

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for February 12, 2017

CHURCH FAMILY

We rejoice with Jacob and Pam Lengkeek who were blessed with the birth of a son, **Landon Michael**, on Friday, February 3.

We offer our Christian sympathy to **Tom & Beverly VanDyken** and their family (**Tim & Lisa VanDyken** and their girls and **Joe & Judy DeWitt** and their family) in the death of Beverly's mother, Anna De Young (age 92), who passed away Wednesday evening, February 8. Her funeral was held on Saturday, February 11.

Anniversary blessings are extended to **Gary and Brenda Essenburg** who will celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, February 16.

Ron Vanden Bosch sustained a fall last Tuesday and was examined in the hospital. We are thankful that there are no fractures. We pray for healing as his breathing has been difficult and he is very bruised and sore.

Howard Jolman underwent a heart catheterization at St. Mary's this past Tuesday. The procedure went well and there is no blockage or hardening of arteries, and no heart attack. The doctor feels the weakening of the heart muscle is due to a virus and the next step will be a pacemaker attached to a defibrillator.

Let us remember our members who: continue to deal with physical ailments, recover from surgery, or are shut-in, including: **Deb Decker, Lorraine De Weerd, John Emelander, Gerry Driensens, Lillian Holthof, Thelma Knol, Jan Koop, Phil Kramer, Marge Mollema, Norma Ter Avest, Andrew Van Bronkhorst, and Bernice Zwart.**

Remember to pray for those who serve our country including **Emily Kruithoff** (Jan Koop's granddaughter), and **Andrew Ritzema, Jr.** (Vern and Gloria Ritzema's grandson).

The AM Offering today 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.

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

Next week's AM Offering is for **Messiah's Reformed Fellowship (MeRF)** - a URCNA church plant in New York City, Manhattan, the crossroads of the world. MeRF is pastored by Rev. Paul T. Murphy whose ministry is supervised in part by the Consistory of the West Sayville Reformed Bible Church. Rev. Murphy started his ministry in NY after serving here in Michigan at Dutton URC. He started by distributing flyers around Wall Street inviting people to study what the Bible teaches about work. MeRF currently meets in the Crossroads Seventh Day Adventist Church (410 West 45th St., between 9th and 10th Avenue, just outside of Time Square).

Next week's PM Offering is for **Reformed Youth Service (RYS)** – RYS is committed to the spiritual and social nurturing of our covenant youth. They strive to model a winsome and challenging reformed faith that is both inspiring and contagious. Through its retreats, conferences, conventions and lesson material, RYS aspires to equip young people to become effective 21st Century disciples.

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!**

Trusting God is easier when we grasp His Sovereignty. Grab a cup of coffee and join us downstairs after the morning worship service as we discuss this important topic.

LADIES!!!! Let us gather together **THIS WEEK Thursday, February 16**, 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. **TODAY is the LAST DAY to sign up to participate in the group gift and volunteer for desserts.** See Tanya Sterk if you have any questions.

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

STARTING OVER: We have a mysterious problem at Cornerstone. Somehow the **Bowling Night** sign-up sheet disappeared! We know that many people already signed up, but since the sign-up sheet is missing, we don't know who you are..... **So, we are going to start over.** If you would like to come to the bowling/pizza night on Friday, **March 3**, from 6-8:00 PM at Hudsonville Lanes, **please sign the NEW sign-up sheet!** The cost is \$4 per person with a max of \$20 per family. That includes 2 games of bowling, shoes, and pizza! If you want to come to watch and would like pizza, please pay \$3 (please sign up too, so we know how much pizza to purchase). Please bring your money to church and place it in **Tammy Kerkstra's** mailbox by **FEBRUARY 26**. All are welcome!

FAMILY NIGHT: Remember that we are looking for signups for the next **Family Night THIS WEEK Wednesday, February 15**. Sign up if you are coming to our good old-fashioned pot luck and let us know if you are bringing a delicious **LARGE MAIN DISH**, a scrumptious **LARGE SALAD**, or a fabulous **LARGE DESSERT!** Mmmmmm... Family Night begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. and all are welcome! **GEMS** begin at 6:40 PM; Cadets begin at 6:45 PM; and the Kid's Bible Story Hour begins at 7:00 PM. The Adult class meets in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM and will be led by Confex Mwayi Makhalaria from Malawi in South East Africa. He will be speaking about the Christian life and the church in his home country.

CORNERSTORY: The deadline to submit items for the next newsletter is **THIS WEEK SATURDAY, February 18, AT NOON!** Email your items to Cornerstory@hotmail.com or brendavos8@gmail.com or you can place them in the 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. We will begin with **Personal Bible Study Question #9** on p. 167 of *The Lamb of God*. A Nursery is provided. **Coffee (please—NO nuts of any kind): Char Kroll & Jean Vander Meer.**

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!**

Did you sign up for the CURC 21st Annual Women's Conference?? Our theme this year is "Thirsting for Springs of Living Water" with main speaker **Sarah Ivill** and Workshop Leader **Pastor Bob Van Manen**. It will be held here at Cornerstone church on Friday-Saturday, **March 17-18**. **Registrations are due by March 3—invite your family and friends!! 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.

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**.

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.

CADETS

We meet this Wednesday, February 15. 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-17. **Grades 5th - 8th** – please read and bookmark these passages ahead of time to prepare for your Bible lesson: **1 Kings 3:5-27, James 1:5, Micah 6:8.**

Advance Notice: Next week, February 22, is our Pinewood Derby Race. More details next week.

GEMS

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

- **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.
- **6th Grade:** Prepare Chapter 8 for our next meeting.

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

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

JHYG

We meet **TONIGHT, 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

The RYS Grand Rapids-area High School All-Nighter will be held **THIS WEEK Friday-Saturday, 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.

Bowl-a-Thon Pledge Sheets were handed out last week for our Bowl-a-Thon. 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 Vander Kolk**

30+ SINGLES

The study / discussion group for singles who are age 30+ will meet **TONIGHT, 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	JHYG
	7:30 PM	30+ Singles Group (meets at 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)
	5:00 PM	Praise Choir practice
	6:00 PM	Family Night Potluck Supper
	6:40 PM	GEMS
	6:45 PM	Cadets
	7:00 PM	Kid’s Bible Story Hour
	7:00 PM	Adult class (Sanctuary)
Thursday	6:30 PM	VBS at Presidential Estates
	7:00 PM	Baby Shower for Cory Vander Wood
Friday	10:30 PM	HSYG leaves from church to the RYS All-Nighter at the YMCA
Saturday	5:30 AM	HSYG returns to church from the RYS All-Nighter

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Offerings: **February 12 AM:** Reformed Mission Services (RMS)
 PM: Christian Education

February 19 AM: Messiah's Reformed Fellowship (MeRF) – Rev. Paul Murphy
PM: Reformed Youth Service (RYS)

Coffee: **February 12** – Bob & Irene Potgeter
February 19 – Ron & Dorothy Vanden Bosch & Char Kroll

Greeters: **February 12 AM:** Dave & Sandi Verwolf
PM: Randy & Kim Vander Kolk
February 19 AM: Jean Vander Meer & Char Kroll
PM: Henry & Nancy Vander Wey

Host Family: **February 12:** Steve & Jacqueline Hordyk
February 19: Pastor Phil & Brenda Vos

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

Nursery Check Today: Laura Batts

Nursery Next Week: **February 19 AM:** Lisa VanDyken, Sara Gil, Brie Alsum
PM: Judy De Witt, Carol Huttinga, Jayden Dykstra

Nursery Check Next Week: Judy De Witt

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

February 19 AM: Nicholas Vos, Dustin Emelander
PM: Jason Vander Wey, Mike Hoeksema

Sound: **February 12** – Bob Hulst **February 19** – Dan Bratt

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 one more orientation evening for 8th graders and parents tomorrow, **Monday, February 13**. Please call Unity at 669-1820 to RSVP.
- **Unity Christian High School** is presenting the play *The Jungle Book* on **Thursday and Friday, February 23 and 24**, at 7:00 p.m. and **Saturday, February 25**, at 5:00 p.m. Performances are in Allendale High School's Ceglarek Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 each and are available in Unity's office beginning tomorrow, **February 13**.
- Support **Unity Christian Senior All-Nighter** for the **6th Annual Clay Shoot at Blendon Pines** on Saturday, **March 11**, at 9:00 AM. Registration begins at 8:30 AM. To register, complete the form found on Unity's Facebook / website or contact Doug and Nancy Bosscher at 669-6282 or Doug and Michelle Gulker at 662-9573.
- **Zion Christian School** is still looking for a middle school baseball coach. Anyone interested should contact Joel Bont via email at jbont@zionchristian.net or via phone at (616) 878-9472. Thank you.
- **Zion Christian School** invites interested families to an **Info Night THIS WEEK 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

- **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

Elder Districts

Rev. J. Admiraal – I. Brus
P. Carbone – W. Decker
D. Deppe – K. Essenburg
D. Gift – B. Hopkins
J. Hordyk – C. Kroll
P. Kuiper – T. Martin
R. Mast – J. Mulder
B. Nelson – H. Rozeveld
J. Schrier – E. Stuive
M. Stuive – J. Van Dyke
T. VanDyken – W. Veltema
J. Velthouse – B. Zwart

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Rev. J. Admiraal – W. Decker
E. De Graaf – M. Eefsting
J. Emelander – R. Hulst
S. Hulst – T. Martin
R. Mast – R. Potgeter
S. Regnerus – W. Sterk
M. Stuive – H. Van Dyke
J. Van Dyke – B. Zwart