

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | May 7, 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

JOIN US IN-PERSON OR ONLINE | SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM

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Journey to Pentecost

April 23 - May 28



Sunday Morning
Pastor Kevin

"Cross" Pollinator
Colossians 1:3-8

We pick up our journey to Pentecost by reviewing the impact one can have in sharing what one has learned. Epaphras likely discovered Christ in Ephesus and brought the love of God home.

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Sunday Mornings at HRC

Worship Locations

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

Greeters: Arie & Hope Doolaard and family

Next Week (May 14): Pat & Kris Driscoll

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 Helpers: Nicki Boerman, Aurora Boerman

Next Week (May 14): Holly Cochrane, Brianna Fales

Children In Worship (final week)

Children 3 years old through kindergarten will be dismissed from the worship service and head downstairs for a Bible story, activity and small snack.

Sunday School classes begin at 10:45am (final week):

- Three Years Old – 8th grade meet downstairs
 - Preschool (3 – 4 years old) meets in Room 101
 - Young 5s – Kindergarten meets in the Red Carpet Room
 - 1st – 2nd grade meets in Room 107
 - 3rd – 5th grade meets in Room 108
 - Middle School (6th – 8th grade) meets in Room 109
- High School (9th – 12th grade) meets in the Youth Room downstairs
- Women's Sunday School / Bible Study meets in the Conference Room

This is the final week of Children In Worship and Sunday School classes. Thank you to all who have volunteered this past year.

We couldn't do it without you!

This Week

Sunday, May 7

9:30am Sunday Worship

Children In Worship

10:45am Sunday School

Monday, May 8

8:30am Prayer Group

6:30pm Personnel

Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 10

10:30am Library

& Play Group

11:30am Wahoo

Wednesday Lunch

6:00pm Youth Praise Team

6:30pm Mission Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 11

9:00am Staff Meeting

Friday, May 12

10:00am Pantry

Saturday, May 13

Personal Need Pantry Volunteers

We are in need of a volunteer to staff the Love INC personal needs pantry here at HRC on Friday, May 12, from 10:00am-12:30pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

Office Hours

The office will be opening by 10:00am on Friday, May 12. We're sorry for any inconvenience.

Library, Play Group and Fellowship

Wednesday, May 10 ~ 10:30am-12:00pm

Area preschoolers (and their parents or grandparents) are invited to join us on Wednesdays for library, play group and a time of fellowship. Coffee will be available, kids can play on the playground, and the library will be open for you to check out books. We'll be serving hotdogs, chips, water, and cookies at 11:30am to interested preschoolers and their parents.

Relabeling the Mail Cart

The mail cart will be relabeled the week of May 8-12. Some mail slots will be rearranged, so please check the label above before removing any mail or publications. If you are a regular visitor with us and would like a slot on the mail cart, please contact the church office.

Summer Story Time

We will once again be offering Summer Story Time this summer (June, July, and August). Children three years old to 2nd grade will be dismissed from the morning worship service to head downstairs. Our theme this year is "At the Beach". We are in need of volunteers to make this a success. Sign up on the Student Ministries bulletin board by the carport.

A Look Ahead

May 21

Recognition of Graduates

June 18

Summer Story Time Begins

July 18-20

Hamilton Area VBS

Podcast Now Available

Do you like listening to podcasts? Our sermons are now available online!

Visit our website:
hamiltonreformedchurch.org
and click on the podcast tab
at the top of the page.

Tithes & Offerings

April 30 Total - \$6,705

Offering - \$6,140

E-Tithe - \$565

\$7,744 needed weekly to maintain budget

April Mission of the Month
Offering – Western Seminary
\$915

55+ Retirees & Senior Adults Group

The next gathering of the 55+ retirees and senior adults group is scheduled for breakfast at The Trestle Stop at 9:30am on Thursday, May 18. A special menu has been prepared for us and is available on the bulletin board near Pastor Kevin's office door in the back hallway.

Ordering will be done at the restaurant and payment will be on an individual basis. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside Pastor Kevin's office no later than Sunday, May 14 if you plan on attending (so the restaurant can adequately prepare). Following breakfast, there will be a presentation by Lam's Honeybees and Beekeeping on the lives of honeybees and how honey is produced.

Teen Helpers Meeting

Sunday, May 21, a brief meeting will be held immediately following the worship service for any teenager who would be interested in helping during the service (singing, taking pictures, creating photo slide shows, presenting children's messages, helping in tech booth, etc). Please contact Nicki Boerman for more information.

Making the Bible Smaller

Have you ever felt overwhelmed by how much there is in the Bible? Do you feel like others always seem to know more than you? Or maybe you've just wanted some way to string together the many Bible stories you have learned throughout the years. You are invited to join Pastor Kevin in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service on May 21, May 28 and June 4 where he will be sharing some beginning steps to grow in your study and learning of the Bible. Whether you are well versed, or simply starting out, this casual and commitment-free time of learning will have something for everyone.

May Mission of the Month

Grand Valley State University Campus Ministries

Campus Ministry @ GVSU is a community of Christ followers called to: Engage college students with the life-changing love of God, disciple leaders who make disciples, and be a bridge to Jesus Christ and His church.

Missionary of the Week

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

With Sympathies

Our sympathies to Lynn & Luanne Elenbaas and family on the passing of Luanne's mother, Shirley Schut, on Tuesday, May 2.

A Note of Thanks

I was just amazed with all the birthday cards I received. They were so beautiful and I enjoyed them so much. Thanks also for the Easter lily. You have blessed me. Thank you so much!

Jean Hutt

A huge THANK YOU to all who were involved in our church auction – from donating items to attending, bringing food or helping with setting things up or cleaning up afterwards. We greatly appreciate it!! We raised \$9,553.50 and will be moving forward in having additional lighting installed in the church parking lot.

You are all amazing!

Women's Ministry

Severe Weather Cancellation Guidelines

If a Tornado Watch or Warning has been posted for Allegan County within one hour prior to a church service or church activity, the service/activity will be cancelled. Also, if a Severe Thunderstorm Warning has been posted for Allegan County within one hour of any church service or church activity, the service/activity will be cancelled. Please check one of the following for the status of church activities:

WOOD-TV (woodtv.com)

Fox 17 (fox17online.com)

HRC Prayer Line (269-751-5422, #18)

HRC's Facebook Page

Please Continue to Pray for:

Continued Care

Belva Brower

Bob Rigterink

Stu Woldring

Undergoing Treatments

Terry Dougan

Kids Hope Mentor

Bev Ende

Friend at Home

Nellie Brower

Ministry Focus

Please pray for Chad & Dara Vanden Bosch and family as they continue working in Mozambique. Chad is working with Audio Bibles as well as agriculture, and Dara works with the hospice care.

Community News & Events

Baccalaureate

You are invited to the Baccalaureate Service of the Hamilton High School Class of 2023 on Sunday, May 21, at 2:30pm at Overisel Reformed Church.

Lions Club Chicken BBQ

The annual Lions Club Chicken BBQ is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, at Hamilton Middle School from 4:30-6:30pm. Indoor dining returns this year! Tickets are \$15.00 each and can be purchased at Hamilton Dentistry, State Farm in Hamilton, and Hamilton Chiropractic, or through Lions members. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Graduation

You are invited to the Graduation Ceremony of the Hamilton High School Class of 2023 on Thursday, May 25, at 7:00pm at Hamilton High School.

Love INC 10 Homes Program

In this rainy season, we thank God for the roofs over our heads – the shelter from cold and water. But some cannot say the same. Love INC's 10 Homes Program is seeking to provide 10 mobile homes to families who complete the transitional housing portion of their Homes of Hope Program. Could you help put 10 roofs over the heads of 10 families in need? \$30 will purchase a bundle of shingles and \$1,300 will purchase the materials to replace one roof. To make a contribution, visit: loveincnwa.org and designate your gift to "10 Homes". To learn more about the program, visit: loveincnwa.org/10-homes

Hamilton Memorial Day Parade

The entire community is invited to come out and take part in this special celebration on Monday, May 29. We would be honored to have all Veterans, combat and non-combat, come out and march in the parade. Rides are available. Enter your business or community floats, antique cars and tractors, horses, bikes and military vehicles, etc.

We want to see the whole community come out and be a part of this special time! Kids - we need a lot of candy catchers, too! Line up begins at 8:00am. Enter at the high school and follow the service drive around to line up at the middle school. The parade begins at 9:00am. Immediately following the parade, you are encouraged to attend a public Memorial Service at Riverside Cemetery. In the event of inclement weather, parade cancellation information will be announced on Wood TV 8.

A note from the Allegan County Sheriff Department: NO ATVs, dirt bikes, golf carts or other off-road vehicles are allowed in the parade.