

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for January 8, 2017

The AM Offering today is for **Christian Education** – to assist families with the cost of Christian School tuition.

The PM Offering today is for **Sioux Falls URC** -- In the spring of 2005, some families from the tristate area (SD, MN, IA) approached Hills United Reformed Church about the prospects of planting a URC in Sioux Falls, SD. They had a vision for a church that is distinctly Reformed with a passion for reaching the city of Sioux Falls for Christ. By God's grace, the right doors were opened at the right time, and the Sioux Falls URC Fellowship was formed. The group began gathering for worship in September 2005 and called their first minister in December 2006—Rev. Spencer Aalsburg. The Hills URC (Hills, MN) is the overseeing church that is officially planting Sioux Falls URC Fellowship. Rev. Spencer Aalsburg and his wife Julia have 4 children.

Next week's AM Offering is for **Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary** -- From 1995 until the present, Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary has graduated over seventy five students; many other part-time and non-program students have attended throughout the years. Alumni are serving the church in various ways: pastoring, preaching, teaching, pursuing further education, international missions, domestic missions, and church planting.

Next week's PM Offering is for **Crossroad Bible Institute** – an international discipleship and advocacy ministry for prisoners and their families. First of all, it equips the church to disciple people in prison with the Word of God, free of charge. It is a personal, in-depth and long-term program that is uniquely designed to help incarcerated persons grow dramatically in a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ, preparing them for and assisting them with successful reentry upon release. Second, it advocates for change that will make society more welcoming toward returning citizens.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School and Catechism classes will meet today following the morning worship service.

The Adult Bible Class will meet in the Youth Room after the morning worship service – **Please join us!**

The Trusting God Adult Bible Study will be meeting **downstairs in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM today**. Grab a cup of coffee and join us! **Everyone is welcome!**

Our Host Family Program at Cornerstone is continuing and each Sunday one family is ready to invite guests to their home for lunch. **Congregation, we do need your help with this.** If you are seated near a guest on a given Sunday, please introduce yourself to them, welcome them to Cornerstone and introduce them to the Host Family. Thanks to all who are involved in this ministry.

Agape Meals ~ Our freezer is currently very low on delicious foods and **NEEDS YOUR HELP** to restock it-- **there has been no response to the previous announcement but heartly, home cooked meals are needed!** A big THANK YOU to each of you who contributes to this ministry. Whether it has been once or frequently, each item donated helps someone else. Please keep in mind the **goal of this is to provide fresh, HOMEMADE meals / snacks for those in our congregation who are unable or have difficulty doing this for themselves.** Please consider giving of your time to this important opportunity.

Thank you so much to all who came to Family Night on January 4 for our Taco Bar. *With the cold weather, we didn't expect a big crowd, but you tough Michiganders braved the cold weather to enjoy a very special time of Christian fellowship with our Cornerstone family. Thank you!*

CHRISTIAN RENEWAL and OUTLOOK subscriptions expire with the February 2017 issue. Please sign up on the sheets located under Bulletin Board #3 if you would like to continue receiving your subscription or if you would like to begin a new one. A one-year subscription to **CHRISTIAN RENEWAL** is **\$40.00**, and the **OUTLOOK** is **\$22.00**. Please make your check **payable to Cornerstone URC** and place it in the Secretary

Mail slot in the Sound Room. **The deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 29.**

LADIES: You are encouraged to **gather for a short time of prayer at 9:30 AM this week Tuesday** morning before the Bible study.

Women's Bible Study will meet this week Tuesday at 9:45 AM for coffee and fellowship with the Bible Study beginning at 10:00 AM. Please read Exodus 19-24 and do the Personal Bible Study Questions on pp. 115-119. A Nursery is provided. **Coffee (please—NO nuts of any kind): Marcia Vander Klok and Geneva Vander Kolk.**

Men's Tuesday Night Bible Study meets in the Council Room at 7:00 PM. **Please join us!!**

Early Risers meet on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 AM at the Rainbow Grill in Hudsonville. **All men and women, young and old, are welcome and encouraged to join us!**

HILLTOPPERS: Do not forget our monthly meeting is **THIS WEEK Wednesday, January 11.** Fellowship and snacks begin at 9:45 AM with our lesson at 10:00 AM. We will be viewing Lesson 10, *The Meaning of Christmas at Easter* from the series "Lessons from The Upper Room" by Sinclair Ferguson. Afterward we will watch another DVD entitled *The Origin of the Universe* from the series "Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis." Lunch will follow at the Rainbow Grill at 11:45 AM. **ALL CORNERSTONE SENIORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US!**

Family Night: At our next Family Night on **January 18,** we are having a **Soup & Pie Supper!** We need 14 volunteers to bring 6 quarts of soup **hot and ready to serve!** We would love to have a variety of different kinds of soup to choose from. Will you make a pot of your favorite soup and bring it along? If so, please sign up in the narthex! We also need 8 scrumptious desserts and 9 delicious pies. Who feels like baking??? Mmmmm.... This will be a fabulous meal! **Please sign up today if you will help!**

SAVE THE DATE: On **Friday, March 3,** we have the Hudsonville Lanes reserved for a **Cornerstone Family Bowling Night** from 6:00-8:00 PM including pizza for dinner! Please plan to attend and bring the whole family!

CADETS

We meet this Wednesday, January 11. The meeting begins promptly at 6:45 PM and we meet until 8:30 PM. Please wear your complete uniform, bring a Bible, and if your group is working on merit badges then bring your Guide Book. **Grades 3rd - 4th**—please prepare Lesson A-12; **Grades 5th - 8th**—please read and bookmark these passages ahead of time to prepare for your Bible lesson: Romans 1:17; 3:21-24; 8:5; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Genesis 6:5; Jeremiah 17:9; James 1:22; 2:14, 17; Proverbs 29:7; 21:21; Zephaniah 2:3; 2 Chronicles 19:6-7; John 14:15; 1 John 3:7; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Ephesians 5:1-2; Matthew 6:1.

GEMS

Our next meeting is Family Night, January 18. Come prepared with your lesson; we begin at 6:40 PM sharp.

Advance Notice: We will be singing for our Song Service before church on **Sunday, February 12.**

- **6th Grade**—Finish up reading Chapter 6 and answer the questions in your study guide.

HSYG

HSYG MEETING ~ JANUARY 15! **FOOD: Moorman and Schuiteman! Friends are always welcome!** If you have a topic/subject for our "What Does the Bible Say About...?" that you would like to discuss for future lessons, please contact one of the leaders today or let us know at our next meeting.

SIGN UPS! At our next meeting, we will have sign-up sheets for the RYS Convention, Summer TASC events, the Mexico trip (eligible Juniors and Seniors), and the RYS All-nighter. As leaders, we want to have a good idea of how many of you want to participate in these events, so **please discuss these events with your parents and come ready to sign up for the events.** A letter detailing the costs for each of these events will be in your mailboxes.

SAVE THE DATES!

January 15 **HSYG Meeting.** Food: Moorman and Schuiteman
February 5 **HSYG Meeting.** Food: Kamps and Pettit
February 17-18 **RYS ALL-NIGHTER ~ Cost \$16.** We will leave church approximately 10:30 PM and return to church approximately 5:30 AM on Saturday morning.
February 19 **HSYG Meeting.** Food: Koning and Wassink

30+ SINGLES

The study / discussion group for singles who are age 30+ will meet **TONIGHT, January 8**, at the home of Sherry Buys. You are invited to come after your church service as the meeting and discussion usually last as long as there is interest. No advance preparation is necessary as we discuss social issues. The address is 4129 W. Saxony Drive, Grand Rapids; please join us at any time after 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call 616-477-7595.

THIS WEEK AT CORNERSTONE

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service	
	11:00 AM	Sunday School and Catechism classes	
	11:00 AM	Adult Bible Study (old Youth Room downstairs)	
	11:00 AM	“Trusting God” Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Room downstairs)	
	4:30 PM	Men at Prayer	
	5:20 PM	Song Service	
	5:30 PM	Evening Worship Service	
	7:30 PM	30+ Singles Bible Study (Sherry Buys’ house)	
	Monday	6:30 PM	Deacons
		7:00 PM	Council
Tuesday	9:30 AM	Women gather to pray before Bible Study	
	9:45 AM	Women’s Bible Study	
	7:00 PM	Men’s Bible Study	
	7:00 PM	IRBC Class (basement)	
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Early Risers (Rainbow Grill, Hudsonville)	
	9:45 AM	Hilltoppers (Bible Study and then Lunch at Rainbow Grill)	
	6:45 PM	Cadets	
Thursday	6:30 PM	VBS at Presidential Estates	

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Offerings: **January 8 AM:** Christian Education **PM:** Sioux Falls URC
 January 15 AM: Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary **PM:** Crossroad Bible Institute

Coffee: **January 8 –** Larry & Carol Huttinga
 January 15 – Paul & Gail Steenwyk

Greeters: **January 8 AM:** Mitch & Kendra Stuive
 PM: Andrew & Jennifer Tanis
 January 15 AM: Ben & Brenda Tjapkes
 PM: Tom & Irene Van Dyk

Host Family: **January 8:** Dave and June Boardman
 January 15: Tod and Sarah Moelker

Nursery Today: **January 8 AM:** Laura Batts, Martha Horjus, Peyton Schuiteman
 PM: Karen Essenburg, Sandi Verwolf, Kris Groendyk

Nursery Check Today: Laura Batts

Nursery Next Week: **January 15 AM:** Deb Brinks, Tammy Kerkstra, Zoe Dykstra
 PM: Judy De Witt, Bonnie Bratt, Tory Decker

Nursery Check Next Week: Judy De Witt

Security: **January 8 AM:** Jon Knott, Dan De Vries
 PM: Dan Deppe, Nicholas Vos

January 15 AM: Kevin Schuiteman, Keith Schuiteman
 PM: Jason Vander Wey, Chad Spoelma

Sound: **January 8** – Bob Hulst **January 15** – Dan Bratt

Ushers: **January AM:** Lance Bonzelaar, Rob Brinks, Patrick Carbone, Lee De Witt
 PM: Don Cook, Dave De Zwaan, Dan De Vries, Joe De Witt

SCHOOL & MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS are posted on Bulletin Board #3.
SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS – January 8, 2017

- **Hudsonville Christian School** invites you to their **Early Childhood Exploration Night** on **Thursday, January 19**, at 6:30 PM at 3435 Oak Street in Hudsonville. Bring your child to visit the classrooms, meet the teachers and participate in fun activities. Child check-in is at 6:00 PM. Visit www.hudsonvillechristian.org/explorationnight for more information. Enrollment begins January 19. Whether it is your first or your last child, we encourage you to come find out the exciting things that are happening at HCS! Several program options for children ages 3 to 5 will be highlighted as well as Kids' Corner Childcare! Hudsonville Christian is committed to partnering with parents to make a Christian education possible. Come talk to us about how we can invest in your child's education together. Ask us how preschool at HCS can be free!
- **Jenison Christian School's Early Childhood Open House & Information Night** is scheduled on **Tuesday, January 17**. Please join us and invite anyone you know who may be considering options for: Preschool, half-day Pre-K, half-day or full-day Kindergarten, or more about our on-site Child Care. We would love to meet parents and share what makes JCS so special and unique! We will have an optional information meeting (children invited too--childcare available as well) from 6:00-6:30 PM and an Open-House from 6:00-8:00 PM. This will be an exciting night where families can meet our teachers, ask questions, hear from current parents, and simply have fun! Turn in an information card at the event to be registered for a drawing for \$100 off preschool and also a drawing for \$250 off kindergarten tuition. Receive a FREE JCS t-shirt for attending the Open House. A voucher for 1/2 off the preschool enrollment fee (value of \$25) is available in the office for current JCS families who enroll prior to the Open House and handed out to new families at the Open House.
- **Jenison Christian School's 8th grade** will present the humorous "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood" by Mary Lynn Dobson at Jenison Public High School Auditorium on **Thursday, January 26**, at 7:00 PM and again on **Saturday, January 28**, at 3:00 PM. Tickets will be available from the JCS office beginning Monday, January 16, at a cost of \$5.00 each for any age. It sure is hard to be humble when you're a swashbuckling, egocentric super-hero. But our gallant guy-in-green tries his best as he swaggers through this frantically funny retelling of a classic. This time around, the legendary legend, in his never-ending quest to aid the needy, encounters a lovely damsel-in-distress (oddly obsessed with skin conditions); an ever-scheming sheriff who would rather bowl a strike than hit a bull's-eye; a gold-hoarding, bad-guy monarch wannabe; and a good-natured "Town's Guy" who manages to make his way into every scene, whether he belongs there or not. Combine them with the flirty Fawning Ladies and a band of spoon-wielding Merry Men whose collective IQs equal six, and you've got a jaunt through Sherwood Forest you won't soon forget!
- **Bus Drivers Needed!** **Zion Christian School** is searching for bus drivers both as substitutes and also as a route driver for the Northwest area of Grand Rapids. If you are not currently licensed, Zion will pay for all training and testing. Interested applicants should contact Todd Hoekstra at 878-9472 or thoekstra@zionchristian.net.

- **Zion Christian School** is looking for a **Boy's Middle School Baseball Coach**, and also a **Varsity Assistant for Baseball**. Please contact Joel Bont via email at jbont@zionchristian.net or via phone at (616) 878-9472 if you are interested or know anyone that would be.

MISCELLANEOUS REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Blood donations are urgently needed.** Please give blood at Hillcrest CRC (3617 Hillcrest Road, on the corner of 36th and Hillcrest Road) on **Friday, January 13**. Walk in from 11:30 AM to 5:15 PM or call 1-800-RED-CROSS for an appointment. A donor card or driver's license is required. Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds and be 17 or older. See redcrossblood.org for a parental consent form for 16 year-olds.

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