

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for January 29, 2017

The AM Offering today is for the **Mission Fund** – for the support of 7 missionaries throughout the world.

The PM Offering today is for **Mel Trotter Ministries** – which exists to demonstrate the compassion of Jesus Christ toward the hungry, homeless and hurting of the greater Grand Rapids area. Since 1900, Mel Trotter Ministries has helped restore faith and lives. On February 24, 1900, Mel Trotter and a group of community leaders opened a Mission at 95 Canal Street in Grand Rapids and now is located at 225 Commerce Avenue, Grand Rapids. Since then, hundreds of thousands of men and women have found Jesus, and restored their lives, thanks to the loving support they found at Mel Trotter Ministries. Over the years, Mel Trotter Ministries has expanded and changed to keep up with the changing needs of the hungry, homeless and hurting people of our community.

Next week's AM Offering is for the **Building Fund** – The Building Fund collection helps pay for the minor and major repairs for our church building. There have been several larger repairs over the past year and we project more repairs in the next several years. The collections will go towards those repairs with excess collection funding a capital reserve for future needs.

Next week's PM Offering is for **Alliance Defending Freedom** – Since its founding in 1994, Alliance Defending Freedom has made a significant impact for God's Kingdom through its winning legal efforts to preserve religious freedom for people of faith. Alliance Defending Freedom is committed to keeping the door open for the spread of the Gospel by transforming the legal system and advocating for religious liberty, the sanctity of life, and marriage and family. Together with its growing army of more than 2,200 Allied Attorneys, Alliance Defending Freedom has defended attacks on religious freedom – like these and countless others – so that Christians across America can freely live out their faith.

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 meets after the morning worship service in the Fellowship Room downstairs from 11:00-11:45 AM. Get your cup of coffee and join us today! Newcomers are always welcome!

The Cornerstone URC February 2017 Events and Prayer Calendar can be found on the table in the narthex.

TODAY is the LAST DAY to sign-up for the CHRISTIAN RENEWAL and OUTLOOK subscriptions! A one-year subscription to **CHRISTIAN RENEWAL** is **\$40.00**, and the **OUTLOOK** is **\$22.00**. Please sign-up up under Bulletin Board #3 and submit a check **payable to Cornerstone URC** placing it in the Secretary Mail slot in the Sound Room.

It is time to sign up if you plan to attend the Bowling / Pizza Night on Friday, March 3! The cost is **\$4/person with a \$20 maximum for families**. This includes 2 games of bowling, shoes, and pizza! What a deal! If you do not care to bowl, please pay \$3 for pizza. Grab your friends and sign up together! All are welcome! **Please put the money in Tammy Kerkstra's mailbox and sign up in the narthex.**

LADIES!!!! Let us gather together to shower **Cory Vander Wood** and the sweet baby in her womb, in preparation for baby's arrival! Join us for a night of tasty treats and gushing over all things baby on **Thursday, February 16**. **There is a sign-up sheet under Bulletin Board #3 to RSVP and volunteer for desserts.** Let Tanya Sterk know if you'd like to participate in the group gift!

The Post-High School Young Adult Group will meet **TONIGHT** after the evening service.

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. **We will begin with question #9 on page 143.** Please read through the Teaching Chapter "At Home, at Last Together" on pp. 144-159 and answer the Discussion Guide "The Tabernacle" questions on pp. 160-161 in preparation for our study. A Nursery is provided. **Coffee (please—NO nuts of any kind): Von Gras and Sandi Verwolf.**

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!**

Family night is THIS WEEK Wednesday, February 1! Dinner begins at 6:00 PM. Please join us for pizza and our very popular salad bar. **We still need volunteers to stock the salad bar.** Please check out the signup sheet in the narthex. GEMS meets at 6:40 PM; Cadets meet at 6:45 PM; and Kid's Bible Story Hour meets at 7:00 PM. The Adult class meets at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary and will be led by Seminary student Namsik Yang from South Korea. He will be sharing about his Christian life as well as the status of the Christian Church in both North and South Korea.

The Hilltoppers will meet on **Wednesday, February 8,** with Coffee and snacks at 9:45 AM and our lesson at 10:00 AM led by Rev. Vos. We will be viewing and discussing Lesson 11, FATHER, GLORIFY YOUR SON from the series LESSONS FROM THE UPPER ROOM. Following the lesson we will view a short DVD titled THE ORIGIN OF THE UNIVERSE from the series UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF GENESIS. **All of our retirees are invited, no, urged to join us!**

ADVANCE NOTICE: The Cornerstone Talent Show will be on Wednesday, **March 29.**

Right to Life Membership Applications were placed in your mailbox recently. Please consider filling it out and return it to the footprint box in the narthex by **NEXT WEEK Sunday, February 5.** Thank you for your help with this important cause. **The RTL Committee**

The CURC 21st Annual Women's Conference—"Thirsting for Springs of Living Water"—will be held on Friday-Saturday, **March 17-18,** with main speaker **Sarah Ivill,** and Workshop Leader **Pastor Bob Van Manen.** Extra copies of the brochure/registration are available on the table in the narthex. **Registrations are due by March 3**—please drop them off in the box located on the center table in the narthex. **The cost is still ONLY \$20.00** which includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to fellowship with sisters in the faith as we glorify God together and grow in the knowledge of His Truth, and **invite your family and friends!!**

The Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology will be holding its annual Grand Rapids conference on **March 24-26,** 2017, at First Christian Reformed Church of Byron Center. See the flyer in your mailbox today for all the details! This year's topic is "**Reformation: Recovering the Essence of the Gospel.**" Michigan speakers include Richard Phillips, David Filson, Daniel Doriani, and Kent Hughes. If a group of **5 or more** sign up together, we will qualify for the group rate of **\$75.00 / person.** **COLLEGE STUDENTS: PCRT is offering a special price of \$25.00 for college students to attend this year's conference (this includes the pre-conference too)!** Please sign-up on the sheet located under Bulletin Board #3. The deadline to sign up as a church group is **Sunday, March 5.**

Attention all Post-Highs - Guys and Gals, One and All: The Bible Study meeting at Calvin College will start again beginning this week Friday, February 3. We are continuing our study of the book of Romans. The fall study proved the need and the blessing of a conservative, Reformed witness on the campus. Please consider how you might be blessed and a blessing to others through a weekly Bible study and fellowship with other serious-minded Christians. We meet every Friday afternoon at 4:00 PM in Room 263 of the Calvin College Fine Arts Center. For more information, contact Daniel or Jeffrey @ dd35@students.calvin.edu or (616) 406-9163. C U there!

From Reformed Mission Services:

TASC: The sites are set for Summer 2017!!! Your youth leader will be receiving information very soon and the **group registration will begin February 1!** This year's sites and dates are: Burlington, WA—June 17-24; Pantego, NC—June 24-July 1; Wyoming, MI—June 24-July 1; Dutton, MI—July 8-15; and Hudson Valley, NY—July 29-August 5. Talk about where you and your group would like to go, and be ready to sign up for an event!

Want to help with a VBS? Rev. Tony and Arley-Ann Zekveld are looking for help to teach/lead a VBS-type event referred to as Children's Classes, to take place **March 13-17, 2017**, in the Etobicoke area near Toronto. The Zekveld's work to bring the Gospel among the Sikhs and Hindus of the Etobicoke region of Ontario. If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Arley-Ann Zekveld at arleyann.zekveld@gmail.com. There are a few forms to fill out and a background check to be performed so she would like to know if you can assist her by the end of January.

COSTA RICA: We are still looking for volunteers to travel to San Jose, Costa Rica, to assist CLIR, Rev. Bill Green, and perform some maintenance on the Grade school building and at the new High School Building. This trip will take place **March 4-11, 2017**. More information and registration is on the website, www.rms.org.

COLOMBIA: Plans are being made to construct a church building in Santa Marta, Colombia, from **July 24-August 3, 2017**. RMS hopes to have more information after an exploratory trip takes place in April.

UPCOMING TRIPS: VBS: RMS is looking for churches that desire to assist our Missionaries and Church Planters using the VBS model that we have developed. If your church is interested in helping or know of a church that would like to have a team come to assist them, please email the Administrative Director at rob@rms.org. **TASC:** RMS is seeking churches that are willing to host a TASC event in 2018. Please go to our website <https://rms.org/tasc-host-church-application/> and fill out the form showing your interest in hosting!

CADETS

We meet this Wednesday, February 1. 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-15. **Grades 5th – 8th** – please read and bookmark these passages ahead of time to prepare for your Bible lesson: James 3:13-18.

Our Winter Campout is this Friday. If you signed up for a ride, please be at church by 5:50 PM so that we can leave by 6:00 PM. If you are driving directly to the campground, then meet at the Recruit Lodge at around 6:45-7:00 PM. We should return around 1:00 PM on Saturday.

GEMS

Our next meeting is THIS WEEK Wednesday, February 1st. We will begin promptly at 6:40 PM and finish at 8:30 PM.

- **3rd Grade:** Please complete the lesson "John" (p. 61) before our next meeting!
- **6th Grade:** Read Chapter 7 and answer the questions in your study guide.

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

JHYG

Advance Notice: We meet again on Sunday, **February 12,** after the evening worship service.

HSYG

HSYG MEETING: Next week Sunday Night! **FOOD: Kamps and Pettit!** Friends are always welcome! We are continuing our DVD series on Evolution's Achilles Heel. Our subject next time will be: *Origin of Life*. This lesson deals with what the Evolutionists believe—that life came from a “primordial soup.” We want to continue our “What Does the Bible Say About...?” discussion for our February 19 meeting. If you have a topic that you would like to discuss for this or future lessons, please let one of the leaders know at our next meeting.

SIGN UPS! TONIGHT!!! Please sign up tonight for the **RYS All-Nighter** that will take place from 10:30 PM February 17 until 5:30 AM on the 18th. Cost for Cornerstone students is \$16.00 payable when we leave on the 17th. Friends pay \$20.00 for the night.

SAVE THE DATES!

- 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.**

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
	7:00 PM	Post-High School Young Adult Group
	7:00 PM	Bible Study Fellowship Groups
	Monday	6:30 PM
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)
	5:00 PM	Praise Choir
	6:00 PM	Family Night Pizza & Salad Bar Supper
	6:40 PM	GEMS
	6:45 PM	Cadets
	7:00 PM	Kid's Bible Story Hour
	7:00 PM	Adult Bible Class (Sanctuary)
	7:00 PM	Poelman Joint Venture Committee Meeting (Council Room)
Thursday	6:30 PM	VBS at Presidential Estates
Friday	6:00 PM	Cadets leave for their Winter Indoor Campout
Saturday	1:00 PM	Cadets return from their Winter Indoor Campout

6:00 PM and dinner served at 6:30 PM. Reserve your seat by calling the school office at 616-878-9472, ext. 110, by **Friday, April 14**.

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