

# CONNECTED

April 6, 2025

North Hills Christian Reformed Church

## Our STEWARDSHIP:

March 31 tithes:  
\$4,263

Tithes received through March 31:  
\$132,013

Ministry plan need through March 31:  
\$138,750

There are four ways to give your offering:

- In person: An offering plate is at the east Sanctuary entrance
- Our website: Click “giving” tab
- Mail: Send a check to North Hills Church / 3150 N Adams Road / Troy / 48084
- On your phone: Download and use Vanco mobile app (Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement)



**Welcome** to North Hills Christian Reformed Church! A place to **Glorify, Gather, and Grow**. This weekly newsletter, *Connected*, is published each Sunday. During the week, be sure to surf to our website for the latest information and pictures: [www.northhillscrc.org](http://www.northhillscrc.org).

We thank **Mark Van Wyke** for serving at the Welcome Desk this morning. Everyone is invited to the **Fellowship Hall** for fellowship and refreshments. We thank the **van Veen** family for being our hosts. **Gene Austin, Julie Brouwer, and Patrick Rode** are our ushers.

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES** today:

### During the service:

Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers gather in Room F (north wing) with **Lyndy Drewry & Michelle Konik**. Parents can sign in their child(ren) starting at 9:20am.

### After the service:

There are no educational or Sunday School classes today as it is a communion Sunday.

## Birthdays this week



April 7: Donovan Brouwer  
April 8: Mary Bernd  
April 8: Mel Vander Brug  
April 13: Aidan Laidlaw

# Our Family of Faith

From our Director of Youth and Administration, **Michelle Konik**:  
On March 23 the **youth group**'s bowling outing was a strike of fun, with laughter echoing down the lanes. The afternoon was filled with friendly competition and drinks while creating fun memories. The youth group will meet again on May 3 to serve at CAP (Community Assistance Program).



Heidebreicht Chevrolet presented Elder **Richard Murray** with the *Everyday Hero of the Month Award* for his "outstanding effort and dedication to the service of our customers." Congratulations Richard!

On Sunday, March 31, **Mel & Barbara Vander Brug**

sponsored a *Seraphic Fire* concert at the Moorings Presbyterian Church in Naples, Florida. *Seraphic Fire* is an internationally renowned choral group whose home base is in Naples, and Mel is on their board of directors. He is pictured here introducing the program. Mel and Barbara requested and helped organize a concert solely devoted to choral music of Holy Week from the passion to the resurrection. The concert was attended by over 800 people, including North Hillians **Helen Brien, Pastor & Kathy Engle, Gene & Lois Miller, Jenna & Hector Montañez**, and **Cindy Woodrow**.



## March 2025 Media Statistics:

### Facebook

253 Followers (+0)

### Instagram

122 Followers (+2)



### YouTube

366 Subscribers (+8)  
1.5K Views  
222 Hours watched  
957 Viewers, 742 new

### Website

539 Users  
490 New users  
Countries (in order of number of users): United States, Hong Kong, China, Canada, India, Mexico





Spring **Grounds cleanup** is set for Saturday morning, May 3. Mark your calendars now; more details will follow.

Last year's Bunco night was such a great time - but wow, it's been a year already! So we are planning another **Ladies Bunco night** at the church!

Thursday April 24, 6- 9pm  
Arrive at 6pm,  
game starting at 6:30pm



Play Bunco! This is a game we all play together, in small teams with sets of dice. It's very easy to learn, it's fast, and it's fun. Teams rotate from table to table depending on who wins the round. You don't have to have played before or even know what you're doing to have a good time. Bring your own drinks, plus an appetizer, snack or dessert to share! Sign on at: <https://tinyurl.com/NHBunco>

If you are a member of North Hills Christian Reformed Church, regularly attend in-person worship, and if you currently send (or desire to send!) your child(ren) to a private, Christian school, then here's some exciting news! A **Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund** is available to aid in your tuition costs. Use the QR code to fill out the application for tuition remission consideration for the 2025/26 school year. Applications are due by Sunday, April 27, 2025.



Furthermore, the Christian Education Committee is interested in knowing who is considering utilizing this fund in the near future (the next 2-5 years). We are looking to forecast student involvement for planning purposes. If you are considering it, please contact Elder Michael Krogh

([derkrogh@gmail.com](mailto:derkrogh@gmail.com)).

Mark your calendar: Choral Scholar **Aidan Laidlaw** senior voice recital is Friday, April 25th at 8pm in the Varner Recital Hall of Oakland University. Admission is free and tickets are not required.



**Holy Week at North Hills Church**

**Maundy Thursday**  
April 17 at 7:00pm  
Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Pastor Engle preaches from Luke 22  
Our vocal quartet  
and organist Mary Baker  
also lead in worship.

Nursery provided

**Easter Sunday**  
April 20 at 9:30am  
Pastor Engle preaches from Luke 24  
Our vocal ensemble,  
organists Mary Baker & Randall Engle,  
and the Oakland University Tower Brass  
also lead in worship.

We will observe the ancient tradition of the flowering of the cross. Bring fresh flowers with you to place on the cross.

Nursery provided

Easter fellowship hour follows hosted by  
**Helen Brien.**



# Easter Flowers

This Easter Sunday, April 20, the sanctuary will be filled with beautiful, fresh spring plants. You are invited to purchase a plant(s) in honor or memory of someone. A donor list will be printed in the morning bulletin, and donors are invited to take the plants of their choice home with them after the Easter worship service.

If you'd like to be a donor, fill out the following information and return to the office along with a check for \$10 per flowering plant.

**Name of donor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of plants:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 a plant = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**My dedication:**

**Anonymous**

*or*

**In gratitude for *or* In memory of (circle one)**

**Name of honoree (s) (please print):**

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*Note: Our deacons will take any plants not taken after the Easter service to area nursing homes and shut-ins.*



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