



HRC Heartbeat June 2020

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Hey HRC - here's a trivia question for you: What book of the Bible is clearly divided into 5 smaller books, has 34 unknown authors, and is exactly 150 chapters long? Any guesses? It's the book of Psalms! This wonderful book is filled with spiritual insight, instruction and nourishment and can help us get through these difficult and unusual times. For that reason, I'm excited to announce four different ways that you can connect with the book of Psalms over the next eight weeks. These opportunities are listed below and I pray that as you take advantage of them you will find the strength and wisdom you need to live well.

With all the best,
Adam

Brand New Teaching Series: "Deep and Wide" During the months of June and July we will be taking special time to explore the vast treasures of the book of Psalms during our worship services (which will continue to be a drive-in service each Sunday at 9:30am until further notice).

Daily Reading List from the Psalms Included below is a daily reading list from the book of Psalms (the second part will be in the July Heartbeat). If you stick to reading 2-3 Psalms each day you will have read through the whole book in just 8 weeks! Make that a goal and a daily practice during the weeks ahead.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Psalm 1-3	2 Psalm 4-6	3 Psalm 7-9	4 Psalm 10-12	5 Psalm 13-15	6 Psalm 16-18
7 Psalm 19-21	8 Psalm 22-24	9 Psalm 25-26	10 Psalm 27-29	11 Psalm 30-32	12 Psalm 33-35	13 Psalm 36-38
14 Psalm 39-41	15 Psalm 42-44	16 Psalm 45-47	17 Psalm 48-50	18 Psalm 51-53	19 Psalm 54-56	20 Psalm 57-59
21 Psalm 60-62	22 Psalm 63-65	23 Psalm 66-68	24 Psalm 69-71	25 Psalm 72-74	26 Psalm 75-77	27 Psalm 78
28 Psalm 79-81	29 Psalm 82-84	30 Psalm 85-87				

Daily Updates Reflecting on the Psalms In each daily update I will draw devotional material from one of the Psalms that is listed for that day's reading list.

Word Connections Bible Study on the Psalms Though there weren't enough people signed up to do a small group Bible study, I will still offer a general, weekly teaching on the book Psalms to help those who wish to learn more about the Psalms beyond sermons and personal reading. These teachings will be recorded and made available each Thursday in the office as well as online on our Facebook page for your convenience. All you need is a Bible, 15 minutes of free time, and a willingness to go deeper and wider in God's Word.

The Consistory Chronicles

- In May the Elders spent time in prayer for the urgent business of the congregation and for the ministry that our church has been called to.
- The financial reports are as the following:
 - General Fund: \$39,729
 - Building Fund: \$11,839
 - Building Maintenance Fund: \$36,217
 - Memorial Fund: \$18,925
 - Love Fund: \$4,279
- The next Elders meeting will be on Monday, June 1, at 6:30pm.
- The Consistory did not meet in May. Their next meeting will be held on Monday, June 22, at 6:30pm.

Kids Hope USA

I keep hearing the same thing, we are living a new normal. What is normal? They used to say, normal is the setting on your dryer. I think you may be hard pressed to find a dryer with a normal setting now days. Normal for me is certainly not the same as normal for you.

What will next school year look like? For many of our Kids Hope students, school was their only place of a normal routine. They knew what to expect and what was expected of them. They knew on a certain day a special adult came to see them and spend time with them. Now many of them do not know if mom or dad will ever go back to work. They do not know if they will stay living where they are or if they will have to move and then what school will they attend if school reopens? The scenario can change daily. So, what will their normal be, only God knows. We certainly can be thankful for that promise.

Please continue to pray for our students and mentors. Pray also for me as I still don't know how or when I will be getting the year end gift bag to the kids. I'm hoping and praying we may be able to get together in small groups sometime in June.

Thank you for all your prayers and support. Kids Hope would not be possible without all of you. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at (616) 886-0063 or bendkidshope@gmail.com.

Dates to Remember

- May 25 – Church Closed
- June 1 – Elders Meeting (virtual on Zoom)
- June 4 – Red Cross Blood Drive
- June 11 – VBS Committee Meeting
- June 22 – July Heartbeat Deadline
- June 22 – Consistory Meeting (virtual on Zoom)

Drive-In Services & Cancellations

Drive-in services will continue to be held indefinitely at 9:30am. The Consistory will be evaluating its strategy for transitioning back into the building in the weeks ahead.

On May 17 we canceled our drive-in service on the morning of due to a potential for strong rains and winds. This combination made it difficult to determine the quality of signal that we could broadcast, along with other concerns for safety and efficiency. However, if this should happen again in the future, we shouldn't expect that *just* rain or *just* wind will move us to cancel.

Instead, the official call for having or not having the service will be made the morning of and will be broadcast on WCSG, WZZM and WOOD TV no later 8:00am.



June Missions of the Month

Camp Geneva & Cran Hill

Children's Discipleship Update

June 2020

The weather is warming up and we hope you all are spending time playing outside exploring God's beautiful creation. This month we are sharing a few activities that you could try at home to remind you and others of God's unfailing and unconditional love. We would love to see pictures of your own Sidewalk Scripture or Bible Verse Journal. Take a picture and send them to hrcchildren@gmail.com. We miss you all very much and can't wait until we are all together again.

Thank you, *Nicki Boerman* and *Gracie Bosch*

Bible Verse Journal



Each day have your child pick a favorite Bible verse and write it down. Then, if they are old enough, encourage them to explain why it's their favorite. On the next page, have them cut out pictures from old magazines or draw a picture that goes along with the verse.

Materials: notebook, pencil, crayons or markers, old magazines (optional)

Sidewalk Scripture

Write uplifting scriptures on your sidewalk, the end of your driveway, or anywhere you think neighbors might see them and smile. If your child is too young to write the verse, you can write it and they can add pictures. Here are a few ideas for verses to use, or you can use of your own favorites.

- **1 John 4:19** - We love because he first loved us.
- **Psalms 56:3** - When I am afraid I put my trust in you.
- **Philippians 4:13** - I can do all this through him who gives me strength.



VBS Update

The Hamilton Area VBS Team met this past week and we are working together to discuss the Hamilton Area VBS that is scheduled later this summer. At this point we are not confident that we will be able to meet in person. However, we are working on an alternate plan to provide a modified at-home VBS program to the kids of our community. Please look for more information as the month progresses. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at hrcchildren@gmail.com.

Student Ministries

Gravitate: 6th-8th Grade / The Gathering: 9th-12th Grade

2020 Mission Trip Update

We are sad to announce that the summer Mission Trip to Calvary Reformed in Cleveland has been canceled due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation. We were all really excited for the opportunity to serve in Cleveland. We appreciate all of your support! All money that was raised over the course of the year through our fund raisers and general giving from the congregation will go toward a Mission Trip in the future.

Parents - if your student was signed up and had paid their deposit this will be refunded to you as soon as possible.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The next Red Cross Blood Drive for our community will be held on Thurs., June 4, from noon-5:45pm at HRC.

If you weigh at least 110 lbs., are 17 years old or older, and are in good health you may donate. To schedule an appointment visit: redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (appointments required).

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June Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Please see the church directory for address*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Jean Koopman</i>	2 <i>Kevin Kroeze</i> <i>Tristan Kroeze</i>	3 <i>Karen TerHaar</i> <i>Ed & Norma</i> <i>Reeves (54)</i>	4 <i>Arie Doolaard</i> <i>Howard &</i> <i>Deborah</i> <i>Busscher (49)</i> <i>Ron & Sandy</i> <i>Kleinheksel (51)</i>	5 <i>Barb Bleeker*</i>	6 <i>Sally Boerigter</i>
7 <i>Megan Lohman</i>	8 <i>Deborah</i> <i>Busscher</i>	9 <i>Larry Cochran</i>	10	11 <i>Elijah Helder</i> <i>Alvina Klein</i> <i>Craig Poll</i> <i>Laurie Reuschel</i>	12 <i>Rhonda Avink</i>	13 <i>Scott Essenburg</i> <i>Evelyn Hoekje</i>
14 <i>Sheri Sprik</i>	15 <i>Vern Sale</i> <i>Franklin</i> <i>Workman</i>	16	17 <i>Paul & Lynn</i> <i>Bosch (43)</i>	18 <i>Abby Cochran</i> <i>Mary</i> <i>VanderPoppen</i> <i>Bev Woldring</i>	19 <i>Jill Broekhuis*</i> <i>Gary & Donna</i> <i>Jurries (45)</i>	20
21 <i>Wayne Keegstra</i>	22 <i>Nellie Brower*</i> <i>Cheryl Kempkers</i> <i>Linda Smit</i> <i>Arlyn & Linda</i> <i>Wolters (47)</i>	23 <i>June VanFarowe</i> <i>Yvonne Wentzel</i>	24 <i>Nancy Jacobs</i> <i>Abigail Lindholm</i>	25 <i>Lane Lohman</i>	26 <i>Harvin Bultman*</i> <i>Carrisa Daley</i>	
28 <i>Beau Casemier</i> <i>Paul & Amy</i> <i>Carroll (24)</i>	29 <i>Marion Poll</i> <i>Ivan Top</i>	30 <i>Barbara</i> <i>VanGelderen</i>				

Birthday Blessings

Happy Birthday blessings to Yvonne Wentzel who will celebrate her 90th birthday on June 23.



Celebrate with her by sending a card!

Church Hours & Office Staffing

Church continues to be open and the office is staffed Monday-Friday from 8:00am-1:00pm.

- Monday: Nicki 8-11 / Pastor Adam 11-1
- Tuesday: Nicki 8-11 / Pastor Adam 11-1
- Wednesday: Sara
- Thursday: Nicki 8-11 / Pastor Adam 11-1
- Friday: Sara