

Rev. Adam Van Der Stoep

3554 M-40, Hamilton, MI 49419

hamiltonreformedchurch@gmail.com

www.hamiltonreformedchurch.org

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-1:00pm

(269) 751-5145 Prayer Line (269) 751-5422

Morning Worship Service – Rev. Dave DeHaan

Scripture: James 5:1-12

Message: “Establish Your Heart for the Coming of Christ”

No Evening Worship Service

Congregational & Community News

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Service: You are invited to join us on Facebook on Wednesday, November 25, at 7:00pm for our Thanksgiving Eve worship service. Thanksgiving offerings may be dropped off at church during office hours or mailed in.

Congregational Meeting: Watch your mailbox for a Congregational Business information packet.

Tithes & Gifts: The Deacons would like to thank you for your faithful support and encourage you to continue to remember your tithes and gifts while our in-person worship services are paused. Offerings may be dropped off at church during regular office hours, or mailed in. You can also sign up for E-tithing by picking up a form in the office.

Christmas Cards for Our Friends

at Home: This year has been especially hard on those who are not able to worship with us regularly. You are encouraged to send some Christmas cheer to them by sending them a card (addresses can be found in your address directory with a list of names near the front). You can also bring unaddressed cards to church and place them in the box on the ledge outside the library by Sunday, December 13 – please bundle your cards together with a rubber band. We will include the cards when we deliver poinsettias.

Urgent Update from the COVID Task Force & Consistory

After closely monitoring the surge of positive coronavirus cases in our area, HRC's COVID Task Force met with Consistory on Sunday, November 15. The COVID Task Force noted that when the state first shut down in March there were approximately 467 positive daily cases in Michigan. As of November 12, there were approximately 6,900 positive daily cases in Michigan. For this reason, the COVID Task Force recommended that the Consistory take decisive action to keep our church and our community safe.

The Consistory decided that, while drive-in services are not out of the question at some point in the future, the best course of action, for now, was to suspend in-person worship and resume our online services. **Therefore, until further notice, all worship services at HRC will be held virtually.**

We grieve the loss of not gathering as we move into the Advent season but are convinced that virtual services will be the best way to keep everyone safe. You can expect that our worship services will be posted online on our Facebook page each Sunday morning at 9:30am. We are looking into starting a YouTube channel. Check the December Heartbeat for more details. If you would like a DVD copy of the service, contact the office.

Please know that the COVID Task Force and Consistory will continue to monitor the spread of COVID in our area. And, as always, if you have any questions feel free to contact the office or any member of the Consistory.

~The COVID Task Force & HRC Consistory

Mailings & DVDs: Once again, the HRC Pulse and Heartbeat will be available via email or on our website. Mailboxes will not be stuffed as long as we are not worshipping inside the building. If you would like to stay connected to your HRC family while we are apart, please contact the office and we can mail you our printed publications. Let us know if you would also like a DVD copy of the worship service.

Attention Secret Pals: We will not be holding our annual secret pal reveal this year and as December approaches, we ask that you reach out to your secret pal with a small gift and let them know who you are. If you would like to participate in the secret pal program in 2021, please stop by church and fill out a pink paper by December 6 (or contact the church office and they will fill out a paper for you).

Prayer Corner

Praises for:

- Buster Stafford received a good doctor report and is cancer free

Recovery & Rehab:

- Ken Haverdink
- Greg Kalmink

Undergoing Treatments:

- Brandon Boerigter

Our Sympathies to:

- Orv & Thelma Deters on the passing of Thelma's brother, David Beagle, on Sunday, November 15

Friend at Home of the Week:

Jack Poll

Missionary of the Week:

Bethany Flynn
 PO Box 61081
 Fairbanks, AK 99706
 Email: bethanyf@protonmail.com

Ministry Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for the ministries of Hungry For Christ and Love INC. as they minister to those in need in the surrounding area. Pray for the staff of each organization and that these ministries can reach the community with hope, healing and an understanding of God's love for them whatever their circumstance in life.

November Mission of the Month

Zeeland Classis Planning & Development - Asking

Tithes & Offerings

November 15 Total - \$8,710
 Dropped Off - \$6,530 E-file - \$2,180
\$7,560 needed weekly to maintain budget

Happening this Week

Sunday, November 22

9:30am Rev. Dave DeHaan
 (on Facebook)

Monday, November 23

8:45am Preschool
 10:00am Pantry
 6:30pm Consistory Meeting

Tuesday, November 24

8:45am Preschool

Wednesday, November 25

10:00am Pantry
 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship
 Service – (on Facebook)

Thursday, November 26

Church Closed

Friday, November 27

Church Closed

Saturday, November 28

A Look Ahead...

Sunday, November 29

9:30am Pastor Adam
 (on Facebook)

THE JAMES CHALLENGE

Week 9: November 23-28 | James 5:13-20

The James Challenge is simple. Take time this week to read, write, pray and share from the book of James. As you do, use resources on the front and back of this sheet.

DAY 1 - READ IT: Set aside a quiet time and place to prayerfully read James 5:13-20 two times through. After reading through your second time, on the backside of this sheet, write down a list of any words or phrases that catch your eye or prick your heart.

DAY 2 - WRITE IT: Take time to intentionally re-write James 5:13-20 word for word on a separate sheet of paper. As you write, ask yourself: *What stands out to me today that I didn't catch while reading yesterday?* Write down any thoughts you might have and add them to your list on the backside of this sheet.

DAY 3 - PRAY IT: Spend meaningful time reflecting on what you have read and rewritten from James 5:13-20. Looking back at the lists of words or phrases you've noticed so far, what is God laying on your heart today? Listen carefully for what God may be speaking to you as you allow the words from James 5:13-20 to shape your prayer.

DAY 4 - SHARE IT: Take time to share with someone what you have taken away from James 5:13-20. Share your insights in conversation around the dinner table, over a phone call with a friend, email your reflections to someone who could use a bit of encouragement, or post to your social media accounts (using the hashtag #HRCjameschallenge).

WORDS & PHRASES

On day one and two of the James Challenge use this space to list all of the words or phrases that catch your eye or prick your heart.
