

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | September 1, 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

JOIN US IN-PERSON OR ONLINE | SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM

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<https://www.youtube.com/@hamiltonreformedchurch4058/streams>

Sunday Morning Pastor Kevin Hart

"The Implanted Word"

James 1:16-27

James gives us direction to turn away from our previous actions and to replace those patterns with the implanted Word of God.



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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: Doug Brower, Lori Brower

Nursery Volunteers: Holly Cochrane, Brianna Fales

Next Week (September 8):

Greeters: Todd & Kathy Burton

Nursery Volunteers: Sandy Mulder, Brooke Mulder

Attention ALL Ministry Volunteers

ALL volunteers involved in any type of student ministries are invited and encouraged to attend a brief meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 8, shortly after the morning service. This includes:

- Children In Worship
- Sunday School
- Kid Connection
- Grow
- Youth Group (Gravitate & The Gathering)

You will receive your schedules for the coming educational year (dates and times of your classes) and a few other brief bits of information. You may also have your family sit in with you as there will be a CUPCAKE for each person there!

Fall Programming Dates

Mark your calendar with the following dates:

- September 8 – Children In Worship begins
- September 8 – The Gathering kick-off
- September 15 – Sunday School begins
- September 22 – NO Sunday School

This Week

Sunday, September 1

9:30am Sunday Worship

Monday, September 2

Church Closed

Tuesday, September 3

6:30pm Personnel Team Meeting

Friday, September 6

10:00am Pantry

A Look Ahead

Sunday, September 8

Volunteer Commissioning
Children In Worship Begins
Volunteer Meeting

Sunday, September 15

Sunday School Begins

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.

Women's Sunday School Class

All women are welcome and encouraged to join this class. We are currently studying "Live Hopefully: A Study in the Book of Nehemiah" by Lenya Heitzig. We are learning that hope gives us confident expectations for our futures. This class will begin on September 29. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the kitchen. Please sign up by September 15 (or contact Arlynn Immink) so a book can be ordered if you need one.

Kids Hope Fall 2024 - Get Connected

Please consider joining the Kids Hope program at Hamilton Reformed. Many of our church members have been involved over the years and we are so thankful for each and every one that has helped to build relationships with our students and local education community. If you're interested in joining and getting connected with Kids Hope, please contact Joy Essenburg at: KidsHopeHRC@gmail.com or call/text (269) 751-5431.

Harvest Table

You are invited to bring excess produce from your garden to church to share with others. Please leave items on the designated table in the lobby. You are welcome to take home what you can use. If you have extra bags at home, please bring those, too.

Sunday School classes begin September 15 as we are still in need of at least two teachers. Please pray asking God if this is where He is calling YOU to serve. Talk to Nicki or Gracie for more information or sign up on the Children's Ministry bulletin board.

- 3rd - 4th Grade (4-8 students)
- Substitute Teachers

Sunday School Teacher Needs

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
Dean & Christine VanFarowe
Calvary Reformed Church

Ministry Focus

Please pray for Dean & Christine VanFarowe as they continue their ministry at Calvary Reformed Church in Cleveland.

Please Pray for:

- Dave Elenbaas continues to recover at Meijer Heart Center following open heart surgery.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you for all the beautiful birthday cards I received.
Joyce VanDam

Consistory Nominations

Ballots for Elder and Deacon nominations have been placed in mailboxes (or mailed). Pray for God's guidance in the selection of individuals to fill these leadership positions. Ballots must be received in the office no later than Thursday, September 19, and may be mailed to the office or placed in the designated box on the ledge outside of the library.

Consistory Chronicles

The Consistory met and reviewed the summer activities including the Mission Trip and VBS and related highlights. We heard a report from one of our Elders who attended the The Harvest Network (our part in the Alliance of Reformed Churches) and relayed some of the structure that is now forming. Opportunities are available for members who would like to grow in one's ministry through the Harvest Network. We continue to work out steps necessary in forming a new Corporation independent of our previous RCA attachments. The Consistory wants to remind people to take time to fill out Nominations for the upcoming Consistory. Finally, we reviewed items that we will discuss at our next meeting.

The Elders spent time discussing items related to the Spiritual Life of the church including a review of worship, possible education opportunities, and review of members in need of special care.

The Deacons reported on present projects, the financial updates within the office, and some discussion of future budget items.

Please Continue to Pray for:

Continuing Care

Donna Ende
Bill Jacobs

Friend at Home

Marianne Yonker

Nursery

All who volunteer to watch over our littlest ones during the worship service and Holly for coordinating their schedule.

Tithes & Offerings

August 25 Total - \$9,610

Offering - \$8,345

E-tithe - \$1,265

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

August Mission of the Month
(Harvest Network): \$650

Updates from Children's Ministry

We're so excited for this year's programming to start. Thank you everyone who has volunteered!! Sunday school starts in just a few short weeks and we are still looking for a few teachers as well as additional volunteers for Children In Worship. If you feel led to fill those slots or are willing to help out for a specific month please talk to Nicki or Gracie.

Student Registration, Prayer Buddies & Media Releases

Student Registration forms, Prayer Buddies information and Media Releases were all due last week. ***Student registration forms are required for children 3 years old – 5th grade.*** Each child must have an updated registration form on file every year in order to participate in HRC education programs. We would love to pray specifically for your children! Fill out a Prayer Buddy questionnaire so we can pray specifically for your child(ren). The Prayer Buddies program is for ALL children infant through 12th grade. Media Release Forms give us permission to share photos of your child and is required for **ALL children** infant through 18 years old. Paper forms are available on the ledge outside of the library.

Volunteers Wanted

Please pray asking God if this is where He is calling YOU to serve. Sign up on the Children's Ministry bulletin board. Specific volunteer needs include:

Sunday Morning

- Children's Message Presenters
- Children In Worship

Sunday School

- 3rd – 4th Grade
- Substitute Teachers



Dates to Remember

September 8

Volunteer Commissioning
Volunteer Meeting
Children In Worship Begins

September 15

Sunday School Begins

September 22

NO Sunday School
(Hamilton Schools off)

October 2

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

October 9

Wednesday Night
Activities Begin

Please remember our September Prayer Buddies in your prayers!



Huntleigh Taratuta

Parents: Tyler & Jackie Taratuta

Birthday: April 13

Age / Grade: 4 years old / preschool

I like to: sing, dance, play outside and swim

Prayer Request: Please pray for continued good health, that I continue to learn new things and get ready for kindergarten next year



Wyatt Haskill

Parents: Nick & Lisa Haskill

Birthday: July 30

Age: 1 year old

I like to: play outside, go for stroller rides, and play with my brother and sister

Prayer Request: Please pray that I continue to grow healthy and strong and that I may start to grasp how much God loves me



Breslin Boerman

Parents: Danny & Brooke Boerman

Birthday: March 2

Age / Grade: 8 years old / 3rd grade

I like to: swim, play outside, and play with Polly Pockets

Prayer Request: Please pray that I learn to control my temper and be patient



Kendra Bosch

Parents: Mike & Gracie

Birthday: November 15

Age / Grade: 13 years old / 8th grade

I like to: hang out with friends, play sports, spend time with family, boating and snowmobiling

Prayer Request: Please pray for health, safety, and a good last year in middle school

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

Student Ministries have an exciting year ahead of them!

Thank you to those who donated gift cards and food for the year! Take a look at our bulletin board as we will be updating photos and our monthly calendar.

Gravitate

Meets Wednesdays – 6:30-7:30pm

Leaders: John Casemier
Holly Cochrane
Julie Woldring
Andy & Erin Rozendaal

Calendar

September 25: Kick-Off at church
(campfire, hobo pies,
games)

October 2: MOB

The Gathering

Meets Sundays – 6:00-7:30pm

Leaders: Colin Eding
Tyler & Jackie Taratuta
Andy & Erin Rozendaal

Calendar

September 8: Kick-Off (Whitecaps Game)
September 15: Lesson and campfire
September 22: Service Night – firewood at
Love INC
September 29 - Lesson

Grow

Meets Wednesday – 6:30-7:30pm

4th & 5th grade students – we are looking forward to the beginning of another wonderful year of learning. Our theme this year is “Unlikely Encounters”.

Calendar

October 2: Kick-Off at Heath Township Park

Check our bulletin board for ways you can help!

We will have sign-up sheets for things like meals or snacks needed for our group.

Education Opportunities

Children In Worship begins Sunday, September 8

Sunday School begins Sunday, September 15

Sunday School is held 10:45-11:30am

- Three Years Old – 12th Grade meet in various classrooms downstairs
 - Three Years Old – 2nd Grade will be using the “Hands On” Bible curriculum
 - 3rd – 4th Grade will be using the “Dig In” curriculum
 - 5th – 12th Grade will meet downstairs. Class breakdown and topic TBD.

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

- Women’s Bible Study – Meets weekly during Sunday School (10:45-11:30am) in the Conference Room. All women are welcome! (see page 3 for more information)
- Men’s Bible Study – Meets every other week on Saturday mornings at 6:00am in the Conference Room. Our first meeting is September 14.

Middle School & High School Youth Groups

- Gravitare (6th – 8th Grade Youth Group) – Gravitare meetings are held on Wednesday evenings in the Youth Room downstairs 6:30-7:30pm. Our kick-off is September 25 for a campfire and games at church.
- The Gathering (9th – 12th Grade Youth Group) – The Gathering meets on Sunday evenings in the Youth Room downstairs from 6:00-7:30pm. Our kick-off is September 8 for a Whitecaps game.

Children In Worship

This program is for children from three years old – Kindergarten.

Children are dismissed from the morning worship service and meet in the Red Carpet Room downstairs. While in Children In Worship, the students will be exploring the Bible using the “Leading Children in Worship” curriculum. This curriculum uses wooden figures to allow the children to see and feel the characters and stories. A small snack will also be served. At the conclusion of the worship service, children will be brought upstairs for a cookie before returning downstairs for their Sunday School session.

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 learning about the Armor of God and the Fruits of the Spirit. 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

We are excited for Wednesday Night Meals beginning October 9!

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

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. The sign-up sheets for both Fall and Winter sessions are located 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.

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.

September Ministry Volunteers

Ministry	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Greeters	Doug Brower Lori Brower	Todd & Kathy Burton	Paul & Amy Carroll	Larry & Holly Cochrane family	John & Libby Casemier family
Nursery	Holly Cochrane Brianna Fales	Sandy Mulder Brooke Mulder	Erin Rozendaal Zoe Rozendaal	Libby Casemier Callie Casemier	Luanne Elenbaas Matthew Fales
Children's Message	--	--	--	Diane VanLente	Molly Casemier
Camera	Nathan Hart	Jerry VanLente	Missy Eustice	Ryan Lindholm	Eric Helder
PowerPoint	Mark Kleinheksel	Ryleigh Becksford	Craig Poll	Kilee Kleinheksel	Mark Kleinheksel
Sound	Colin Eding	Brian Kleinheksel	Jeff Mulder	Tim Bleeker	Paul Koopman
Pianist/ Organist	Deb Meiste	Sherry Kleinheksel	Nancy Kleinheksel	Nancy Kleinheksel	Sherry Kleinheksel
Praise Team	Dave, Paul, Gracie & Kendra	Tim, Lane, Lisa & Molly	Brian, Dave, Kathy, Anna & Madison	Brian, Calvin, Jen & Ashtyn	Instrumentalists, Paul & Tim

Grant Me Hope's 9th Annual Family FUNFEST

Saturday, September 21 ~ 12:00-6:00pm ~ Dutch Village

Grant Me Hope's Family FunFest has:

BIG TRUCKS! from all over West Michigan! Some new, some old, but all BIG!

CARS & MOTORCYCLES! Unique cars come out every year! Don't miss it.

Registration at 11:00am, \$20 per vehicle. Trophies awarded.

DUTCH VILLAGE! Fun rides and activities, a petting zoo, gorgeous flower beds and lots Dutch history, exhibits, demonstrations and performances!

FOOD! We'll serve a picnic meal inside Dutch Village starting at noon.

FREE WILL DONATION

Visit grantmehope.org/funfest or email info@grantmehope.org for more information!

Compassionate Heart's Annual Friends of the Heart Gala

Thursday, September 26

Join us for a night of fun celebrating our Shining Stars! Entertainment includes dinner, music, and many awesome raffles, including a grill package, a large wine basket, an ultimate pickleball package, and weekend at a cottage on Lake Michigan!

Purchase tickets by September 11 at: <https://form.jotform.com/241964916333159> or email kendra@compheart.org

September

Birthdays

September 3: Ashtyn Becksford
September 4: Sally Elenbaas
September 5: Kamryn Bosch
September 6: Jim Veldhoff
September 8: Dave Mazurek
September 9: Don Folkert
Donna Jurries
Bob Sprik
September 10: Jen Becksford
Bonnie DeZwaan
September 11: Paisley Burch
Sharon Folkert
Mark Woldring
September 13: John VanderZwaag
September 14: Olivia McCormick
September 16: Eric Becksford
September 18: Pastor Ron Lugten
September 19: Jim Kraker
September 21: Molly Casemier
September 23: Lisa Hulst
September 25: Gunner Taratuta
September 26: Havi Carroll
September 29: Eleanor DeWeerd
Paula VandenBrink

Anniversaries

September 1, 1967
Bill & Nancy Jacobs

September 2, 1988
Jim & Tracy Van Den Beldt

September 4, 1964
Del & Mary Redder

September 7, 1990
Arie & Hope Doolaad

September 8, 2018
Nick & Lisa Haskill

September 10, 1954
LaVern & Diane Sale

September 16, 1977
Calvin & Pat Kragt

September 17, 1970
Floyd & Marilyn Everling

September 18, 1970
Reed & Sandy Sloothaak

September 19, 1974
Jerry & Diane VanLente

September 24, 1999
Stan & Ardella Gates

September 26, 1969
Earl & Linda Smit

September 28, 1991
Kevin & Debbie Kroeze

CONGRATULATIONS

Del & Mary Redder are celebrating their 60th anniversary on September 4.

Vern & Diane Sale are celebrating their 70th anniversary on September 10.

Jerry & Diane VanLente are celebrating their 50th anniversary on September 19.

Earl & Linda Smit are celebrating their 55th anniversary on September 26.

Please celebrate with them by sending a card.

Happening in September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am Worship	2 <i>Church Closed</i> <i>Labor Day</i>	3 6:30pm Personnel Committee Mtg.	4	5	6 10:00am Pantry	7
8 9:30am Worship <i>Children In Worship</i> 2:00pm The Gathering (Whitecaps game)	9 8:30am Prayer Group	10	11	12	13 10:00am Pantry	14 6:00am Men's Bible Study
15 9:30am Worship <i>Children In Worship</i> 10:45am Sunday School Begins 6:00pm The Gathering	16 5:00pm Executive Team Meeting	17 1:00pm Quilting Group	18	19 9:15am Staff Meeting	20 10:00am Pantry	21
22 9:30am Worship <i>Children In Worship</i> No Sunday School 6:00pm The Gathering	23 8:30am Prayer Group 6:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Consistory Meeting	24	25	26 9:15am Staff Meeting	27 10:00am Pantry	28 6:00am Men's Bible Study 8:00am Scrapbooking
29 9:30am Worship <i>Children In Worship</i> 10:45am Sunday School 6:00pm The Gathering	30					

Severe Weather Cancellation Guidelines

If a Tornado Watch or Warning has been posted for Allegan County within one hour prior to a church service or church 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. Please check one of the following for the status of church activities:

WOOD-TV (woodtv.com) ~ Fox 17 (fox17online.com)
HRC Prayer Line (269-751-5422, #18) ~ HRC's Facebook Page