

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | September 29, 2024

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

“Miriam’s Watch”

Exodus 2:1-10

Today we hear a story of God’s providence that is for more than just one individual, but a foretaste for a whole people. Notice the one who is watching, waiting to see how things play out. What role do we play as life rolls along?

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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: John & Libby Casemier and family

Nursery Volunteers: Luanne Elenbaas, Matthew Fales

Children In Worship: Deb Meiste, Grayson Rozendaal

Next Week (October 6):

Greeters: Bern & Donna Diekema

Nursery Volunteers: Bev Ende, Olivia McCormick

Children In Worship: Lynn Bosch, Kendra Bosch

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-12th Grade meet downstairs
 - Preschool (3-4 Years Old) meets in Room 101
 - Kindergarten-1st grade meets in Room 107
 - 2nd Grade meets in Room 106
 - 3rd-4th Grade meets in Room 109
 - 5th-7th Grade meets in Room 108
 - 8th-12th Grade meets in the Youth Room
- Women's Bible Study begins today in the Conference Room

The Gathering (high school youth group): 6:00pm

This Week

Sunday, September 29

9:30am Sunday Worship
Children In Worship
10:45am Sunday School
6:00pm The Gathering

Wednesday, October 2

5:44pm Wednesday Night
Kick-Off at Heath
Township Ball Fields
6:15pm Gravitate to MOB

Friday, October 4

10:00am Pantry

A Look Ahead

Sunday, October 6

Communion

Wednesday, October 9

Wednesday Night Activities
Begin

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.

Joy Closet

We are pleased to join with Joy Closet as an additional mission effort. Joy Closet provides free clothing and items for foster, adoptive, and kinship families. New and used clothing newborn to 3XL, toys, books, coats, backpacks, school supplies and toiletries are all accepted and may be placed in the labeled laundry basket near the interior courtyard door.

It's Time for Playgroup & Library!

We're excited to welcome you back to playgroup. Playgroup and library begin on Wednesday, October 2. If you are a parent or grandparent of children ages infant to preschool, you are invited to join us on Wednesdays for playgroup, library and fellowship. Playgroup will begin at 10:30am. Coffee will be available and kids can play with toys inside or on the playground in the courtyard. The library will open at 11:30am to check out books. We hope to see you there!

Communion

Next Sunday, October 6, we will join others around the world in a celebration of the Lord's Supper. Take time this week to prepare your hearts. Communion Vespers will be served on October 13 following the worship service.

Primary Department Needs

The primary department is in need of a few items:

- CLEAN, empty one-gallon milk jugs
- brown paper grocery bags
- boxes of Kleenex

Items should be placed in the Sunday School tote outside the library.

Thanks for all your support!

September Mission of the Month

Audio Scripture Ministries
(players for Mozambique)

Audio Scripture Ministries helps connect people to God's Word in their own heart language by recording and distributing Bible and Bible Engagement resources in audio.

Missionary of the Week
Sandi Nyboer

Ministry Focus

Please pray for Josiah & Alyssa Walcott as they work with kids whose parents are overseas in the military.

Please Pray for:

- Dick Bonzelaar has returned home where he continues to recover following heart valve repair surgery

A Note of Thanks

Thank you for all the prayers and cards, as well as words of concern and encouragement we received during Dave's surgery and recovery. Thanks also to Pastor Kevin and Pastor Ron for their visits and calls. It's so wonderful to have a caring church family that walks with you through times like this.

Dave & Sally Elenbaas

Wednesday Night Meals Needed!

We are excited for Wednesday Night Meals to begin again on October 9 and we need YOUR help to make them a success! Each committee/group is asked to sign up for ONE FAMILY MEAL NIGHT during the course of the education year. Not a member of a committee? Gather up a few of your friends and sign up for one of the meal dates. Your group would be in charge of planning, purchasing ingredients, preparing and serving the meal. (the cost of ingredients will be reimbursed; all tableware will be provided). Fall Session open dates:

October 16

October 23

November 6

November 13

Sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Please list what your meal will be when you sign up. Please contact Pat Kragt if you have questions.

Need a meal idea? We now have a cookbook with recipes for large meals (available in the kitchen, office, and online on the "Get Involved" page).

Please Continue to Pray for:

Continuing Care

Dave Elenbaas

Donna Ende

Friend at Home

Nellie Brower

Education Volunteers

Jen Becksford

Ryleigh Becksford

Tech Booth Volunteers

All those who assist in the Tech Booth – helping with sound, video and projection

Tithes & Offerings

September 22 Total - \$7,280

Offering - \$6,015

E-tithe - \$1,265

*\$8,117 needed weekly
to maintain budget*

Updates from Children's Ministry

Nicki Boerman & Gracie Bosch – Children's Ministry Coordinators - hrcchildren@gmail.com

Kid Connection

This year in Kid Connection we will start by building our armor as we learn about the Armor of God and we will finish our year learning about the Fruits of the Spirit. We appreciate all the donations that have come in. Stay tuned and we'll show you what kind of fun things we were able to do with them.

Volunteer Needs

Please see the bulletin board for Children In Worship openings (all materials provided).



Dates to Remember

October 2

Wednesday Night Kick-Off at the Community Ball Fields (next to Hamilton Elementary)

October 9

Wednesday Night Activities Begin

Student Ministries

Grow: 4th-5th Grade / Gravitate: 6th-8th Grade / The Gathering: 9th-12th Grade

Andy & Erin Rozendaal – Directors of Youth Leadership - hamrefyouth@gmail.com

Gravitate - 6th-8th Grade

Meets Wednesdays – 6:30-7:30pm

Calendar

October 2: MOB

October 9: Lesson

October 16: Hand2Hand Service Project

October 23: Lesson

October 30: Serve Dinner, Halloween Party

The Gathering - 9th-12th Grade

Meets Sundays – 6:00-7:30pm

Calendar

October 6: Movie Night

October 13: Lesson

October 20: Lesson

October 27: Halloween Party

Grow - 4th-5th Grade

Meets Wednesday – 6:30-7:30pm

Calendar

October 9: Game Night

October 16: Lesson "Follow God"

October 23: Lesson "Worship Only God"

October 30: Halloween Party with Kid Connection

There are meal support and supply needs to help the youth groups run smoothly this year. Please check outside of Andy and Erin's office (back hallway) for ways you can help. We appreciate your support!

Please remember our October Prayer Buddies in your prayers!



Zander Boerman

Parents: Phil & Nicki Boerman

Birthday: July 21

Age / Grade: 13 years old / 7th grade

I like to: build things, ride my bike, and do puzzles

Prayer Request: Please pray that I continue to make friends and learn to be patient with others



Clara Haskill

Parents: Nick & Lisa Haskill

Birthday: January 18

Age: 2 years old

I like to: play with my brothers, ride my bike and play outside

Prayer Request: Please pray that I continue to grow healthy and strong, learning more about God and His great love for me



Kamryn Bosch

Parents: Mike & Gracie Bosch

Birthday: September 5

Age / Grade: 11 years old / 5th grade

I like to: play with friends, go boating and spend time with family

Prayer Request: Please pray for health, safety, and a good year adjusting to middle school



Parker Boerman

Parents: Danny & Brooke Boerman

Birthday: July 28

Age / Grade: 4 years old / preschool

I like to: play with cars and in the sandbox

Prayer Request: Please pray that I am brave for school

Wednesday Nights at HRC

Wednesday Night Kick-Off on Wednesday, October 2
Join us at the community ball fields next to Hamilton
Elementary for a fun night of food and fellowship!

Wednesday Night Programs begin on October 9

Our Wednesday Night is designed around giving families a night to set aside in their week to rejoin the church family and celebrate what has happened that week over a shared meal and programming for students three years old – 8th grade. Wednesday night meals are served in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45pm until 6:15pm. All are welcome to these meals...free of charge!

Youth Praise Team: Our Youth Praise Team is for students 2nd – 12th grade and will meet on Wednesday evenings. We will learn new songs for Praise and Worship and talk about the meanings of the songs and incorporate Bible verses as well as a time of prayer. Practices will be held 6:00-6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Kid Connection: Three Years Old – 3rd Grade:

This year in Kid Connection, we will be studying the Armor of God in our fall semester and then moving to the Fruits of the Spirit in our spring semester. As always we will do our scripture portion together, split into groups for games and crafts and come back together to wrap up. We're looking forward to another year of laughs, fun and learning.

Grow: 4th – 5th Grade: Grow is set up like youth group while offering more challenging material than Kid Connection. This year's topic is "Unlikely Encounters". Grow meets on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30pm in Room 8 in the back hallway.

Gravitate (6th – 8th Grade Youth Group): Gravitate meetings are held on Wednesday evenings in the Youth Room downstairs 6:30-7:30pm.

Wednesday Night Meals

Meals are served
5:45-6:15pm in the
Fellowship Hall.

October Meals

October 2

Kick-Off – Pizza

October 9

Cold cuts, hot dogs
and tater tots served by
the Kitchen Staff

October 16

HELP NEEDED!

October 23

HELP NEEDED!

October 30

TBD served by Gravitate

Please contact Pat Kragt if
you have any questions.

Desserts Needed

We are in need of desserts
each week for our
Wednesday Night meals.
Please sign up on the
bulletin board outside
the kitchen.

Community Events & Opportunities

Red Cross Blood Drive

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, October 10, from 12:00-6:00pm 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 (not required, but recommended), visit: redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Sponsor code: Hamiltonreformed

Area Flu Shot Clinics

Family Fare will be providing flu shots in the area:

- Wednesday, October 2, from 9:00am-12:00pm at Haven Reformed Church (4691 Oak St.)
- Thursday, October 3, from 5:00-8:00pm The Hall behind Overisel Reformed Church (4201 47th St.)

Flu shots will be offered for children and adults aged 5 years and up. Please bring your prescription insurance card and/or Medicare card with you and these will be FREE (\$0). Also, new this year, feel free to bring in any unwanted medications (excluding pain medications) for safe and proper disposal.

Love INC Sponsor-a-Family

It's that time already! Love INC is seeking a number of sponsors to help out this Christmas. As we approach the holiday season in these next couple of months, would you consider whether you, your family, your small group or neighborhood could sponsor a local family for Christmas? Sponsors are asked to spend about \$50 per family member on some practical needs and a fun gift. Your generosity will be such a blessing to families in need! To learn more, call the Love INC Allegan County office at (269) 751-2533 and ask for Sarah, or email sarah@loveincnwa.org.

Urgent Household Goods Needs at Love INC

Do you have gently used household goods you could donate? Could you purchase some new, quality items to help restock our pantries? Love INC is in need of the following items: silverware, pots and pans, rugs, clocks, and plastic bowls. Donations can be dropped off at the Love INC office in Hamilton, Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm.

Consistory Chronicles

September Elders / Consistory Meetings

The Consistory held its September meeting and reviewed a number of ministry and mission items within the life of the church.

- The Executive Team reported that we have cleared a necessary hurdle that moves us one step closer to re-incorporation following our departure from the RCA and move toward the Alliance of Reformed Churches. The work done thus far also assists other sister churches in making this next step.
- Deacons continue to work on our financial accounting transition and related software, as well as reported that they have begun working on the budget for 2025. In addition, they continue to explore best practices for communicating the church's financial position.
- The Consistory reviewed the Nominations presented from the Congregation and will begin the process of discerning who is called to the next term of Elder or Deacon. We invite the congregation to be in prayer for those called to discern God's will of a possible calling.
- Looking ahead, the Consistory decided that this year we will have a Christmas Day service. Haven Reformed will hold a Christmas Eve service.
- The next Executive Team meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21. The next Elders and Consistory meetings are scheduled for Monday, October 28.

2024 Consistory

Elders

Dave Bakker
Terry Dougan
Scott Essenburg
Calvin Kragt
Jeff Reuschel
Jim Van Den Beldt

Deacons

Larry Boerman
Todd Burton
Ross Eding
Rick Eustice
Tyler Taratuta
Tom Weerstra

Consistory Officers

Vice President

Jeff Reuschel

Clerk

Scott Essenburg

Congregational Life

Dave Bakker

Spiritual Formation

Jim Van Den Beldt

Service & Outreach

Calvin Kragt

Deacon Chair

Tyler Taratuta

Treasurer

Rick Eustice

Facility/Property

Tom Weerstra, chair





Larry Boerman

Ross Eding

Love Fund & Budget

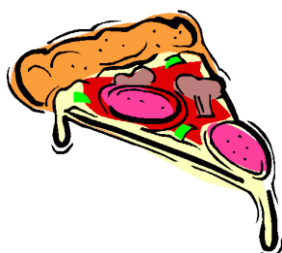
Todd Burton

October Ministry Volunteers

Ministry	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Greeters	Bern & Donna Diekema	Arie & Hope Doolaard	Pat & Kris Driscoll	Jim Dubbink
Nursery	Bev Ende Olivia McCormick	Jen Becksford Ryleigh Becksford	Gracie Bosch Kendra Bosch	Lisa Haskill Anna Hart
Children's Message	Diane VanLente			
Children In Worship	Lynn Bosch Kendra Bosch	Ryleigh Becksford Brooke Mulder	Shelly Boerman Kamryn Bosch	
Camera	Nathan Hart	Jerry VanLente	Missy Eustice	Ryan Lindholm
PowerPoint	Ryleigh Becksford	Craig Poll	Kilee Kleinheksel	Mark Kleinheksel
Sound	Colin Eding	Brian Kleinheksel	Jeff Mulder	Tim Bleeker
Pianist/ Organist	Ruth Brink	Sherry Kleinheksel	Nancy Kleinheksel	Deb Meiste
Praise Team	Calvin, Lane, Lisa, Gracie & Kendra	Youth Praise Team	Brian, Tim, Molly, Anna & Madison	Instrumentalists, Dave & Paul

Valet Parking: Lynn Elenbaas

Wednesday Night Kick Off !!!



Join us as we kick off our Wednesday Night activities
on October 2 at the community ball fields
next to Hamilton Elementary!

The night begins at 5:44pm with PIZZA!

Following the meal, enjoy a time of fellowship or play on the playground.
Invite your friends!!! *Parents/adults MUST stay with their children.*

We hope to see YOU there!!!

Our regular Wednesday Night programming begins on October 9.

(see page 7 for all the details)

October

Birthdays

- October 2: Libby Casemier
Jon Schrotenboer
- October 7: Clara TenHagen*
- October 8: Dylan Eding
Ruth Keegstra
- October 10: Donna Lampen
- October 11: Ryan Lindholm
- October 14: Gary Jurries
- October 15: Anna Hart
- October 16: Kevin King
Sandy Kleinheksel
- October 17: Marianne Yonker*
- October 18: Kris Driscoll
- October 19: Dale Brower
- October 22: Betty Spaman
- October 23: Danny Boerman
Lisa Helder
Jerry VanLente
- October 25: Ryleigh Becksford
Aiden Boerman
- October 26: Ardella Gates
- October 27: Grace (Lindholm) Boeve
Kathy Weerstra
- October 28: Deb Zalsman
- October 29: Donna Ende*
- October 31: Nancy Kleinheksel

**Address can be found in the address directory.*

CONGRATULATIONS

- Vern & Alvina Klein are celebrating their 60th anniversary
- Scott & Pam Devereaux are celebrating their 40th anniversary
- Jon Schrotenboer is celebrating his 90th birthday
- Clara Ten Hagen is celebrating her 90th birthday
- Dale Brower is celebrating his 96th birthday
- Betty Spaman is celebrating her 92nd birthday
- Donna Ende is celebrating her 94th birthday

Please celebrate with them by sending a card.

Anniversaries

- October 1, 1971
Lane & Veta Lohman
- October 1, 1976
Gord & Deb Zalsman
- October 2, 2004
Eric & Jen Becksford
- October 4, 1997
Jeff & Lisa Hulst
- October 5, 1990
Mark & Sara Groenheide
- October 7, 2017
Gregg & Sue Brower
- October 9, 1970
Dave & Kay Bakker
- October 9, 1964
Vern & Alvina Klein
- October 10, 1968
Jack & Ann Eding
- October 10, 1980
Bill & Karen MacKechnie
- October 10, 2015
Tyler & Jackie Taratuta
- October 22, 1982
Scott & Laurie Mulder
- October 22, 1971
Warren & Claudia VanderKolk
- October 24, 1980
Scott & Joy Essenburg
- October 26, 1984
Scott & Pam Devereaux
- October 29, 1965
Dale & Carla VanderPoppen

Happening in October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 10:30am Play Group 11:30am Library 5:44pm Wednesday Night Kick-Off at Heath Township Ball Field 6:15pm Gravitate to MOB	3	4 10:00am Pantry	5
6 9:30am Worship <i>Children In Worship</i> 10:45am Sunday School 6:00pm The Gathering	7	8	9 10:30am Play Group 11:30am Library 5:45pm Meal 6:00pm Youth Praise Team 6:30pm Gravitate, Grow, Kid Connection	10 12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive	11 10:00am Pantry	12 6:00am Men's Bible Study
13 9:30am Worship <i>Children In Worship</i> 10:45am Sunday School 6:00pm The Gathering	14 8:30am Prayer Group	15 1:00pm Quilting Group	16 10:30am Play Group 11:30am Library 5:45pm Meal 6:00pm Youth Praise Team 6:30pm Gravitate, Grow, Kid Connection	17 9:15am Staff Meeting	18 10:00am Pantry <i>Hamilton El. Released Time</i>	19
20 9:30am Worship <i>Children In Worship</i> 10:45am Sunday School 6:00pm The Gathering	21 5:30pm Executive Team Meeting	22	23 10:30am Play Group 11:30am Library 5:45pm Meal 6:00pm Youth Praise Team 6:30pm Gravitate, Grow, Kid Connection	24 9:15am Staff Meeting	25 10:00am Pantry	26 6:00am Men's Bible Study 8:00am Scrapbooking
27 9:30am Worship <i>Children In Worship</i> 10:45am Sunday School 6:00pm The Gathering	28 8:30am Prayer Group 6:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Consistory Meeting	29	30 10:30am Play Group 11:30am Library 5:45pm Meal 6:00pm Youth Praise Team 6:30pm Gravitate, Grow, Kid Connection	31 9:15am Staff Meeting		