

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | April 19, 2026

# 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

Luke 24:13-35

“Standing Still”

This Sunday we journey with two of Jesus' followers and find how God's Word will warm our hearts and keep us from standing still, locked in a limited perspective that robs us of the life that God has for us.

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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: Dick & Arlynn Immink

Nursery Volunteers: Sandy Mulder, Brooke Mulder

Children in Worship: Deb Meiste, Aurora Boerman

Security Team: Ross Eding, Mark Groenheide

## **Next Week (April 26):**

Greeters: Bill & Nancy Jacobs

Nursery Volunteers: Libby Casemier, Callie Casemier

Children in Worship: Adult Volunteer Needed

Security Team: Jim Van Den Beldt, Todd Burton

# *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-12<sup>th</sup> Grade meet downstairs
  - Preschool (3-4 years old) meets in Room 101
  - Young 5s, Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> grade meet in Room 107
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade meets in Room 106
  - 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade meets in Room 109
  - 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade meets in Room 108
  - 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade meets in the Youth Room
- Women's Bible Study meets in the Conference Room

# *This Week*

## ***Sunday, April 19***

9:30am Sunday Worship

Children In Worship

10:45am Sunday School

## ***Tuesday, April 21***

1:00pm Quilting Group

## ***Thursday, April 23***

***Office Closed***

## ***Friday, April 24***

***Office Closed***

10:00am Pantry

6:00pm Scrapbooking

## ***Friday, April 25***

8:00am Scrapbooking

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Our sermons are now available as a podcast!

Visit our website:  
[hamiltonreformedchurch.org](http://hamiltonreformedchurch.org)  
and click on the podcast tab at the top of the page.

## *Attention Graduates*

Are you graduating from high school or college this Spring? Did you graduate from college this past winter? We would like to celebrate with you! Fill out a graduate form and submit it to the church office along with a photo of yourself (forms are available in the church office or on the ledge outside the library). **Forms are due to the office by TODAY, April 19.** We will be honoring all of our graduates in May.

## *Pictorial Directory Updates*

We will be updating the Pictorial Directory this year. Please update the green form that was in your mailbox and return it to the tray outside the library, updated pictures can be emailed to [hamiltonreformedchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonreformedchurch@gmail.com) – if you have no updates or changes, please note that on your form before returning it (make sure your name is on it). Forms and pictures are due by August 31.

## *Bells Across America*

On Sunday, May 3, HRC will be participating in Bells Across America during our worship service. Bells will ring from coast to coast as a grateful nation pauses to honor those firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2025 and previous years.

## *Light the Night Red*

You are invited to swap the outdoor lightbulbs at your home to red and Light the Night Red April 26 - May 3 (during the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend) as a symbol of support and remembrance to honor fallen firefighters and their families. For more information visit: <https://weekend.firehero.org/events/memorial-weekend/light-night-fallen-firefighters/> or see the poster outside the library.

## *April Mission of the Month*

### **Western Theological Seminary**

Western Theological Seminary offers academic study in a nurturing community to prepare men and women for the challenges and opportunities of ministry in today's world. They are rooted in scripture, open to the world, joyful, hopeful and confident in God's purposes. Western prepares students for real-life ministry by offering one of the top seminary educations, focused on individual growth.

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### **Missionary of the Week**

Dean & Christine VanFarowe  
Calvary Reformed

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### **Ministry Focus**

Please pray for our Deacons as they discern the needs of the greater Hamilton community.

## ***Please Pray for:***

- Belva Brower has moved to The Inn at Freedom Village for a time of rehab and continued recovery
- Larry Haverdink has moved to Allendale Nursing and Rehabilitation Community for a time of rehab  
11007 Radcliff Dr.  
Allendale, MI 49401
- Brian Kempkers is scheduled for outpatient elbow surgery on Monday, April 20
- Betty Spaman is a patient at Zeeland Hospital and exploring her next care options
- Yvonne Wentzel has moved to Heritage in Zeeland for a time of rehab

## ***A Note of Thanks...***

We would like to thank the congregation for the many cards and prayers for Bern during his treatments for blood cancer (which is an ongoing treatment). Thanks for the beautiful Easter lily that Larry & Shelly Boerman brought to us and for their visit! We appreciate ALL of you!

Bern & Donna Diekema

## ***55+ Retirees & Seniors***

The Hamilton Community Historical Society is hosting Loren Joostberns as he presents *WWII – Remembering “The Locals”* on Tuesday, April 28, at 6:30pm at The Trestle Stop. The 55+ group will be attending and sitting together. Sign up on the bulletin board by April 26.

## ***Office Closed***

The office will be completely closed on Thursday and Friday, April 23-24. Church will be open on Friday for the Love INC pantry. The office will re-open on Monday, April 27, at 8:00am.

## ***Please Continue to Pray for:***

### **Undergoing Treatments**

Bonnie DeZwaan  
Bern Diekema  
Sue Dykhuis

### **Friend at Home**

Jill Broekhuis

### **Education Volunteers**

All those who have helped with Children In Worship and Sunday School

### **Security Team**

Those who watch over the safety of our congregation and assist as needed

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## ***Tithes & Offerings***

April 12 Budget Offering:

Offering – \$14,011

E-Tithe – \$1,720

Total – \$15,731

*\$8,962 needed weekly  
to maintain budget*

*Offering boxes are available by each entrance and at the top of the stairs for your tithes and offerings.*

# *Upcoming Community Events*

## *Hungry for Christ ~ Pancake Breakfast*

Saturday, April 25 ~ 8:30-10:00am  
at Hungry for Christ (4565 135<sup>th</sup> Ave., Hamilton)

The community is invited to a pancake breakfast cooked and served by Hungry for Christ's faithful volunteers. Stay and tour the facility and learn more about the programs offered by Hungry for Christ. Free will donations accepted.

## *Compassionate Heart ~ Hearts In Motion 5K Run/Walk & Flamingo Fun Run*

Thursday, April 30 at Compassionate Heart Ministries

Flamingo Fun Run – 5:30-6:00pm / 5K Walk/Run – 6:30-8:00pm

Grab some friends and sign up today at: [www.compheart.org/news-events](http://www.compheart.org/news-events)

## *National Day of Prayer*

Mark your calendar for the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 7, from 11:55am-12:55pm at the Hamilton Veteran's Memorial Park (3440 Lincoln Rd). This year's theme is: Glorify God among the nations – seeking Him in all generations *Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples. 1 Chronicles 16:24 NASB*

## *Right to Life ~ Walk for Life - 5k Walk/Run*

Saturday, May 16 – 10:00am at Lawrence Street Park in Zeeland

Registration begins at 9:30am, and the walk begins with prayer at 10:00am. \$50 in sponsorships/donations will receive a T-shirt. A light lunch will be served, after the walk. Pledge sheets are available online at: [www.rtlofholland.org/upcoming-events](http://www.rtlofholland.org/upcoming-events) or stop by the Holland Right to Life office and pick one up!

## *Lions Club Chicken BBQ Fundraiser*

Mark your calendars! The Hamilton Lions Club is back at the pits for their annual Chicken BBQ Fundraiser on Wednesday, May 20! Watch for more details soon.

# Upcoming Activities

## *Kids Hope – Time to Celebrate!*

Spring brings in transition and new birth. Easter has once again reminded us of how God's love transcends all the seasons and together, we rejoice in our salvation through Jesus Christ and share the Good News.

The school year is winding down. Our Kids Hope closing event to celebrate another completed school year will be on Friday, May 8, at The Overisel Hall (next to Overisel Reformed) from 3:00-6:00pm.

All students, mentors and prayer partners are encouraged to come and spend time together outside of the school environment. Hopefully, the weather will allow us to celebrate outside. We have The Critter Barn coming to share God's Word along with seeing and petting the animals. We will also have games outside and inside along with BINGO and pizza.



Volunteers to help with the closing celebration are always welcome. If you have time to help, please let me know ([kidshopehrc@gmail.com](mailto:kidshopehrc@gmail.com)). Donations towards our BINGO gifts would also be very much appreciated. New or gently used items that students could use and play with throughout the summer may be put into the bin by the church library.



Thank you for all your support throughout the year. A special thank you to all the mentors and prayer partners for the gifts of God that you share each week to your students.

In Christ,  
Joy Essenburg, Kids Hope USA Director

## *Supporting Student Activities*

Did you know that many of our students are involved in sports and other school activities? They would LOVE to have you come and support them at their events. There are event calendars with schedules available on the ledge outside the library – pick up a copy and support our students!