

Overisel Overview



Staff Spotlight

Hunter Smith – Youth Director

October 2nd of 2022, I found myself in my hometown of Hamilton, Michigan serving Overisel Reformed Church. I grew up going to Bentheim Reformed Church as a youth, then pursued a calling into ministry. I attended Grace Christian University for 4 years and received my bachelor's degree in the Science of Youth Ministry. I married my wonderful wife on October 14th of 2023. We have faced many challenges from unexpected surgeries, loss of a child, to being unable to drive for 2 months. With the downs comes the positives; like the birth of our son Harold "Hal", and serving as youth leaders together. Through it all we have seen God at work. He has given us what we needed at each moment, and we have grown together through it all. What do we like to do in our free time? We mostly focus on taking care of Hal lately, otherwise we like to go for walks or go to coffee shops.



2025 Consistory

Pastors

*Rev. Mike Pitsenberger
Pastor Ken Kleinheksel
Pastor Kevin Kruizenga

Elders

Brent DeWeerd
Steve Schrotenboer
*Glenn Kleinheksel
*Keith VanLiere
Nate Genzink
Bob Reimink

Deacons

Ryan Genzink
*Lee Lubbers
David Kraker
Justin Machiela
Dean Jipping
Craig Theodore

*Executive committee

A Note From Pastor Ken

"A Grain Of Wheat"

John 12:24 – Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

If you have been reading these articles that I write for The Overview for a while, you know that I often refer to my former days as a farmer. This is another of those times. As I drove around the countryside I am noticing that the wheat fields that were green like grass not that long ago are now ripening and beginning to turn golden. And as the month of July rolls around it will, once again, be time to harvest wheat. And as I look at the heads of wheat on the stalk I am reminded of the verse above. The one seed that was planted, and dies, has multiplied into many. It has born much fruit.

Our savior also knew that He had to give His life so that multitudes could come to believe in His Heavenly Father. We who believe today, and in the centuries past and those yet to come, are the fruit that has come because He was willing to die so that we might live.

But the verses that immediately follow the one above also remind us that we are to be willing to sacrifice to follow this savior. We must be willing to serve others and not the things of this world so that we may have eternal life. This pattern of life reminds me of a conversation Pastor Mike and I had this week when he reminded me of what the missionary, Jim Elliot, said – "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." That's what we are called to do with our life – give it up for the cause of Christ.

So as you travel the countryside this month, look at the fields of wheat and think about how they relate to your salvation. Have a wonderful month and I'll see you on the journey! God bless you all!

Pastor Ken

2025

HAPPY birthday

July

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| | | 1 Robb Kleinheksel Sean Mather | 2 Ron Klein Bryan Ulberg Hailey Brinks Magnolia Mather | 3 | 4 Brian Dozeman Cole Siriano | 5 Carl VanOrder Selah Klassen |
| 6 Bob Dubbink | 7 Fran Slotman Jill Kroeze Debra Timmer Keith Lubbers | 8 Jamie Bussis Kevin DeNeef Mark Smallegan | 9 | 10 | 11 Ken Dannenberg Bereket Prince | 12 |
| 13 | 14 Joanna LaMar | 15 Jerry Broekhuis | 16 Don Slotman Steve Boeve Logan Pitsenberger | 17 Juella Schrotenboer Sarah Essenburg | 18 Ruth Verkaik | 19 Ken Mol |
| 20 Tom VanHoven | 21 Sarah Genzink | 22 Kaylie DeYoung | 23 Ross Nagelkirk | 24 Chad Brinks Pam McDonald Clay DeWeerd | 25 Kris Huisingh | 26 |
| 27 Margaret Wynsma Spencer Boeve | 28 Paul Huisingh Dennis Kroeze | 29 Ruth Dannenberg Mark Ryzenga | 30 Hans Veldman Rosalind Will | 31 Holly Kroeze Ryson Siriano | | |

Milestone Birthdays



7/28 - Paul Huisingh (70 years)



7/29 - Ruth Dannenberg (90 years)

2025

Happy Anniversary

July

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 Al & Judy Avink | 9 Dave & Keri Boeve | 10 Glenn & Beth Kleinheksel | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Brian & Michelle Dozeman Glenn & Tanya Mudd | 14 | 15 | 16 Ron & Marcia Klein | 17 | 18 | 19 Mike & Ruth Verkaik |
| 20 | 21 | 22 Gabe & Kaylie Klassen | 23 Mark & Melinda Smallegan | 24 | 25 | 26 Matt & Joni DeHaan |
| 27 | 28 Ben & Daria Koopman | 29 Kyle & Martha DeNeef | 30 Al & Lisa Gemmen Ronald & Norma DeVries | 31 | | |

Milestone Anniversaries

 7/30 - Ronald & Norma DeVries (70 years)

Mary's Monthly Meal

BBQ Ranch Chicken Casserole

INGREDIENTS:

- 12 oz. bowtie pasta
- 3 cups cooked or shredded chicken
- ½ cup bacon or REAL bacon bits
- 2 ½ cups shredded cheese
- 15 oz. canned corn, drained
- 10 oz. Rotel tomatoes
- 7 oz diced green chilies - don't drain
- 1 cup ranch dressing
- ¾ cup. bbq sauce
- 1 T. minced onions



DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- Cook pasta - al dente. Put in large bowl
 - add chicken, bacon, cheese, corn, Rotel, diced chilies, ranch, bbq sauce, and minced onions.
- Transfer to greased 9x13 dish
- Top with cheese if desired
- Bake for 15-20 minutes.



BBQ

A letter from Hunter Smith

While I have attended and Served at Overisel, I have found great support in the church, students, parents, and several youth leaders. As I look back at my two years and going on three, I have seen how God has continued to use this great community. As students have made profession of faith, former students becoming Jr. High leaders, (HAYM) Hamilton Area Youth Ministries uniting and expanding to share the gospel together, eye opening mission trip experiences, and attending youth students that want to dig deeper into the Word and value their faith over sports and other extracurricular activities. There have been many highlights of serving and getting to know church members, students and leaders of mission trips, winter retreats, The Hall, and other gatherings at the church. This role takes a lot of time, energy, prayer, and to be able to listen and lead with God as the center of our ministry.

How can you support our ministries of Radiate and Jars of Clay? We can always use continued prayers, mentoring, writing encouraging cards to our youth leaders and education committee members. We also love to meet needs of those in our community. If you know someone in need please reach out, we enjoy the opportunities to plan a date to serve them. A huge support is talking with our youth and investing in their lives. If you see them on a Sunday morning talk to them about what's happening in their lives or just say hello. They are all sweet kids and are friendly, I promise.

Lastly, our mission for youth ministries is for kids to be loved as Christ loved us, to be seen and missed when they are gone, to be heard when questions arise, and to be known by name.

Mission Trip for 2025 --- Providence, Rhode Island --- July 11th - 19th

STUDENTS

- Austin DeHaan
- Sophia DeWeerd
- Clay DeWeerd
- Elliot DeWeerd
- Jenna Dozeman
- Brady Genzink
- Paige Kleinheksel
- Sawyer Kroeze
- Martyna Fiejdasz
- Hannah Valkema
- Adam VanHaitsma
- Jonny Verkaik
- Michael Verkiak
- Austin Boerman
- Levi Boerman
- Ryan Feters
- Nick Feters
- Levi Slagh

LEADERS

- Hunter Smith
- Ben Koopman
- Jaeger Heneveld
- Nick McDonald
- Ashlyn McDonald
- Tim Lubbers
- Jolyn Smallegan



Your prayers as we prepare for this trip are greatly appreciated!



Scoops
of Fun
Await!

ICE CREAM Social

**THURSDAYS IN JULY & AUGUST
6 - 8 PM**

**BEGINNING JULY 10 @
THE WELL 4724 142ND AVE HOLLAND**

BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET TO SIT ON
ENJOY SOME ICE CREAM
MEET SOMEONE NEW AND CATCH UP WITH FRIENDS



Whether you are a bingo pro or looking for some fellowship, this event is for you! Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Please use the sign up link found in the church email, or add your name to the sheet on the information table by July 13th.

**JULY
15TH**

THE HALL

7PM



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**Where: Overisel
Reformed Church**

Time: 6pm

Address: 4724 142nd Ave.,

Holland, MI 49423

Date: 7/20/25

CHRONICLE

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Overisel Reformed Church representing Hamilton Recreation T-ball

Front row: Madison Heavener, Nathan Nagelkirk, Avery Grew, Ruth Lubbers, Rachel Lubbers, Ryson Siriano

Back row: Coach Emily Heavener, Coach Gerrit Heavener, Coach Brad Grew



FAITH & FAMILY

NIGHT



07.19.2025



Berlin Raceway

2060 Berlin Fair Dr.

Marne, MI 49435

GATES OPEN @ 4 PM

www.berlinraceway.com

get your tickets here



Bentheim Reformed Church invites you to join us for the Faith and Family night at Berlin Raceway on Saturday, July 19. Gates open at 4pm with the first race beginning at 6:30pm. There will be bounce houses, face painting and more activities for the whole family! If you use promo code BENTHEIM when purchasing tickets for this night, a portion of your ticket will be given to Love INC in Hamilton. Kids 15 and under are free! Tickets can be purchased at berlinraceway.com.

Let's help support Love INC for all they do for our community!



From the Director's Desk: Setting An Example

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity. - 1 Timothy 4:12

In my role as Executive Director, I get to attend a number of Cadet events each year. Training conferences, derby car races, campouts, dinners, Cadet Sunday services, and more, all give me opportunity to interact with the men and boys.

When I interact with the cadets my standard question is, "what is your favorite part of Cadets?" I never know what the answer will be, and I've been surprised a number of times. There's the frequent "working in the shop" and "derby cars", as well as "game time" and "campouts". Now and then I hear something generic like "everything" or "making stuff". But once in a while a boy responds with "being able to talk with my counselor about life" or "Bible lessons" or "the demonstrations my counselor does before the lesson."

When I interact with a junior counselor, my standard question is, "why are you a junior counselor?" I often expect to hear that they are there because their parents make them, but that has yet to be the answer. "I need the volunteer hours for school" is often said sheepishly, but further discussion shows they still enjoy the role and are growing through it. Other boys have commented how they enjoyed being a cadet, and now want to be able to pass their experiences on to younger boys, or how they feel they have the talents God can use in the role. One boy recently told me, "Some boys love basketball or football and spend a lot of time on that, Cadets is my sport."

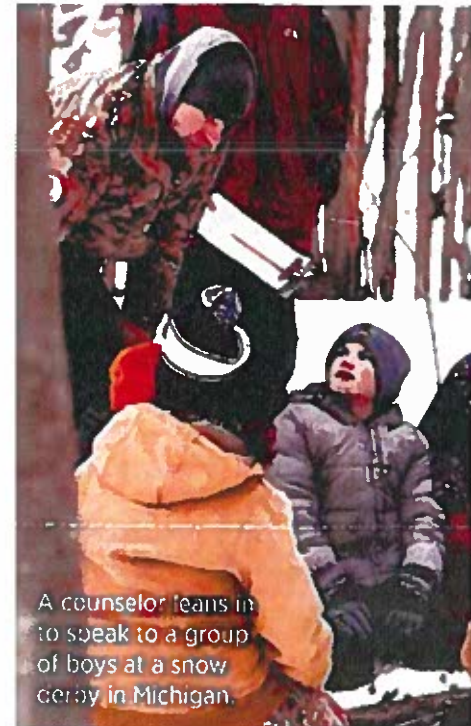
Each of these answers shows how the Cadet ministry can reach every boy in his personal situation. Little by little, when a relationship between the counselor and boy grows, the cadet is regularly shown how to be more Christlike in all areas of life. Bit by bit, the cadet is being shown an example of how to be a leader while living for Jesus.

Each of these boys, in each of their situations, is the reason we continue in the Cadet ministry. For each of them, we all need to continue setting an example for the believers.



A stylized handwritten signature in black ink.

Steve Bootsma
Executive Director



A counselor leans in to speak to a group of boys at a snow derby in Michigan.

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ATTENTION

The Gate is an after-school program for middle school students in Hamilton, grades 5-8. Our mission is to provide a safe and Christ-centered environment for students to grow, play, build relationships, and be challenged.

We currently have two openings for a **Program Director** and an **Assistant Coordinator**. These are paid positions with the primary hours on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2-5:30pm. The duties of these roles include planning and leading program activities with the kids, providing administrative support for the program. More information can be found on the Gate website: <https://thegatehamilton.com/current-openings>



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Family Research Council is a nonprofit, nonpartisan religious organization. Family Research Council's vision is a prevailing culture in which all human life is valued, families flourish, and religious liberty thrives. Family Research Council's mission is to serve in the kingdom of God by championing faith, and freedom in public policy and the culture from a biblical worldview.

The Family Research Council exists to reaffirm and promote nationally, and particularly in Washington, DC, the traditional family unit and the Judeo-Christian value system upon which it is built. Please visit us at www.frc.org for additional information.

DATA ENTRY/TELESERVICES ASSISTANT

FULL-TIME POSITION

LOCATION: HOLLAND OFFICES

The Data Entry/Tele-Services Assistant is responsible for performing data entry, teleservices, special project functions and customer service issues as they arise.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

- Performing data entry, teleservices, and special project functions.
- Input constituent information into the database, including donations, requests for materials & subscriptions, and personal information (e.g., addresses, event attendance, interest codes) in a timely and accurate manner.
- Ensure that constituents telephone calls are handled professionally.
- Assist with preparation and on-site registration for regional and national events.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- You have a high school diploma or GED.
- You have a minimum of three years prior data work experience and strong verbal and listening skills.
- You have a proficient computer and word processing skills.
- You have a strong aptitude for detail and repetitive work environment.

If you are interested in being considered for this position, please submit your resume, cover letter, and expectations to FRC by email to hrdept@frc.org or by fax to 202-393-2134.

Missions Updates



Spreading the Good News of
the Gospel around the world.

Upendo Orphanage Update



The school received new uniforms!



The girls received some new school supplies!



Beautiful baptism service!

PRAISE JESUS!
240 Bible have been distributed. Here the teens are learning how to read their Bibles.





GATEWAYmission

HOPE FOUND HERE.

WHEN SOMEONE IS LOST ON THE STREETS,



GATEWAY'S H.O.P.E. TEAM GOES TO THEM

Greetings!

Several times a week, Gateway's H.O.P.E. Team heads into the streets of Ottawa and Allegan counties - meeting people in alleyways, encampments, and other hard places. With care and consistency, they invite our homeless neighbors to consider a different path forward.

H.O.P.E. stands for Homeless Outreach Partnership and Education - with 'partnership' at the heart of it all! We partner with individuals coaching them to take control of their future - and with local agencies, including law enforcement, to meet community needs.

Two of our H.O.P.E. Team leaders are former police detectives, and another once led a local gang for a decade before a defining encounter with God. These men know the streets - and they understand how addiction and destructive influences often keep people from seeking help. But like Jesus searching for the "lost sheep" (Luke 15), the H.O.P.E. Team goes to them.

Your gift during our Love Your Neighbor Summer Challenge - whether \$35, \$75, \$150 or more - helps grow this vital outreach. As homelessness becomes more visible, concerns are rising. And while handouts may come from compassion, experience shows they can unintentionally cause harm and rarely lead to lasting change.

BE A PART OF THE LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR CHALLENGE: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/25e02f/>

Recently, A young man named Seth came to Gateway after years on the streets, weighed down by depression and a painful past.

Through the Pathway Program, he gained stability and discipline - and when he landed a job interview, the H.O.P.E. Team drove him there.

Along the way, Seth pointed out spots where "where you can find people who are searching for hope, who want to take the steps I've taken." Stories like his guide and strengthen the H.O.P.E. Team's outreach every day.

Greetings! Your gift is more than a donation - it's a way to Love Your Neighbor. This is more than outreach. It's transformation in action!

Real change takes time, trust, and hope-filled relationships. That's why Gateway's approach is grounded in compassion and accountability - it all starts with a conversation and leads to lasting change.

In Luke 14, Jesus called His disciples to "Go out to the highways and byways... that my house may be filled" (Luke 14). This is the calling the H.O.P.E. Team lives out every day!

GIVE THE GIFT OF LASTING CHANGE: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/25e02f/>



Faithfully serving,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Riemersma".

Jay Riemersma
Executive Director
Gateway Mission

P.S. I'm so grateful for your support of the H.O.P.E. Team this season. Because of you, we're fully equipped to offer lasting help - not just temporary relief - to our neighbors in need.



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Gacie Immink's Ministry Update

June Updates

Greetings From Holland, Michigan!

Happy June! It's been so good catching up with some of you in person lately, and I'm excited to share some updates with you here too!

What I've Been Up To

These past few weeks have been packed! I've been working with my support church on how to connect better with churches and individuals who might want to be part of what God is doing in South Korea through this ministry. As I mentioned in my last newsletter - I need more connections!

If you know any churches, pastors, youth leaders, or anyone who might be interested in hearing more, I'd love it if you could introduce me!

Where I'm At With Monthly Support

A lot of people have been asking where things stand with support, so here's a quick snapshot of what's still needed to get to 100% monthly funding:

- 41 people giving \$100/month
- 82 people giving \$50/month
- 164 people giving \$25/month

(*All these options total to my monthly goal)

I'm still looking for more monthly partners - people who feel led to be part of this mission through prayer and giving. If you're praying about this or have questions, feel free to reach out!

Some Travel Fun

If you know me, you know I love to travel - and I've been doing a lot of it lately! My family and I went on a vacation to Georgia, and then I tagged along with a close family friend for their trip to Nashville. Both were such sweet and refreshing trips.



Savanna
Bananas
Baseball
Game



Views from Nashville

South Korea Team Update

Some of our team in South Korea recently headed to Vietnam to help partner with the Word of Life team there with some English camps for the youth of Vietnam. Please pray for the teams as they work together and that any of those who attend and don't know the Lord would meet Him as their Savior. Please also pray that everyone has safe travels and stays healthy!



The WOL team in Vietnam for English camp!

Coming Up

Next week, I'm heading to New York with a couple of my WOLBI (World of Life Bible Institute) classmates for the wedding of one of the interns who served while we were students. It'll be a mini-reunion, and we're planning to do a little sightseeing in NYC too!

How You Can Pray With Me

Here's how you can be praying with me:

- For more connections and new monthly partners
- For the English camps in Vietnam and the team serving there
- For safe travels and good times in New York next week

Thanks so much for reading and being part of this journey - whether it's through prayer, support, encouragement, or simply staying in the loop. I'm really grateful for you!



Book Club zoom meeting