

The Branches

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Hopkins Community Reformed Church at the Football Game

There was a time when the HCRC Minister regularly went to the football games. Some people there were greeted by him and we had a visible presence at the game.

Times change.

Now we have HCRC Ministers at every football game. We are trying to live out Ephesians 4:11-12 (I'm not going to put the text here because I want you to get your Bible out and look it up). The pastor and other leaders in our church are working to equip all of us to be "Ministers" and do the ministry of HCRC. The pastor is not the church, the congregation is, and our congregation is doing the ministry.

Now we have several ministers at all the games all the time and they (or "you" if you are one of them) are there greeting people, having conversations, sharing their lives and their faith. A shift in mentality has multiplied our visibility and presence. We've been there all along, but now we're trying to be more intentional about all of us being ministers. Some of us are youth and we are inviting friends to 5th Quarter, resulting in 100+ showing up.

Our new Sunday School class focuses on this idea of equipping the congregation to do the ministry. We try to partner with parents, who have the primary role of discipling their children by offering Sunday School, VBS, WoW (Walk out Worship), and Youth Groups, and now we are being more intentional about helping parents in their role. This new class focuses on equipping parents to disciple their children. All parents of children preschool through middle school are invited to join the class held in the Multi-purpose room from 9:10-10:10 Sunday mornings.

Rather than having a pastor be at some of the games, we have ministers at all the games. Rather than just Sunday School for one hour of the week, we're working to equip parents who can better disciple all week long.

What will be next? How can we continue to live out Ephesians 4:11-12?

I look forward to finding out together with you. I'm committed to equipping you to be HCRC.

Pastor Mark Kamper

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- **Ladies For The Lord**—meets on the 2nd Monday night of each month at 7:00 pm.
- **MOMS**—meets the 2nd Thursday of each month from 9:30-11:00 am.
- **Moms In Touch**—meets every Wednesday from 8:15-9:15 am at church to pray for our children.
- **Bible Study**—meets every Monday at 8:45 am.
- **Men's Bible Study— NEW!** Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7:00 pm.
- **Women's Bible Study**—Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:30 am.
- **Plus One**— A group for post high kids/ young adults to get together during Sunday School for a time of study/ discussion.
- **Young At Heart— NEW!** A group for 55+ meeting the 1st Tuesday of the month at 11 am.
- **Youth Groups**— check calendar for dates & activities.

USHERS

Ushers should be at church by **10:10 am** and are responsible for passing out bulletins, and seating the congregation.

Bill Snoeyink, Paul Lodenstein,
Nick Schwartz, Paul Smit

NURSERY WORKERS

Nursery volunteers please be in the nursery by **9:10 am** on Sundays.

OCT 4: Sally and Mykel Hoffmaster, Terri and Amber Klaver
OCT 11: Cheri Larr, Cindy Lowman, Alyssa McLaughlin
OCT 18: Bill and Annette Hennip, Kennedy and Kelcey Porter
OCT 25: Kammy Leep, Pam and Kristen Hennip, Kaity Jansma

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The social committee function is to assist in funeral luncheons (set-up and clean-up of tables and chairs, preparing and serving food), and helping with clean-up for other church events (with the exception of Youth Group activities). Please find your own replacement if you cannot help with an event. Thank you!

October Contact Person:
June Krug

Jill Collier, Diane Kerber,
Terri Maule, Cindy Pike,
Terry Ratliff, Angie Teunissen

WALK OUT WORSHIP

OCT 4: Autumn Kraima (Ben and Nick VanderKlipp)

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

The coffee fellowship committee is responsible for bringing and serving cookies after church services.
Each family should bring 5-6 dozen cookies or bars.

OCTOBER 4

Brian and Rhonda Popma
Nick and Emily Schwartz
Jon and Angie Teunissen
Curt and Kammy Leep

OCTOBER 18

Bob and Jennifer Kerber
Pat and Cindy Pike
Bill and Florence Balfoort
Mark and Amanda Granger

OCTOBER 11

Dave and Cindy Lowman
Gary and Diane Kerber
Tony and Ronna Arndt
Doug and Sally Hoffmaster

OCTOBER 25

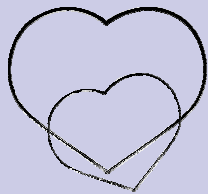
Jay and Janet Kraima
Gracia Stob
Doug and Jill Collier
Jon and Tamie Pavlak





OCTOBER Birthdays

Autumn Kraima	Oct 2
Jennifer Porter	Oct 3
Judy Reynolds	Oct 3
Ryan Tubergen	Oct 5
Joe Aernouts	Oct 6
Tricia Forbes	Oct 6
Dave Sebright	Oct 6
Sandy Stearns	Oct 7
Paul Lodenstein	Oct 8
Becky Bair	Oct 9
Doug Hoffmaster	Oct 10
Bill Snoeyink	Oct 10
Dorothy Morton	Oct 11
Nancy Scobey	Oct 11
Katie Ratliff	Oct 13
Gary Hoffmaster	Oct 15
Hunter Kraima	Oct 18
Alyvia Aernouts	Oct 21
Lynda Jeltema	Oct 22
Amy Smit	Oct 24
Justyn Scott	Oct 26
Sofia Teunissen	Oct 26
Austin Manshaem	Oct 27
Chelsea Pike	Oct 28
Ashley Stone	Oct 28
Angie Kitler	Oct 29
Mitch Lodenstein	Oct 29
Bob Larr	Oct 30



OCTOBER Anniversaries

Darrell & Terry Raliff	Oct 4
Jon & Staci Ainsworth	Oct 5
Rodney & Diane Stone	Oct 6
Bill & Annettee Hennip	Oct 10
Gary & Sally Hoffmaster	Oct 15
Bob & Janet Bliss	Oct 17
Matt & Autumn Kraima	Oct 19
Doug & Jill Collier	Oct 23
Doug & Sally Hoffmaster	Oct 29

Back Table Information: please note that there are a variety of materials out on the back tables in the narthex that are not always announced or printed in the bulletin/newsletter. We have a variety of pamphlets, booklets, Words of Hope and Our Daily Bread devotionals, missionary news, newsletters from various people or places we support, and fun things like summer camp information. Please help yourself!

Bulletin & Newsletter Announcements: please have bulletin announcements to Kathy by Thursday mornings each week, and newsletter announcements by the 20th of each month. It is also very helpful if you do have something already written up; you may leave announcements on the desk or email them to the church office at hcrc@sbcglobal.net. Thanks for your help!

Church Mailboxes: these will again be updated in the upcoming week! If you are a recent new member to HCRC, you will have a mailbox with a church directory, name tags, and offering envelopes. Please use the offering envelopes for your tithing; you can designate either "General Fund " or "Building Fund" on the lines provided. If you have questions on this please be sure to see any of the deacons for assistance.

MOMS Group: our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 8 from 9:30-11 am. Our guest speaker will be Lorilee Craker. Feel free to bring a friend!

Women's Bible Study: is a group of younger ladies who began meeting twice a month last year at Kathy Athearn's home and eventually moved the meetings to church to be more centrally located. We are kind of a self-led group with some direction given by Cindy Kukor. Last year we did a study called "Character" by Bill Hybels. Mark your calendars, ladies... we will have our first meeting on Tuesday, September 29 at 10:00 am where we will discuss and decide what material we'd like to study and a day that will work for meetings. It's OK to bring your kids and all ages ladies are welcome—for more information, contact Cindy Kukor (269-793-3333).

Men's Bible Study: we will begin meeting on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 pm. We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at church and the study will focus on Proverbs. A preparation/study outline will be made available to you on the back tables. We would love to have you join the group! Contact Gerry Olson if you have any questions (269-793-7702).

DV8: plan to sign up for our Fall Retreat at the meeting tonight. More info is on the youth bulletin board or contact Suzanne Antvelink (269-706-6986).

Harvest Party Committee: the Harvest Party will be held on Saturday, October 31 and we need you! The committee could use a couple more people to help plan this event, help set up and assemble the games, and to share great ideas! There are only two meetings to attend and the day of the event. If you are interested in helping please see or contact Wendi VandenBerg (269-793-7728) or Ben Kukor (269-793-0119).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Several new members have recently joined in fellowship with us at HCRC. We hope by now you have had a chance to get acquainted with one another a bit, and add them in to your church directories. If not, we are reprinting the information here for your convenience.

More **family profiles** will be featured in upcoming months... if you have not turned yours in or had your picture taken, would you please Cindy Hoffmaster or Gracia Stob? They can help you by taking your photo and giving you a form to fill out so we can get to know you, and put the information in our church pictorial album. Thanks!

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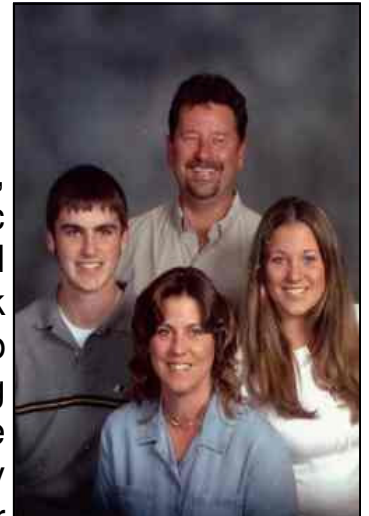
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523 Jefferson
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Ryan Tubergen
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Otsego, MI 49078
Children: Alyviah

Dave and Kim Volkers
Phone #: 269-673-8618
2754 34th Street
Allegan, MI 49010

Recently Baptized Children:
Urijah Joostberns
Victoria Kraima
Alyviah Tubergen
Eli Wolters

Ron and Pam Jones Family



Ron grew up in the Hopkins area, attending the Hopkins Public Schools and is currently employed as a service plumber for Genzink Plumbing in Holland. Pam grew up in Hopkins and Hudsonville, going to both Hopkins and Hudsonville Public schools. She is currently employed as a school bus driver for Hopkins Public School and also cleans new construction for Final Phase in Holland during the summer months. Ron enjoys fishing, camping and hunting in his spare time. Pam enjoys camping, fishing, reading and crafts.

Ron and Pam met at school and were married a couple years after graduation. They have been married for 27 years and have a son and daughter. Amy was recently married in September and is working in Jenison as a dental hygienist. She has also purchased a home in Wyoming. Nick is currently a sophomore at Kalamazoo College and is majoring in Business and Health Sciences. He is playing football and baseball for Kalamazoo. This year he will not be playing baseball as he may possibly be going for 6 months to Madrid, Spain to study abroad.