

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for February 19, 2017

Our morning worship service today will be led by **Rev. Phil Vos**, and our evening worship service will be led by **Mr. Confex Makhallira**, an advanced studies student at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary from Malawi.

Rev. Admiraal has agreed to assist the Elders and Pastor Vos on an “**as needed**” basis for visiting anyone desiring or in need of a visit. **Please contact your District Elder or Pastor Vos first.** Thank you.

The Church Office will be **OPEN** on **MONDAY – THURSDAY**, and **CLOSED on FRIDAY** this week. Please have all bulletin announcements in to the office **by NOON on THURSDAY.**

The AM Offering today 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).

The PM Offering today 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.

Next week’s AM Offering is for the **Mission Fund** – for the support of 7 missionaries throughout the world.

Next week’s PM Offering is for **Jehovah Jireh of West Michigan** – a tangible expression of God's love and provision. Located in Hudsonville, MI., they currently provide free food and clothing, as well as Christian love and encouragement, to approximately 200 families each week. Jehovah Jireh helps those who may be dealing with unemployment, others with unexpected expenses. Some have a long-term financial commitment such as Christian Education. Others are single parents, or are disabled. Geographically, most of those they serve live in southern Ottawa and northern Allegan counties.

CURC Financial Report for January 2017

<u>Fund</u>	Last Month	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
General	\$ 32,490.44	\$ 32,490.44	\$ 30,454.58	\$ 2,035.86
Building	\$ 4,260.97	\$ 4,260.97	\$ 5,666.67	\$ (1,405.70)
Mission	\$ 5,423.62	\$ 5,423.62	\$ 6,108.33	\$ (684.71)
Christian Education	\$ 7,573.87	\$ 7,573.87	\$ 6,722.08	\$ 851.79

Special Offerings for January 2017

Divine Hope Reformed Seminary	\$ 725.63
I.T.E.M.	\$ 615.55
Christ Reformed Church (Sioux Falls)	\$ 741.30
Puritan Reformed Seminary	\$ 1,208.98
Crossroads Bible Institute	\$ 580.74
Pregnancy Resource Center	\$ 884.18
Mel Trotter Ministries	\$ 757.45

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.

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

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED: We are looking for more willing people to serve as Host Families at Cornerstone. All that is involved is being ready on a given Sunday to invite guests and friends to your home for lunch. Those who are already committed to being Host Families are enjoying the blessings that are involved and would heartily encourage you to join! The schedule for May – August will be made soon. Would you like to give it a try? **If you are interested, please let Brenda Vos know.**

Bowling, bowling, bowling. Who wants to join us? The Cornerstone family plans to invade the Hudsonville Lanes on **Friday, March 3, from 6:00-8:00 PM.** We are going to bowl, eat pizza, and have a great time of fellowship with our church family. All are welcome! You don't like to bowl? Then come, and be a part of the cheering section! You can still enjoy pizza and fellowship, and our bowlers might need all the encouragement they can get! All bowlers and non-bowlers are asked to **sign up under Bulletin Board #3 by NEXT Sunday!** Give \$4/per bowler to **Tammy Kerkstra** by next Sunday too (maximum of \$20 per family). Non bowlers pay \$3/person for pizza.

LADIES: Please **gather for a short time of prayer at 9:30 AM this week Tuesday** 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 the Teaching Chapter: *Category and Context* on pp. 171- 186 and answer the Discussion Questions on pp. 187- 188** in preparation for our study. A Nursery is provided. **Coffee (please—NO nuts of any kind): Sarah Moelker & Karen Schuiteman.**

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 Cadets ask for your help in **judging our Pinewood Derby cars** for the Best Looking, or Most Creative car. The cars will be on display next Sunday, February 26, Family Night, March 1, and Sunday, March 5. Please vote by the number that is on the car and place your ballot in the container provided. Thank you for your help.

SAVE THE DATES: Domestic Mission Emphasis Week ~ Wednesday, March 1, and Sunday, March 5 ~ The Mission / Evangelism Committee is planning a **Pancake Supper on Family Night, March 1**, for our Domestic Mission Emphasis Week. All proceeds will be going to the Church Plant of Redeemer Church of Cambridge, Maryland. Rev. Steve Arrick is the pastor and will be the speaker at the Adult Wednesday Night Education class on March 1. He will also preach both services on Sunday, March 5.

HILLTOPPERS - All Cornerstone retirees ~ Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday March 8.** Come and join us for snacks and fellowship at 9:45 AM. At 10:00 AM we will view Lesson 12 from the series *Lessons From The Upper Room* by Sinclair Ferguson, and Rev. Vos will lead us in a discussion of what we have viewed. We will also view the DVD titled *The Uniqueness of the Earth.* **Join us for this monthly time of fellowship and study.**

ATTENTION LADIES ~ Have you turned in your registration form for the upcoming **CURC's 21st Annual Women's Conference** ~ "Thirsting for Springs of Living Water" ~ **on Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, 2017?** Registrations are due by **March 3** (place them in the box on the table in the narthex). Cost is **STILL only \$20** / person and includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Extra brochures / registrations are available on the table in the narthex—**invite your family and friends!**

WOMEN ~ Your help is needed for this year's Women's Conference! Are you willing to **MAKE 2 DOZEN COOKIES** to be served at the conference? If so, please sign up under Bulletin Board #3. If you are willing to **HELP PREPARE AND SERVE FOOD for a 2-hour period**, a reduced registration fee of \$10 is available to you. See the sign-up sheet for specific times. **Note: If you sign up to help, YOU MUST STILL FILL OUT A REGISTRATION FORM.** If you have any questions, contact Joan Bouma at 893-7237, Beth De Jong at 644-2438, or Jacqueline Hordyk at 295-6238.

MEN are needed to SERVE LUNCH at the Women's Conference on **Saturday, March 18, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.** If you are willing to do this, please sign up under Bulletin Board #3. If you have any questions, contact Joan Bouma at 893-7237, Beth De Jong at 644-2438, or Jacqueline Hordyk at 295-6238.

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.

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. This year's topic is "**Reformation: Recovering the Essence of the Gospel.**" Michigan speakers include Richard Phillips, David Filson, Daniel Doriani, and Kent Hughes. We have a group of "**5 or more**" so we **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.**

From Reformed Mission Services:

TASC: Individual registration will open March 1! Primary Contacts—you will be contacted soon as far as where your group will be placed for the summer events. Please encourage your Students and Sponsors to be prepared to register as soon as it opens. Be aware that registration fees for Guest participants is \$300 and for Host Participants is \$60 this year. More details for each event can be found on the website, www.rms.org.

Would you like to help out in Guinea, West Africa, or the Ukraine? **Guinea:** 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. **Ukraine:** 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.

VBS MATERIALS: A Church in Iowa has 7 years of Answers in Genesis VBS materials that they would like to donate to anyone who is interested in them. For more information, please contact me at rob@rms.org.

TASC 2018: RMS is looking for Churches to Host TASC for the **summer of 2018!** If you would like more information about how your church can host an event, please contact Rob at rob@rms.org!

CADETS

This week, February 22, is our Pinewood Derby Race. If you still have some last minute work to do on your car, then please come as early as possible to finish that work; races begin at 7:00 p.m. There will be no opening ceremony, Bible lesson, or closing ceremony. Races will probably be over by about 8:00 p.m. at which time you are free to leave. Please do not take your car home after the race unless you do not wish it to participate in the competition for Best Looking/Most Creative Car.

GEMS

Our next meeting is on Family Night, Wednesday, March 1.

February 26: Dave & Sue Gift

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

Nursery Check Today: Judy De Witt

Nursery Next Week: **February 26 AM:** Sarah Schuiteman, Brenda Vos, Zoe Dykstra
PM: Sue Gift, Amanda Bonzelaar, Peyton Schuiteman

Nursery Check Next Week: Sarah Schuiteman

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

February 26 AM: Matt Kamps, Jordan Hordyk
PM: Jon Knott, Dan De Vries

Sound: **February 19** – Dan Bratt **February 26** – Larry Huttinga

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

March AM: Ron Helmholdt, Mike Hodges, Mike Hoeksema, Glenn Hop
PM: Bob Hop, Jordan Hordyk, Steve Hordyk, Jim Horjus

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Hudsonville Christian School's Auction is on Saturday, March 4**, at HC's North Gym (formerly Unity). Silent bidding begins at 4:30 PM and the Live Auction starts at 6:00 PM. Dinner from *On The Border* will be available from 4:30-6:30 PM. More information and pictures at HCSauction.com or "like" the "Hudsonville Christian School Auction" Facebook page. If you cannot make it to the auction and would still like to place some bids, contact Darrell Heuker to submit your absentee bids: Darrell@hcsauction.com or 616-481-8916.
- **REMINDERS ~ Jenison Christian School** collects General Mills Box Tops and Spartan/Family Fare checkout receipts with points on them to be used to obtain various school supplies. Please save and send these items to school—we appreciate it!! Note: Campbell no longer participates in a label program.
- **Hudsonville Christian School Community ~ Parents, Students, Teacher and Staff:** You are all invited to our **Monthly Prayer Meeting for HCS**. We hope to continue strengthening ties between the school, area churches and the greater HCS Community all while bringing concerns and joys in prayer before God. For February, we will be meeting at Forest Grove CRC (3515 Perry St, Hudsonville) **THIS WEEK Tuesday, February 21** at 7:00 PM. We are accepting Prayer Requests through the link on the school website. We invite you all to join together with us to pray for Hudsonville Christian School and the HCS Community!
- **Unity Christian High School** is presenting the play *The Jungle Book* **THIS WEEK Thursday and Friday, February 23 and 24**, at 7:00 PM and **Saturday, February 25**, at 5:00 PM. Performances are in Allendale High School's Ceglarek Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$5.00—available in Unity's office.
- Support **Unity Christian Senior All-Nighter** at 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, contact Doug and Nancy Bosscher at 669-6282 / Doug and Michelle Gulker at 662-9573.
- **The Dordt College Chamber Orchestra and Concert Band** invites you to a concert at 7:00 PM on **Saturday, March 4**, at **Unity Christian High School**. This free concert is part of a spring music tour with performances in Illinois, Michigan, Ontario, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Ohio, Wisconsin and Iowa. Freewill donations received will help defray tour expenses. Dordt College is a Christian college located in Sioux Center, Iowa, and has been named to several best colleges lists including *The Wall Street Journal*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and *Washington Monthly*. For more information, see www.dordt.edu.
- **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'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 www.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

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

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