

CONNECTED

April 19, 2026

Welcome to North Hills Christian Reformed Church, a church that glorifies... gathers... and grows! We thank all our volunteers today, including **Jerry Van Wyke** for serving at the Welcome Desk this morning. Everyone is invited to the **Fellowship Hall** for fellowship and refreshments—thanks to **Jerry & Mary Van Wyke**, today's hosts.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES today:

During the service: Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers meet in the downstairs playroom. Parents can sign in their child(ren) starting at 9:20am with attendants **David Baker & Julie Brouwer**.

After the service Sunday School Hour:

Sunday School Class: Meet at the "big clock" in the Atrium by 10:40 am. Children ages 4–8 meet with **Stephanie Dexter & Jenna Patten**, and children ages 9–13 with **Julie Brouwer & Elizabeth Jolliffe**.

Adult Education Classes this Week:

Sunday, April 19:

Option 1: **Jim Vander Slik** teaches about *Spiritual FRUIT . . . the BIG Picture* in the Council Room

Option 2: **Pastor Engle** teaches from the Heidelberg Catechism in the Pastor's Office

Wednesday, April 22:

Women's Coffee Break Bible study
10:00am in the Council Room

Wednesday, April 22:

Joys of Recovery
6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 22:

Sermon discussion group
7:00pm online
Email judyhunsberger@gmail.com

Thursday, April 23:

Men's Bible Study
Acts 22:1–29
5:30pm in the Library

Our STEWARDSHIP:

April 12 tithe:

\$27,605.50

Tithes received through April 12:

\$167,495

Ministry plan need through April 12:

\$165,865

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)



This week's birthdays:

April 19: Kyle Dexter
April 20: Patrick Rode
April 20: Rowan Dantzler
April 21: Rob Bowles
April 22: Michelle Konik
April 25: Brittany Hartgerink



Remembering with Love



Long time North Hill member **Roberta L. Labriola**, better known as Bobbie, died peacefully February 4 at the age of 83. Bobbie was born in Toledo, Ohio, the third of four daughters born to Evea and John Corwin. She was the first in her family to attend college, earning her bachelor's degree in education at the University of Toledo. After graduation, she moved to Michigan, where she gained employment with the Birmingham school district as an elementary school teacher. Around 1965 Bobbie met her future husband, Mike. They were married in 1970. She took a hiatus from her job upon becoming a mother in 1972. She was a stay-at-home mom to her two daughters, Laura and Amy, until they reached elementary school age. She then went back to school to earn a master's degree in special education at Eastern Michigan University and returned to work as a Birmingham teacher again. Bobbie was a beloved teacher to countless students during her long teaching career, working at both Beverly and

Quarton elementary schools. She was affectionately known as Mrs. Lab to students and parents alike. Former students would often stay in touch with her as they grew, sometimes inviting her to high school graduation parties or even weddings. Bobbie had a reputation for being a great storyteller, and recalling favorite memories from her "family of students" gave her much joy throughout life. Using her teaching experience, Bobbie also contributed greatly to the youth program at North Hills Christian Reformed Church. She was a longtime member of the church, taking comfort in her faith. Bobbie cherished her friendships, providing her daughters extra "aunts" and "uncles" as they grew up. Family was also extremely important to her. She and her sisters remained close throughout their lives, and she adored her nieces and nephews. She was incredibly proud of her children and grandchildren, celebrating their accomplishments joyfully. Loyal wife of Michael Labriola until his death in 2023. Beloved mother of Laura Labriola (Andrew Koh) and Amy Neff (Kris). Proud grandmother of Alex, Abby, Will, and Nate. Dear sister of Jackie Smith (Cal) and the late Treva Myatt and Joyce Meikis. The memorial service was held on April 18, at 11am in our Sanctuary. Pastor Engle officiated, with Kathy Engle and Mary Baker providing music. Muriel Meyerand was the eulogist. Bobbie will be inurned at a later date at the National Cemetery in Clarkston.

Long time North Hills member **Jerry Edward Door**, 85, of Novi, MI, peacefully passed away into the arms of his Lord and Savior on April 11, 2026, after a long fight with dementia and lung cancer. He was born in Grand Rapids, MI on February 24, 1941, to Jerry J. and Elizabeth Door. He is remembered by his wife of nearly 63 years, Patricia; children Rick and Tami Door, Amber Door and Jerry Arens, Stacy and Todd Holleman, Christian and Liz Door; and grandchildren Parker Door, Hayden Door, Alex Arens, Madison Arens, Maxwell Holleman, Madelyn and Spencer Wilhelm, Megan and Jayden Anderson, Niklaas Door, and Ava Door. He was preceded in death by his sister, Sharon Bouwman, and is survived by his siblings Mary Nabozny, Yvonne Mulder, and Curt (Candice) Door, in addition to many wonderful friends and extended family. Jerry graduated from WMU in 1963 with a degree in industrial engineering. He spent over 50 years in sales before fully retiring at the age of 75. Jerry was a "car guy" to the core and had a real passion for Porsches. He was a member of the Porsche Club of America for more than 40 years, holding a leadership position in the Southeast Michigan Region and racing in the PCA Club Race Program. When not in his garage working on his cars, he loved to read and, until his dementia did not allow it, voraciously read newspapers, magazines, and books. He was a father who was extremely proud that his children all graduated college and have been married for a combined 136 years. He was a loving grandfather who enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and instilled in them that it is okay to eat dessert first. He was also a long-term member of North Hills CRC Church. A memorial service, officiated by Pastor Engle, is planned for Saturday, May 23 at 11:00am, in our Sanctuary. Inurnment in our Memorial Garden will follow the service, with a luncheon immediately after in the Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Michigan Cookie Project (Special Olympics) or Faith Hospice.





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April 2, 2026

North Hills Christian Reformed Church
3150 Adams Rd
Troy, MI 48084-1269

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the Grace Centers of Hope family, I would like to thank you for your incredibly generous gift of \$1,912.08, received on 04/02/2026. It is your **belief in** and **support of** our programs that allow us to meet the diverse needs of the hurting individuals and families who come to us every day for help.

YOUR GIFT will directly impact the lives of the men, women, and children at Grace Centers of Hope. These are people whose lives have been ravaged by homelessness and addiction. In addition to meeting their immediate physical needs, we are able to give them **HOPE** for the future.

We believe the emotional hurts of the heart can only be healed by God, and He is using **YOUR GIFT** to help restore broken lives.

Your generosity will make it possible for us to reach out to hundreds of men, women, and children this year; meeting their basic needs with compassion, and providing them with the skills and accountability necessary to be successful in the future!

You can take pride in knowing your gift **WILL** make a difference!

Thanking God for you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darin L. Weiss". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Pastor Darin L. Weiss
Chief Executive Officer

P.S. To learn more about our programs, volunteering, upcoming special events, or our thrift stores, please visit our website at gracecentersofhope.org.

Grace Centers of Hope is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; no goods or services have been provided.

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TRANSFORMING PEOPLE IN MEXICO



Kids Corner

What do you like to do during the Spring Break?

Jaelah: I will like to make dehydrated mango fruits!

Jaedyn: I will like to finish an oil painting of mallards that I have been working on!

Joshua: I will like to keep practicing driving.



A Renewed Spirit

From March 28–31, a group of Christian university students gathered in the quiet of woods and alongside a lake for a time set apart—away from the noise and the constant demands of daily life. Twenty-nine students traveled from across six states—Querétaro, San Luis Potosí, Guanajuato, Aguascalientes, Michoacán, and Jalisco—joined by ten dedicated volunteers who served through workshops, pastoral care, and prayer. The heart of the retreat centered on a simple yet profound question: How do we live differently during chaos? Each day was intentionally grounded in the Word of God shaped by prayer, and strengthened through fellowship. Workshops addressed key areas of the students' spiritual journeys, including Faith and Mental Health, Life Transitions, Scripture, Discipleship, Evangelism, and Apologetics. These sessions created space not only for learning, but for honest reflection, meaningful dialogue, and spiritual renewal. One student Christopher from Querétaro, shared: *"I really enjoyed the early morning prayer where we gathered to dedicate our time with God before we started the day. We all had a silent moment to be still in God's presence and listen carefully to what God wants to say to us. My soul was rested in stillness."* In the stillness, students encountered God in personal ways. In community, they were reminded they are not walking alone. As the retreat ended, students left with renewed hearts and a clearer understanding of what it means to live differently—not by withdrawing from the world, but by following the example and teachings of Jesus faithfully, even when surrounded by brokenness, sin, and sorrow. This is the calling they now carry back to their campuses: to be a light in places that often feel dark, to live with integrity where compromise is common, and to embody hope in a world that deeply needs it. We invite you to join us in prayer for wisdom, for courage, and for steadfast faith. Pray that together, we trust that God is at work and that through these young Christians, He is bringing light into a broken world.

PRAYERS

Pray for Barbarita as she is organizing with her ELNEC Mexico team the next ELNEC workshops training from April 10th to 11th at Moscati hospital.

Pray for James as he travels to Eden, Chiapas and Villahermosa, Tabasco to train the youth leaders from April 15th through 29th.

Pray that God continues to sustain us with financial support through His people. As of the end of the fiscal year (July 2025 to June 2026), we have raised **53%** of our general fund goal of \$174,000. The campus ministry has raised **29%** of its \$4,500 goal, while the palliative care ministry has raised **19%** of its \$8,000 goal.



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From One to Eleven: God's Faithfulness in Brazil

In 2022, I attended the Latin American Congress of Palliative Care in Costa Rica by myself. While I was there, surrounded by others committed to caring for those facing serious illness and suffering, I felt a strong desire in my heart: one day, I wanted to return to this kind of gathering with a team from Mexico. This year, by God's grace, that happened. In March 2026, I had the privilege of leading a delegation of 11 leaders from Mexico to the ALCP Congress in Brazil, where more than 2,600 people gathered from across Latin America to learn, collaborate, and strengthen the work of palliative care. What moved me most was not only being there, but seeing how the Lord allowed a vision from 2022 to become reality in 2026. Our team worked together to raise funds for the trip, and every step reminded me that God often builds His work through shared faith, sacrifice, and perseverance. We returned encouraged, better equipped, and even more convinced of the urgent need for palliative care education in Mexico and throughout Latin America. Palliative care is a ministry of compassion. It helps us care for people with dignity, relieve suffering, and walk with patients and families through some of the most difficult moments of life. There is still a great need for more trained workers in this field. Pray that God would raise up more nurses, doctors, social workers, chaplains, and caregivers with hearts to serve those who are suffering. Pray for the growth of palliative care education in Mexico, and pray that through this work, more people would experience God's love, comfort, and compassion. What began as one person going alone in 2023 became a team of 11 in 2026. I am deeply grateful for the Lord's faithfulness and look forward to the future knowing that God will continue to bless the efforts and grow palliative care and compassion in Mexico and beyond.





BELINDA'S PATH OF LIGHT

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March 23, 2026

Dear North Hills Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in Christ.

As we reflect on this past season, our hearts are filled with gratitude for you. As a family, we have deeply experienced your love, care, and faithful support and we have been strengthened more than we can fully express. It is a true gift to belong to a church family that so beautifully reflects the love of Christ.

This past year has also been meaningful in ministry. By God's grace, we were able to resume our summer camp in Guiyang, China, continuing a work that has been close to our hearts for several years.

What made this season especially encouraging was seeing several faith-filled teachers and coaches from California and Ohio come alongside us. Together, we served around 60 children, witnessing not only growth in learning, but also the quiet beginnings of deeper relationships and seeds of faith being planted.

We are grateful to see the fruit beginning to emerge—many children hope to return this summer, and several volunteers are eager to come back and serve again. We trust that God is at work in ways we may not yet fully see.

With thankful hearts, we remain committed to walking alongside North Hills in the work God is doing. May the Lord continue to bless and guide our church, and may His love continue to flow through all of us, reaching many beyond.

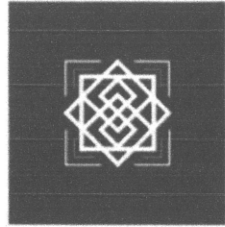
With gratitude and in Christ,

Jing Chen & Daniel Gu

Belinda's Path of Light (Belinda Education)

And congratulations to Daniel's mom, **Xiuzhi Zhang** who was baptized on Easter morning at the Oakland Chinese Church!





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January 31, 2026

North Hills Christian Reformed Church,

Your investment allows for students to come to a safe space to learn, grow and develop deep connections. We continue to see God moving in the lives of our staff and students and we celebrate how God continues to impact the Arab-American Friendship Center for His Kingdom!

Thank you for your partnership through this financial contribution. We cannot express how much it is appreciated.

We received the following check(s):

- Check number 1157 for \$1,450.00 on December 13, 2025

Once again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Jillian Bashore,
Director, AAFC

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No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution.



North Hillians, come join the Ride! On June 13 (rain date of June 20) you are invited to join the *Wheels of Grace Recreational Ride* for the support of Oakland Hope and the NHCC Benevolence Fund. The ride will begin at 9:45am at Belle Isle and end at 11:45am. The loop is 5.4 miles; ride as many scenic loops as you choose. Suggested donation: \$40.00 for individual/ \$55.00 per family. For more information contact: John Kenney at JMKenney57@gmail.com. An additional informational sheet and registration form is located on the mailbox shelf.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS! We are in need of additional nursery volunteers for Sunday services. As we have not gauged interest in some time, we would love to give you the opportunity to raise your hand and help! Please contact Jenna your DYA at jenna@northhillscrc.org if you can jump in the rotation.



Reminder: **Saturday May 2**, the Grounds Committee invites us to help with the annual Spring **Work Bee**. A Full breakfast will be served at 8:00am, with work starting around 8:30am



Thank you children for coloring our Easter banner this year!