

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for February 5, 2017

The AM Offering today 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.

The PM Offering today 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.

Next week's AM Offering is for **Reformed Mission Services (RMS)** – **Reformed Mission Services** sees its role in supporting local, missionary and church planting efforts as a critically useful resource in carrying forth the ongoing work of making disciples in all the world. Through facilitation and organization of youth and adult service projects and trips both at home and abroad, Reformed Mission Services seeks the realization and fulfillment of the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ acting under the authority and oversight of local Reformed and Confessional congregations through their Consistories. Rob Brinks is the Administrative Director of this organization.

Next week's PM Offering is for **Christian Education** – to assist families with the cost of Christian School tuition.

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!

Copies of the URCNA Missions Prayer Requests for February, 2017, from the URCNA Missions Coordinator, Pastor Richard Bout, are available on the table in the narthex for those who do not receive the email Prayer Postings. Let's continue to pray fervently for our missionaries and that God's name would be glorified through their work.

Right to Life Membership Applications are due TODAY!! Please return your application and donation to the footprint box in the narthex by **TONIGHT!** Thank you for your help with this important cause. **The RTL Committee**

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.

Family Night: Our next Family Night is on **February 15** and we will have a good old-fashioned pot-luck dinner! All are welcome! Please sign up if you are coming and let us know if you are bringing a large hot dish, a large salad, or a large dessert.

Cornerstory: The deadline to submit items for the next church newsletter is **Saturday, February 18**, at noon. Please email Cornerstory@hotmail.com or place items in the Cornerstory mail slot in the tape room.

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 28 and 29** and **do the Personal Bible Study Questions** on pp. 165-170 of *The Lamb of God*. A Nursery is provided. **Coffee (please—NO nuts of any kind): Edie Docter & Carol Huttinga.**

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!**

The Hilltoppers will meet **THIS WEEK 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!**

BOWLING: Did you see the bowling flyer in your mailbox last week? **Have you signed up yet??** We are hoping for a great turnout on **Friday, March 3**, from 6-8 PM at Hudsonville Lanes. **ALL are welcome!** Reminder to **pay your money to Tammy Kerkstra by February 26** (\$4/person for bowlers - \$3/person for non-bowlers). Non-bowlers, please sign up too so we know how much pizza to purchase.

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 has begun again! 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.

URCNA Missions Conference ~ May 16-18, 2017: You are invited to take part in this special event at Guelph Bible Conference Centre, in Guelph, ON. Our theme is *Reformed and Relevant: Reaching Our Generation with the Gospel*. Our main speakers will be Rev. Paul Murphy (URCNA) and Rev. Eric Watkins (OPC). The Tuesday and Wednesday evening sessions are free for all desiring to attend. For registration and more information, please go to www.urnamission.org.

From Reformed Mission Services:

TASC: Group Registration is **open until February 10!** Primary Contacts—please register your group this week! 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.** Registration fees for Guest participants is \$300 this year and Host Participants is \$60. Individual registration will open **March 1.** More details for each event can be found on the website, www.rms.org.

Help Needed! Rev. Tony and Arley-Ann Zekveld are looking for help to teach/lead a VBS-type event referred to as Children's Classes from **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 assist them 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 **February 15.**

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

Would you like to help out in Guinea, West Africa or the Ukraine? Miss Katie De Jong is working among the Muslims in Guinea. She is looking for 2-5 people to assist her in hosting Community Camps from **July 17-August 21, 2017.** For more information about this trip, contact Rob at rob@rms.org or Katie at Katie.dejong@sim.org. Eric Hoeksema (a member of Covenant URC-Pantego, NC) is working with the Ukrainian, Hungarian, and Croatian students teaching English and is looking for individuals or groups interested in sharing Christ while these students learn the English language. He has a number of camps throughout the summer months between **May 29 and July 21.** Come for all or for one of the two week camps. For more information, contact the RMS Admin. Director at rob@rms.org.

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 Admin. 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 8. 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 don't forget your Guide Book. **Grades 3rd - 4th** – please prepare Lesson A-16. **Grades 5th - 8th** – please read and bookmark these passages ahead of time to prepare for your Bible lesson: Proverbs 8 and 9.

GEMS

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 15. We will begin promptly at 6:40 PM and finish at 8:30 PM.

Reminder: We will be singing for the evening song service at **5:20 PM NEXT WEEK Sunday, February 12.**

Advance Notice: Our overnigher will be **Friday, March 10.**

- **3rd Grade:** Please complete the lesson on John if you haven't already done so! Please have completed the lesson on "Luke" (pg.64) before our next meeting.

JHYG

We meet again **NEXT WEEK Sunday, February 12**, after the evening worship service. **Food: Dykstra** (Jim & Lori)—**main meal; Johnson—sides** (chips, appetizer, veggies, fruit, that kind of thing); **Dykstra** (Dan & Christine)—**dessert and drinks**.

HSYG

HSYG MEETING TONIGHT!! FOOD: Kamps and Pettit! Friends are always welcome! We are continuing our DVD series on Evolutions Achilles Heel. Our subject next time will be: The Origin of Life. This lesson deals with what the Evolutionists believe—that life came from a “primordial soup”—and some of the things that scientist say to rationalize their position on how life began. We want to continue our “What Does the Bible Say About...? discussions. If you have a topic that you would like to discuss for this or future lessons, please let one of the leaders know.

SIGN UPS ~ TONIGHT!!! Please sign up for the RYS All-Nighter at our meeting tonight (sorry about the confusion): The RYS Grand Rapids-area High School All-Nighter will be held **February 17-18**, 2017, at the Visser YMCA in Grandville, MI. Two big gyms, game room, large pool, pizza, donuts and more fun awaits! Scheduled for 10:30 PM - 4:30 AM. Cost is \$16.00 for Cornerstone High School Youth Group members and \$20 for friends. This money will be collected when we leave Friday night.

Tonight: We will be handing out pledge sheets for our Bowl-a-Thon and talk about the date in which it will take place. We are looking at dates for this event during the last half of March. For those who are going to the TASC event in NC and because this year’s costs for the RYS Convention is very high, we strongly encourage you to start getting pledges to offset your costs to go to this summer’s events.

SAVE THE DATES!

- 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**
- March 5** **HSYG Meeting. Food: Bratt and Van Beek (Jim)**
- March 19** **HSYG Meeting. Food: Dykstra (Dan) and Alsum**

30+ SINGLES

The study / discussion group for singles who are age 30+ will meet again on **Sunday, February 12**, 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, 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
	7:00 PM	Post-High School Young Adult Group
	7:00 PM	HSYG
	Monday	7:00 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)
	9:45 AM	Hilltoppers
	6:45 PM	Cadets
Thursday	6:30 PM	VBS at Presidential Estates

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Offerings: **February 5 AM:** Building Fund **PM:** Alliance Defending Freedom
February 12 AM: Reformed Mission Services (RMS) **PM:** Christian Education

Coffee: **February 5** – Rod & Deb Westveer **February 12** – Bob & Irene Potgeter

Greeters: **February 5 AM:** Roger & Jean Van Koeving
PM: Ron & Dorothy Vanden Bosch

February 12 AM: Dave & Sandi Verwolf
PM: Randy & Kim Vander Kolk

Host Family: **February 5:** Kurt & Carissa Schuiteman
February 12: Steve & Jacqueline Hordyk

Nursery Today: **February 5 AM:** Karen & Leighann Sterk, Madison Leighliter
PM: Kendra Stuiwe, Jennifer Tanis, Makayla Berens

Nursery Check Today: Kendra Stuiwe

Nursery Next Week: **February 12 AM:** Eliza Pettit, Ellen Leighliter, Kathryn Johnson
PM: Laura Batts, Amanda Deppe, Amber Vander Kolk

Nursery Check Next Week: Laura Batts

Security: **February 5 AM:** Patrick Carbone, Randy Vander Kolk
PM: Bob Warsen, Jeff Berens

February 12 AM: Keith Schuiteman, Kevin Schuiteman
PM: Dustin Emelander, Dan Deppe

Sound: **February 5** – Tom Van Dyken **February 12** – Bob Hulst

Ushers: **February AM:** Robert Gil, Dan Dykstra, Jim Dykstra, Dustin Emelander
PM: Dan Deppe, Dave Gift, John Gras, Aaron Gras

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Jenison Christian School's Kindergarten Screening—March 6-10.** See Bulletin Board #3 for details.
- **Unity Christian High School** will be hosting orientation evenings for 8th graders and parents on **February 6, 8, and 13**. These evenings are especially planned for 8th graders and their parents to check out Unity as they make plans for high school. Please call Unity at 669-1820 during any school day to reserve an evening.
- **Zion Christian School** invites interested families to an **Info Night** on **Thursday, February 16**, from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Whether you are interested in preschool, high school, or something in between, please consider joining us at 6:30 PM for a brief overview of Zion, after which you can tour the school, meet teachers, and ask questions. All prospective families that attend will receive a coupon for a free pizza!
- **Zion Christian School's Annual Spring Dinner** will take place on **Thursday, April 27**. Join us as we celebrate Zion Christian School and the faithfulness of our Lord! We are excited to welcome Dr. Derek Halvorson, the president of Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, GA, as our special guest and speaker. Come and enjoy an evening of great food and Christian fellowship. Additionally, this is a fund-raising event, so you will have an opportunity to make a gift supporting the work and ministry of ZCS. The Dinner will be held at The Postma Center at Pine Rest, with punchbowl beginning at 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**.

MISCELLANEOUS REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Jehovah Jireh THANKS everyone who is collecting Family Fare (SpartanNash) receipts!** They have passed the \$100,000 mark, and at this current pace, they could reach \$150,000 by the end of March. **REMINDER: Please submit the WHOLE RECEIPT!** They had to throw away well over \$2,000 worth of receipts because they were only partial receipts—they need the whole thing. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Herrema at 616-209-7688 or 616-437-0960.
- **INSIDE/OUTSIDE CONFERENCE.** You are invited to attend the Inside/Outside conference to be held at Bethany URC in Wyoming MI. Join us March 10 and 11 as representatives from Mid-America Reformed Seminary will help Christ's church learn more of how to help those within the church as we reach those outside of it. **The event is FREE, but you must register.** For more information and to register, please go to midamerica.edu or call the office at 219-864-2400. This event is hosted by Classis Michigan Mission / Church Plant committee.

ELDERS

17 John Velthouse
18 Doug Ulberg
18 Mark De Jong, Vice-Chairman
19 Jeff Berens
17 John Bouma, Chairman
19 Bruce Nelson
19 Tom Van Dyken, Vice-Clerk
17 Dan Bratt
18 Bob Warsen
18 John Koning, Clerk
19 Walt Decker
17 Todd Pettit

DEACONS

18 Jayson Alsum, Vice-Chairman
19 Jason Sterk, Benevolent Treasurer
18 Jon Knott
18 Steve Johnson, Chairman
19 Steve Vander Wall
17 Aaron Batts, Secretary
19 Keith Schuiteman
17 Tod Moelker

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D. Gift – B. Hopkins
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M. Stuive – J. Van Dyke
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S. Hulst – T. Martin
R. Mast – R. Potgeter
S. Regnerus – W. Sterk
M. Stuive – H. Van Dyke
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