



HRC Heartbeat September 2020

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Transition plan for resuming in-person worship beginning September 6 (for a trial period of one month)

1 Service at 9:30am on Sundays - 2 Zones of Worship (Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall)

with the exception of Children In Worship all education activities will be suspended until October

Here's what to expect when you arrive on Sunday mornings in the month ahead...

- All guests are encouraged to enter the building through the west or north set of doors and may enter their zone of worship however they choose.
- For liability reasons, guests who desire to worship at HRC will need a mask as they enter and leave the church building. If guests do not have a face mask when they arrive, they will be provided one by HRC. If guests would like gloves HRC will also have those available.
- As guests find their way into the building, they will be greeted by members of HRC Consistory who will: accept tithes and offerings in a collection plate, offer hand sanitizer, distribute PPE as needed, and hand out service bulletins. HRC Consistory members will be wearing masks while greeting guests.
- The service on Sunday mornings will be approximately 45 minutes long with announcements taking place at the beginning of worship.
- Weather permitting; guests are encouraged to remain for a time of fellowship which will be held on the north lawn after the service.

Here are some things to keep in mind as you decide where you would like to worship with us at HRC...

In the Sanctuary...

- Though it will be strongly encouraged, mask wearing ultimately will not be mandatory while worshipping in the Sanctuary.
- Guests who worship in the Sanctuary can expect live music (if possible) with limited congregational singing. Again, though wearing masks will not be mandatory in the Sanctuary during the service, it will be strongly encouraged in this zone of worship.
- Guests who worship in the Sanctuary will find that every other pew will have been sectioned off. The balcony will still be available.
- Guests who worship in the Sanctuary will find that the fellowship pads will not be passed during this time.
- After worship, Pastor Adam will dismiss pews in the Sanctuary one by one and invite guests to exit the same way which they came. Pastor Adam will delay the Sanctuary dismissal so that those worshipping in the Fellowship Hall may leave first.

In the Fellowship Hall...

- Guests who worship in the Fellowship Hall will be expected to wear a face mask for the duration of the service.
- For the time being, and as an extra measure of precaution, there will be no congregational singing in this zone of worship.
- Guests who choose to worship in the Fellowship Hall can expect to find chairs distanced from one another throughout the room. Should households or close units of people wish to sit by one another, chairs will be made available.
- Guests who worship in the Fellowship Hall should expect to participate in the worship service via a projector screen with the in-house sound system (hearing loop included).
- After the service, an HRC Consistory member will immediately dismiss guests worshipping in the Fellowship Hall. They will be ushered out in an orderly fashion and be invited to leave the same way from which they came.

more information 

Nursery & Children In Worship

Unfortunately, the nursery will be closed until further notice at HRC. Guests who would like a place to care for their little ones during the service are welcome to head downstairs to the Noah's Ark room where they will have plenty of space and access to bathrooms if needed. A member of HRC's Consistory will be located at the back of the Sanctuary to help people find this room which has a select number of easily cleanable toys that will be disinfected between uses.

Guests may wish to send their young ones to Children In Worship (CIW) which will be held downstairs in the Red Carpet Room for children 3 years old through kindergarten. In that area, children will be socially distanced using beach towels; leaving at least 6 feet of distance when and where possible between others. CIW leaders and volunteers will wear masks while gathered with children. **When CIW is finished, leaders and volunteers will bring children back to the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall after the service where children can be picked up.** HRC recognizes that children under the age of 5 are not required to wear masks but will work to make social distancing a reality in that environment.

Other Reminders and Things to Know

- The church building will remain locked until 9:00am on Sundays
- Weather permitting; the doors will be propped open prior to the start of the service; if weather doesn't permit, HRC Consistory members will open the doors for you
- Please use hand sanitizer when entering the building
- Please maintain social distancing on church property and refrain from gathering in the lobby near the library before and after the worship service
- Following the worship service, please exit the same way from which you came
- Tithes and offerings will be received before the worship service
- The length of the morning worship services will be approximately 45 minutes
- Though they will be available, please limit your use of the bathrooms
- Except for Children In Worship, all Sunday School and education activities will be suspended until October

Until further notice, the following will not be available or offered:

- Valet parking
- Library services
- Fellowship pads in the Sanctuary
- Use of the nursery
- Mailboxes in the lobby
- Coffee/refreshments after the worship service
- Use of the church for private family gatherings (other than funerals)

Some general reminders and requests:

- If you are sick, have a fever, have signs of contracting COVID-19 or the flu, or have someone in your household with symptoms, please stay home
- No congregational greeting during the service
- Worship on Facebook and DVDs will continue moving forward
- If you don't feel well or are uncomfortable worshipping inside the building, please do not feel guilty
- Please maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet between each family unit while on church property
- Please refrain from handshaking and hugging
- Use of face masks is optional while worshipping in the Sanctuary (masks and gloves will be available)
- Please, PLEASE love your neighbor while worshipping at HRC and respect the needs and actions of others

Children's Discipleship Update

Even though we are not starting our regular programming until October, we are still making preparations for educational programming for kids at HRC. A huge "thank you" to those who have already signed up to be a leader/helper during this year's educational programming. There are several openings for leaders and helpers for the upcoming school year. Please visit the Children's Department bulletin board to sign up (located by the carport entrance). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thanks ~ Nicki Boerman and Gracie Bosch

Children In Worship

Children in Worship will begin on September 13 during the worship service. Children age 3 years old through kindergarten will be dismissed during the service for a Bible Story, craft, and snacks. Kids will use beach towels to maintain social distancing in the basement or, if the weather permits, outside in the yard. When CIW is finished, leaders and volunteers will bring children back to the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall where children can be picked up.

Parents, please send your child to the basement with a beach towel. We are working to get multiple beach towels to be available for all kids. If you are interested in purchasing and donating a towel or two, we'd really appreciate it. Towel donations should be dropped off in the church office. If you are interested in leading a Children in Worship lesson, please let us know. All lesson materials and instructions will be provided. Thank you in advance!

Student Registration

Parents, check your email for educational programming registration forms, they were sent out a few weeks ago. If you need a copy of the link emailed to you, please let us know. It's important that we have updated information for each of the kids at HRC. Thank you for all of your help with this!



Prayer Buddies



We would love to know how to specifically pray for your child(ren)! Each month several children will be featured in the Heartbeat for the congregation to pray for. Prayer Buddy information questions were included in the registration form email. A photo of your child(ren) can be uploaded with the form or emailed to the church office.

Student Ministries

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

Attention Gravitate & The Gathering Parents:

Parent meeting information coming out soon keep a look out for it.



Outdoor Movie Night Fundraiser

We will be holding a fun movie night fundraiser...watch for details soon!

**All proceeds will be going towards a future high school mission trip



Welcome to KIDS HOPE USA Fall 2020

After meeting with several Zeeland area directors and then our Hamilton area directors, it has been decided to start our fall season of KIDS HOPE with a pen pal scenario. Details have been sent to the schools and to our mentors. Basically, each KIDS HOPE student will have their own large plastic expandable envelope. Each envelope will contain a plastic covered notebook/journal. This way the mentor and student can communicate somewhat with each other. I am also hoping to include an age appropriate craft, activity sheet and treat every week or two weeks. I am still working out the details with the schools and mentors. I want to be able to sanitize the envelopes and journals and keep the time between exchanges long enough for the virus to die on the paper surfaces.

I am looking for people to find a craft and gather the supplies or find a craft and let others know what supplies are needed. Also, if you are so inclined to find age appropriate activity pages, I will accept and print copies accordingly. Please refer to the volunteer page included in the September Heartbeat for supply suggestions or other areas to help.

Please keep the administration, teachers, paraprofessionals, auxiliary staff, bus drivers, parents and students in your prayers as they begin to navigate this unusual situation. We know God has got this, but He tells us to ask in prayer. "Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7 NIV

Please contact Bev Ende at bendkidshope@gmail.com, with questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support.

September Message Series: "Habits"

Let's face it...we all have habits. Some good. Some bad. Some we'd prefer not to talk about. And now, because of COVID, we've had to learn what to do with our habits. How do we grieve the habits we've once loved and now lost? How do we take up new habits that could be helpful even if they are uncomfortable? Have you ever wondered what kind of habits God calls us to take up or to renew in our lives no matter what season we find ourselves in? I hope that you will join us for worship (in whatever way you can) as we step into a brand-new message series called "Habits: Little Things. Big Difference". During September, we will be seeing what the Bible has to say about the four habits which we are called to live out as members of HRC: Compassionate Acts of Service, Open Hospitality, Selfless Generosity, and Intentional Faith Development. Will you take up these habits with me in the month ahead and the months beyond? I hope so!

~ Pastor Adam



Job Openings

We are looking for a few people to work various Inside Custodian positions:

- Building Organizer to work 8-10 hours per week
- Maintenance and Repair Custodian to work 3-8 hours per week

Job descriptions and more specific job notes can be picked up in the church office or outside of the library. Anyone interested should contact the Personnel Committee (Jen Becksford, Joy Essenburg, Gary Jurries, Peg Klingenberg, Kathy Weerstra) or a Deacon (Mark Groenheide, Craig Poll, Eric Becksford, John Casemier, Arie Doolaard, Jeff Hulst).

There are several opportunities and ways to get involved at HRC!
Volunteers and donations are both needed.



**Sign Up
Today!**

Children's Ministry

- Children in Worship
 - Teachers for all dates
 - Helpers for assorted dates
- Sunday School
 - Preschool Teacher (1)
 - Preschool Helpers (2)
 - Kindergarten Teachers (2)
 - Kindergarten Helpers (2)
 - 4th/5th Teachers (2)
 - Substitute Teachers
- Kid Connection
 - Pre-Program Crowd Control
 - Story Readers (1-2)
 - Craft Helpers (5-6)
 - Game Helpers (1-2)
 - Group Helpers (lead kids from one station to the next) (2)
- Children's Message Presenters
- Christmas Program
 - Leaders (2)
 - Helpers (2)
- Supplies
 - **Beach Towels**
 - Disinfecting Wipes
 - Pre-packaged Snack Crackers

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board by the carport. Donated supplies may be dropped off in the church office.

Kids Hope

- Supplies for Pen Pal Envelope:
 - Colored pencils
 - Washable markers
 - Craft ideas with supplies ready to go or craft ideas with a list of supplies needed. Nothing religious due to our need to keep separation of state and church.
 - Age appropriate activity sheets, nothing religious...
- Contact Bev Ende at bendkidshope@gmail.com or with craft and activity ideas. Donated supplies can be placed in the tote outside the library.

Tech Booth

Usually scheduled 1 time a month.

- **Security Camera:** Watch the security camera on a computer monitor and alert a member of the Security Team if they see anything unusual or concerning. *A great way for a middle school or high school student to get involved.* Sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.
- **Video Camera:** talk to Jerry VanLente for details/training
- **PowerPoint:** talk to Craig Poll for details/training
- **Sound Board:** talk to Paul Bosch or Brian Kleinheksel for details/training

Gravitate & The Gathering

- Volunteer to bring a meal for the high school youth group on a Sunday night
 - Sign up to be a Prayer Partner for a middle school student
- Please contact Drew Boerman to sign up or for more information. (hamrefyouth@gmail.com)



Help fight local hunger!

Feeding local families has never been this simple. Support Hungry for Christ by buying a \$10 #SimplyGive donation card at the Holland 16th Street Meijer store now through October 24 and they will match your donation. *Double Days are Friday, September 11 and Saturday, September 12...on these days, your \$10 donation turns into \$30!!*

Consistory Chronicles

(August Elders Meeting & August Consistory Meeting Updates)

- The Consistory approved a transition plan to resume in-person worship beginning in September. This transition plan has been approved as a one-month test trial run and will be reevaluated at the end of September on how to best move forward. The Consistory and congregation alike will all undoubtedly learn how to best offer edifying services over this four-week period so we are asking for prayers and for understanding.
- The Consistory also spent time hearing from Dan Ackerman, Executive Pastor of Zeeland Classis, about the four elements of effective Christian Leadership: character, competencies, convictions and confluence.
- The Consistory discussed its plans to bring fresh coats of paint to various parts of our church property.
- The Elders spent time updating its Member Care Action Plan as well as reviewing the most recent report from the denomination. According to that report there are at least three recommendations for the RCA to consider as it decides how to move into the future. A synopsis of these recommendations is listed below. To find a full copy of the report or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adam.
 - Recommendation #1: *Radically reorganizing the RCA*. This would imply that decisions about ordaining individuals who openly practice homosexuality and whether or not to marry same-sex couples would be decided not by policies of the denomination but rather by preferences of churches. As a result, the RCA would become a denomination where it would be permissible in some classes and impermissible in others to thus ordain and marry accordingly. In some sense, the RCA is already this denomination but not on paper.
 - Recommendation #2: *Form a nonprofit mission agency that is independent of the RCA*. The report acknowledged that some churches will leave the denomination and, as a result, many of the mission organizations and missionaries may lose critical financial support for their ministries. Creating an independent non-profit agency therefore might allow congregations who depart from the RCA to continue their mission support "as is" without having to channel their support through a denomination they are leaving behind. Ultimately this recommendation does not address how to reconcile the divisions previously mentioned.
 - Recommendation #3: *Grace filled-separation*. Research from the report said that in order to financially service a denomination like ours it takes at least 2,000 churches. The RCA currently has less than 1,000 congregations AND its overall membership continues to be in decline. As a result, this third and final recommendation does two things. First, it makes strong suggestions on how churches departing from the RCA can leave on good terms. And second, this recommendation provides insights for churches willing to stay with the RCA on how they can bless those congregations who will be parting ways.
- The financial reports are as the following:
 - General Fund: \$57,231
 - Building Fund: \$11,838
 - Building Maintenance Fund: \$36,217
 - Memorial Fund: \$18,924
 - Love Fund: \$4,518
- The next Elders meeting will be on Monday, September 14, at 6:30pm.
- The next Consistory meeting will be held on Monday, September 28, at 6:30pm.

Severe Weather Guidelines

If a Tornado Watch or Warning has been posted for Allegan County within one hour prior to a church service or 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. Leaders and chairs of committees have the right to conduct an event during a cancellation if they deem the conditions are safe. In such cases, the leaders and chairs are responsible for notifying members and participants to inform them the event is still taking place and where they will be meeting.

Please check one of the following for the status of church activities:

WZZM (TV – Channel 13) wzzm13.com
WOOD (TV – Channel 8) woodtv.com
WXMI (TV – Channel 17) fox17online.com
WCSG (91.3 FM)
Church Office (269) 751-5145
Church Prayer Line (extension 18)

September Mission of the Month

Audio Scripture Ministries
(audio Bibles for Mozambique)

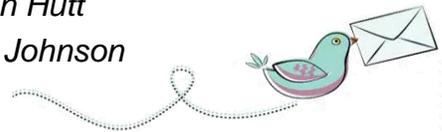
Dates to Remember

September 1 – Personnel Committee
September 2 – Personnel Committee
September 6 – In-Person Morning Worship Service Begin
September 7 – Church Closed for Labor Day
September 10 – LLPP Preschool Open House
September 13 – Children in Worship Begins
September 14 – LLPP Preschool Begins
September 14 – Elders Meeting
September 15 – Quilting Group
September 20 – Special Offering for Zuritas
September 24 – Consistory Nominations Due
September 28 – Consistory Meeting
September 28 – October Heartbeat Deadline

Friends at Home

Please continue to remember our Friends at Home -- send them a note or have your children draw them a picture.

<i>Leona Boerigter</i>	<i>Marlene Joostberns</i>
<i>Jill Broekhuis</i>	<i>Alvina Klein</i>
<i>Harvin Bultman</i>	<i>Jack Poll</i>
<i>Gary Ende</i>	<i>Irene Slotman</i>
<i>Ken Haverdink</i>	<i>Joyce VanDam</i>
<i>Jean Hutt</i>	
<i>Wilma Johnson</i>	



Grant Me Hope's 5th Annual Fall Family FunFest

September 26, 2020 ~ 12:00-6:00pm

Holland Town Center & Nelis' Dutch Village (12330 James St., Holland)

Entrance/admission: FREE WILL DONATION

It is outdoors and IT. IS. ON! We all need a break and some fun with our families, so put the Fall Family FunFest on your calendar and plan to join us for food, laughter, custom semi-trucks, cars and motorcycles and admission to the famous Nelis' Dutch Village!

NOTICE Because of COVID-19, specific details of this event are subject to change, please visit www.grantmehope.org/funfest for up-to-date information.

The day of the event, current protocol to limit the spread of COVID-19 should be adhered to.



September Ministry Helpers

We thank our Ministry Helpers for giving of their time!

Ministry	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
Greeters	Various Consistory Members	Various Consistory Members	Various Consistory Members	Various Consistory Members
Nursery Helpers	Not offered in September			
Children's Message	Not offered in September			
Camera				
PowerPoint	Craig Poll	Tristin Eustice	Kilee Kleinheksel	Mark Kleinheksel
Sound	Paul Bosch	Paul Koopman	Paul Bosch	Brian Kleinheksel
Security Camera	Becky Groenheide	Rylan McCormick	Olivia McCormick	Becky Groenheide
Pianist/Organist	Deb Meiste	TBD	Ruth Brink	TBD
Valet Parking	Not offered in September			

Ice Cream on Us!



Pastor Adam and Drew Boerman, Director of Youth Leadership, will be at the Hawk's Nest patio on Wednesday, September 9, from 6:30-7:30pm buying ice cream cones for the first 100 people that show up.

All we ask is that you consider inviting some of your unchurched friends and family, neighbors and co-workers to join us. Our hope is that in this non-threatening and low-pressure environment we can help people get connected with God's family right here at HRC.

This might be the opportunity you've been looking for to introduce people in your lives to the life of the church and to invite them to worship with us on September 13 for our annual invite someone to church Sunday!



3rd Annual "Invite Someone to Church" Sunday

You invite someone to meet for coffee...to go for a walk...to go out to eat...or to just hang out...but have you ever invited someone to church? On

Sunday, September 13, you are encouraged to invite a friend, neighbor, co-worker, etc. to join you at our 9:30am worship

service for our 3rd annual "Invite Someone to Church" Sunday.

It just might change their life...



September Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Please see the church directory for address*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Bill & Nancy Jacobs (53)</i>	2 <i>Jim & Tracy Van Den Beldt (32)</i>	3 <i>Ashtyn Becksford</i>	4 <i>Sally Elenbaas Sue Lubbers Del & Mary Redder (56)</i>	5 <i>Kamryn Bosch Del VanderPoppen</i>
6 <i>Jim Veldhoff</i>	7 <i>Arie & Hope Doolaard (30)</i>	8 <i>Dave Mazurek Lyla VanDine</i>	9 <i>Don Folkert Donna Jurries Bob Sprik Orv & Thelma Deters (65)</i>	10 <i>Jen Becksford Bonnie DeZwaan Cliff & Loie Sale (56) Vern & Diane Sale (66)</i>	11 <i>Sharon Folkert Mark Woldring</i>	12
13	14 <i>Olivia McCormick</i>	15	16 <i>Eric Becksford Calvin & Pat Kragt (43)</i>	17	18 <i>Pastor Ron Lugten Reed & Sandy Sloothaak (50)</i>	19 <i>Jim Kraker Jerry & Diane VanLente (46)</i>
20	21 <i>Molly Casemier</i>	22 <i>Pastor Adam Van Der Stoep</i>	23 <i>Lisa Hulst Buster Stafford</i>	24 <i>Stan & Adrella Gates (21)</i>	25 <i>Gunner Taratuta</i>	26 <i>Havi Carroll Ron & Grace Eding (52) Earl & Linda Smit (51)</i>
27 <i>John & Sherry Kleinheksel (52)</i>	28 <i>Kevin & Debbie Kroeze (29)</i>	29 <i>Eleanor DeWeerd Paula VandenBrink</i>	30 <i>Stu Wassink</i>	October 1 <i>Lane & Veta Lohman (49)</i>	October 2 <i>Libby Casemier Jon Schrotenboer Eric & Jen Becksford (16)</i>	October 3

Special Offering



Marvin & Tabitha Zurita, missionaries supported by HRC, recently left their ministry in Guatemala and moved back to the United States. With them they carried all of their belongings in the few suitcases they own. Thankfully they were able to secure housing at the Ottagon Trailer Park in Zeeland, but the transition has not been easy. Please consider bringing a special offering for the Zurita family on Sunday morning, September 20 to help them adjust to life in West Michigan.



September 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30pm Personnel Committee	2 10:00am Pantry 6:30pm Personnel Committee	3 8:45am Staff Mtg. 5:00pm Pantry	4 10:00am Pantry	5
6 9:30am Pastor Adam	7 Church Closed 	8	9 10:00am Pantry	10 8:45am Staff Mtg. LLPP Preschool Open House	11 10:00am Pantry  Remembering 9/11	12
13 9:30am Pastor Adam Children in Worship	14 8:30am Prayer Group 8:45am Preschool 10:00am Pantry 6:30pm Elders Meeting	15 8:45am Preschool 1:00pm Quilting Group	16 8:45am Preschool 10:00am Pantry	17 8:45am Staff Mtg. 8:45am Preschool 5:00pm Pantry	18 8:45am Preschool 10:00am Pantry	19
20 9:30am Rev. David Bast Special Offering for Zuritas Children in Worship	21 8:45am Preschool 10:00am Pantry	22 8:45am Preschool	23 8:45am Preschool 10:00am Pantry	24 8:45am Staff Mtg. 8:45am Preschool Consistory Nominations Due	25 8:45am Preschool 10:00am Pantry	26
27 9:30am Pastor Adam Children in Worship	28 October Heartbeat Deadline 8:30am Prayer Group 8:45am Preschool 10:00am Pantry 6:30pm Consistory Meeting	29 8:45am Preschool	30 8:45am Preschool 10:00am Pantry	October 1 8:00am Moms In Prayer (Adult) 8:45am Staff Mtg. 8:45am Preschool 9:00am Moms In Prayer (HMS/HHS) 5:00pm Pantry	October 2 8:45am Preschool 10:00am Pantry	October 3