer as she works with the Hamilton area youth. Pray that the kids will seek her out off campus and give her opportunities to mentor them about Jesus.

Please Pray for:

- Orv Deters as he adjusts to living in a new place

A Note of Thanks

A big "Thank You" to everyone who remembered me with cards and well-wishes on the occasion of my 91st birthday. It was greatly appreciated! ~ Betty Spaman

Thank you for all the wonderful cards I got for my 93rd birthday. ~ Donna Ende

Thank you to everyone who remembered me with cards, notes, and other expressions of thoughtfulness during Pastor Appreciation Month. It's all very much appreciated. Even though not officially, I consider HRC as one my church homes and you as one of my church families. I value your friendships and consider it a privilege to serve as your Pastor of Congregational Care. ~ Pastor Ron Lugten

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 Crews: Help as meal servers or as a clean-up crew for our Wednesday night meals. Contact Pat Kragt for more details.
- Wednesday Night Desserts
- 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.
- Cookies: Cookies are needed for our time of Fellowship on Sunday mornings.
- Youth Group Meals for The Gathering

Please Continue to Pray for:

Continued Care

Nelvin DeWeerd
Holly Harper
Bill Jacobs
Brian VandenBrink

Friend at Home

Marianne Yonker

Education Volunteers

Colin Eding
Maddy Poll

Kids Hope Mentor

Bev Ende

Tithes & Offerings

October 29 Total - \$6,825
Offering - \$6,260
E-tithe - \$565

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

Mission of the Month Offering
Hope College Chapel
Ministries - \$600

Special Offering for Calvary
Reformed - \$5,754

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 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!

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.

November Meals

November 8

Pig-in-the-Blankets and Soup served by the Gates & Eding families

November 15

TBD served by the Men's Bible Study

November 29

TBD served by the Women's Bible Study

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.

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Overisel 175th Anniversary Events

Overisel Reformed Church is celebrating their 175th anniversary with a variety of events:

- Saturday, November 11, 3:00-5:00pm: Open House – The community is invited to Overisel Reformed for an Open House with informational displays about the history of the Village of Overisel.
- Saturday, November 11, 6:30pm: All are invited to join us at ORC for a historical program led by Dr. Robert Swierenga, professor at Hope College.
- Sunday, November 12, 5:00pm: Community Hymn Sing – The community is invited to ORC to join their voices in song and praise.

Veteran's Day Prayer Service

You are invited to honor and pray for the many veterans of our community who bravely served in the military to protect our country and freedom at a Veteran's Day prayer service on Saturday, November 11, at 10:00am at the Hamilton Area Veterans Memorial next to the Heath Township Hall on M-40. (canceled if it is raining) More information can be found on the Hamilton Area Veterans Memorial on Facebook.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

You are invited to join us for our annual Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 22, at 7:00pm.

Women's Ministry Christmas Party

Women's Ministry will be holding their Christmas Party for ALL women on Monday, December 4, 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. For more info contact: Lisa Hulst, Donna Jurries, Shelly McCormick, Karen TerHaar

Congregational Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5, at 7:00pm.

Alliance of Reformed Churches (ARC) Update

As we begin our journey with a newly formed denomination, we want to renew the flow of information that was constant during those early days of discerning and deciding to join a new denomination. We are now in a formative period in which we have a front row seat to witness (as well as participate in) the maturation of the *Alliance of Reformed Churches (ARC or Alliance)*.

An annual conference was held in Colorado in the late summer that was well attended and greatly appreciated for the information provided. This conference allowed for growth and new connections, as well as reviewed much of the development work thus far accomplished (for example: ordination paths with an expectation of well over 100 competencies). As was expected by the Board, The Alliance has undergone some leadership shifts and is presently looking for a new CEO, while retaining the visionary leadership of Tim Vink.

The shift to the *Alliance* has meant work for us as well. In May, the Consistory reviewed and approved a draft of new *Articles of Incorporation* to be put before the congregation at our December meeting for approval.

One result of leaving the RCA is that we are no longer under the jurisdiction of the Zeeland Classis. The ARC equivalent of the classis is called a *Network*. Like a classis, *Networks* are typically a group of geographically near congregations that may engage in common ministry endeavors and also are the first level of responsibility for discipline and conflict resolution. In March of this year, we joined the *Harvest Network*. As of now the *Harvest Network* includes:

- Bentheim Reformed Church (Hamilton, MI)
- Bethabara Reformed Church (Indianapolis, IN)
- Conklin Reformed Church (Conklin, MI)
- Doster Community Church (Plainwell, MI)
- Hamilton Reformed Church (Hamilton, MI)
- Haven Reformed Church (Hamilton, MI)
- Hope Reformed Church (South Haven, MI)
- Hopkins Community Church (Hopkins, MI)
- LifeTree Community Church (Allendale, MI)
- Ottawa Reformed Church (West Olive, MI)
- Overisel Reformed Church (Holland, MI)
- Rehoboth Reformed Church (McBain, MI)
- South Blendon Community Church (Hudsonville, MI)

Recently, the *Harvest Network* distributed new Bi-Laws that Consistory is in the process of reviewing and offering suggestions before signing-off on.

If you would like to find out more about the Harvest Network you can check out:

<https://arc21.org/harvest-network>