

# CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

## Bulletin Announcements for March 12, 2017

**The AM Offering today** is for the **Benevolent Fund** – a fund that helps those who have needs in our congregation upon request.

**The PM Offering today** is for **Bethany Christian Services** – a global nonprofit family preservation and child welfare organization caring for orphans and vulnerable children on five continents. Bethany is recognized as a prominent leader in social services worldwide. Founded in 1944, our mission calls us to demonstrate the love and compassion of Jesus Christ by protecting and enhancing the lives of children and families around the world.

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

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

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Parents of Sunday School children:** We will be singing several songs on **March 26** for the evening Song Service. Please have your child/ren meet downstairs **by 4:45 PM**. Thank you. **Also—we will be singing several songs for the Talent Night on Wednesday, March 29.**

**The Adult Bible Class** will meet in the Youth Room after the morning worship service. Currently we are studying the Gospel of John. **Please join us!**

**The IRBC “Trusting God”** Adult Sunday School continues to meet in the basement after the morning worship service. All are welcome to join us!

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

**Copies of the URCNA Missions Prayer Requests for March, 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.

**Congregation:** The students of Cornerstone URC **High School Youth Group** are having a **Bowl-a-thon** fundraiser **THIS WEEK Saturday** to raise money to offset the cost of the RYS Convention to be held in California and for the Teens Actively Serving Christ (TASC) event to take place in Pantego, NC, this summer. If you would like to contribute to a specific student or in general for this event, please contact Rob Brinks or Gerald Nuiver. Thank you! **The CURC HSYG Leaders**

**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 *When I Grow Up, I Want to Be...* on pp. 197-211 and answer the Discussion Guide questions *Sacrifice and Sanctification* on pp. 212-213 in preparation for our discussion. A Nursery is provided. **Coffee (please—NO nuts of any kind): June Boardman and Geneva Vander Kolk.**

**Men's Tuesday Night Bible Study** meets in the Council Room at 7:00 PM. **Please join us!!** Currently we are studying the Gospel of John.

**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:** If you forgot to sign up for the Chick-fil-A meal on Wednesday night, you still can if you do it **TODAY!** Check out the sign-up sheet under Bulletin Board #3 and choose #1—the original chicken sandwich; or #2—the chicken wrap; or #3—8 piece chicken nuggets. You can add an 8 piece chicken nuggets to any of the meals.

**Please come to Family Night THIS WEEK Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.** Chick-fil-A is on the menu along with various sides and dessert. GEMS meet at 6:40 PM; Cadets meet at 6:45 PM; and Kid's Bible Story Hour begins at 7:00 PM. The speaker for the Adult class is Jonathan De Ruischer, missionary to Haiti with the Haitian American Friendship Foundation (HAFF). He will be sharing about the work God is doing in Haiti. He will specifically speak on his work in medical/dental clinics and gospel outreach programs, emphasizing how the Christian worldview is integrated in that work. Jon is John and Joan Vanderwey's grandson. The presentation begins at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary—please join us!!

**The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Cornerstone Women's Conference** is **THIS WEEK Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18**. This year's conference is entitled "Thirsting for Springs of Living Water" with main speaker Sarah Ivill and Workshop Leader Pastor Bob Van Manen. Please be in prayer for our speakers and all the ladies who attend, for safety in travel, and for the Women's Conference Committee as the final details come together. Above all, please pray that God would be honored and glorified in all things.

**WOMEN** ~ **There are still some opportunities to help at the upcoming Women's Conference THIS WEEKEND! Would you be willing to bake 2 dozen cookies or to help prepare and/or serve food for a 2-hour period?** See the sign-up sheets under Bulletin Board #3 for specific times. **Note:** If you sign up to help prepare and/or serve food, you may attend the conference at a reduced rate of \$10.00 but **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, Jacqueline Hordyk at 295-6238, or Gabby Emelander at 269-682-6278.

**CORNERSTORY:** The crazy vacation stories are already coming in. If you have a vacation story to share for the next issue, please send it in. We can't wait to read them! Also, we need graduate information. Are you graduating from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 12<sup>th</sup> grade, or college? We would like your picture, where you are graduating from (and with what degree) and your future plans.

**Advance Notice:** Our annual combined Prayer Day service with Bethel URC is on **Thursday, March 23**, at 7:00 PM. We will be joining Bethel URC at their new location, 8360 Cottonwood Drive, Jenison.

**The GEMS of Cornerstone** plan to participate in the Holland Area Walk for Life on **Saturday April 22**. We ask for your support!! To pledge—look for the pledge sheet under Bulletin Board #3 or talk with any of our GEMS. We encourage members of our congregation and GEMS families to walk with us if desired. Thank you!!

**SAVE THE DATE:** The next activity sponsored by the Fellowship Committee is a **Progressive Dinner on April 28!** All Cornerstone adults are encouraged to come, so please save the date. More information will come in the next few weeks!

### **From Reformed Mission Services:**

**PLEASE PRAY:** Pray for the Missionaries and Church Planters who work diligently for God's Kingdom domestically and around the world! Send them an email or a letter of encouragement to let them know that you are thinking and praying for them!

**TASC: Individual registration is open!** PC's please encourage your Students and Sponsors to register before April 30. 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](http://www.rms.org).

**Guinea, West Africa:** Miss Katie De Jong (a member of Trinity URC-Caledonia, MI) is working among the Muslims in Guinea. She is looking for 2-5 people to assist her in hosting Community Camps **July 17 - August 21, 2017**. Register for this trip at <https://rms.org/sim-application/>. If you have any questions about this trip, contact Rob at [rob@rms.org](mailto:rob@rms.org).

**Ukraine:** Eric and Stacy Hoeksema (members of Covenant URC-Pantego, NC) are working with Ukrainian, Hungarian, and Croatian students to assist them to learn and practice the English that they are learning during the school year. They are looking for individuals or groups interested in sharing Christ while these students study the English language. He has different camps throughout the summer months between **May 29 and July 21**. Come for one or all of the camps. You can register for this trip at <http://rms.org/english-camp-registration/>. If you have any questions, contact the RMS Admin. Director at [rob@rms.org](mailto:rob@rms.org).

## **CADETS**

**We meet this Wednesday, March 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 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> – please prepare Lesson A-20. Grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>—please read and bookmark these passages ahead of time to prepare for your Bible lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7, John 15:5, Colossians 3:12-15, Ephesians 2:19-22

**Winners of the trophy for Best Looking/Most Creative car were:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place - **David Moelker**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - **Seth Kamps**.

**Advanced Notice:** March 22 is our final meeting and points auction.

## **GEMS**

**Our final regular meeting for the year is THIS WEEK Wednesday, March 15,** following Family Night. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades ~ This is your final opportunity to turn in your completed badges for points towards the auction.

- **3rd Grade:** Please do the lesson “Seeking God” before our next meeting. Remember to finish incomplete lessons/badges to get credit for the points auction!
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Read Chapter 10 and answer the questions in your study guide.

**Final meeting is Wednesday, March 22.** **NOTE: This is NOT a Family Night**—come dressed in your comfy clothes for a fun final night of the year! **Reminder:** This is also the last night to say your memory verse challenge. You can do it!!!

**GEMS: Reserve Saturday, April 22** (9:30 AM – 12:00 noon) for the Holland Area “Walk For Life.” You can begin getting pledges TODAY!! More details to come....

## **JHYG**

**JHYG Event** - This Friday is our night out to Rebounderz; time is 7:00 – 10:00 PM and the cost is \$8.00 per jumper. You should have received an email with the waiver—please fill it out and bring it—**you will not be allowed to jump if a waiver is not signed**. Please let **Deppe’s or Stuive’s** know **by Wednesday** if you are planning on coming.

**Mark Your Calendars:** April 9 – Lesson  
April 28 -29 – JHYG Retreat

## HSYG

**HSYG MEETING: NEXT WEEK!** **FOOD: Dykstra (Dan) and Alsum.** Friends are always welcome! We will be continuing our “Face to Face” DVD presentation and discussion. We will be taking a look at the different worldviews that people have in our society, even in our Christian circles. We will see examples of how we are to answer some of these misconceptions held by these groups of people.

**CONVENTION AND TASC REGISTRATION:** **If you haven’t registered for the RYS Convention, we NEED you to register as soon as possible.** Register at [www.reformedyouthservices.org](http://www.reformedyouthservices.org). We need our final numbers so that we can book our flights to California. **TASC Registration is now open;** if you have signed up for TASC in NC, go to the RMS website to register. The website is [www.rms.org](http://www.rms.org).

**BOWL-A-THON is THIS WEEK Saturday afternoon.** **Be at Hudsonville Lanes before 3:00 PM** so we can check in and get your shoes to be ready to bowl. Bring your pledge sheets in order to get credit for your pledges.

**BROOM BALL NIGHT: FINAL SIGN UP AT THE MEETING NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT!** We will be meeting the Bethel HSYG at the Georgetown Ice Center on the corner of 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Bauer Rd. Our Ice time begins at 5:00 PM so be there early to be ready for a fun night of Broom Ball. We will be going back to church for pizza afterwards. Cost is \$7.00.

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

**March 18:** Bowl-A-Thon. Time is 3:00 PM at Hudsonville Lanes.  
**March 19:** HSYG Meeting – Food: Dykstra (Dan) and Alsum  
**March 25:** Broom Ball with Bethel URC. Time is 5:00 PM with Pizza to follow.

### **THIS WEEK AT CORNERSTONE**

<b>Today</b>	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service – Communion
	11:00 AM	Sunday School and Catechism classes
	11:00 AM	Adult Bible Study (old Youth Room downstairs)
	11:00 AM	IRBC “Trusting God” Adult Bible Study (downstairs)
	4:30 PM	Men at Prayer
	4:30 PM	Vesper Communion Service (Council Room)
	5:20 PM	Song Service
	5:30 PM	Evening Worship Service
	7:00 PM	Post-High School Young Adult Group
	<b>Monday</b>	6:30 PM
7:00 PM		Council
<b>Tuesday</b>	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)
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	Early Risers (Rainbow Grill, Hudsonville)
	5:30 PM	Praise Choir
	6:00 PM	Family Night Supper – Chick-fil-A
	6:40 PM	GEMS
	6:45 PM	Cadets
	7:00 PM	Kid’s Bible Story Hour
	7:00 PM	Adult Class (Sanctuary)
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 PM	VBS at Presidential Estates
<b>Friday</b>	6:30 PM	CURC Women’s Conference

	7:00 PM	JHYG Event at Rebounderz
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM	CURC Women's Conference
	3:00 PM	HSYG Bowl-a-thon

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**Offerings:**   **March 12 AM:** Benevolent Fund           **PM:** Bethany Christian Services  
                  **March 19 AM:** Christian Education       **PM:** Mission Fund

**Coffee:**       **March 12** – Larry & Carol Huttinga  
                  **March 19** – Paul & Gail Steenwyk

**Greeters:**   **March 12 AM:** Bob & Geneva Vander Kolk  
  **PM:** Al & Margie Veurink  
  
                  **March 19 AM:** Milton & Dorothy Visser  
  **PM:** Mitch & Jordan Wagner

**Host Family:**   **March 12:** Pastor Phil & Brenda Vos  
  **March 19:** Dan & Amanda Deppe

**Nursery Today:**   **March 12 AM:** Kendra Stuive, Kelsi Start, Makayla Berens  
  **PM:** Lori De Vries, Lynnae Doll, Kris Groendyk

**Nursery Check Today:** Kendra Stuive

**Nursery Next Week:**   **March 19 AM:** Laura Batts, Heather Vander Wey, Brittany Hoekman  
  **PM:** Amanda Bonzelaar, Marcia Hoeksema, Emberlynn De Vries

**Nursery Check Next Week:** Laura Batts

**Security:**       **March 12 AM:** Bob Warsen, Jeff Berens  
  **PM:** Patrick Carbone, Randy Vander Kolk

**March 19 AM:** Dustin Emelander, Dan Deppe  
  **PM:** Keith Schuiteman, Kevin Schuiteman

**Sound:**         **March 12** – Tom Van Dyken                   **March 19** – Bob Hulst

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

### SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Celebration of the Arts Open House at Jenison Christian School** – Please mark your calendar and join us on **Thursday, March 23**, from 6:30-8:00 PM when JCS will host its Celebration of the Arts Open House. The evening will feature a variety of performances and displays to celebrate the artistic gifts of our students. See Bulletin Board #3 for all the details.
- **Zion Christian School** is still looking for a middle school baseball coach. Anyone interested should contact Joel Bont via email at [jbont@zionchristian.net](mailto: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.**

- **Zion Christian School is proud to present *Sense and Sensibility* as its spring play.** Audiences of all ages will enjoy this fun and romantic story, based on the classic novel by Jane Austen. *Sense and Sensibility* will be presented at Jenison High School, located at 2140 Bauer Road, at 7:00pm on **March 16-18**. Tickets are general admission and are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students. Reserve your ticket by stopping by Zion's office, calling [\(616\) 878-9472](tel:6168789472), or emailing [tickets@zionchristian.net](mailto:tickets@zionchristian.net).
- Everyone is invited to a **Soup Supper** at Zion Christian School on **Tuesday, March 21**, from 5:00-7:00 pm. Members of the Junior class are eager to serve you a delicious variety of soups. All proceeds benefit the Junior-Senior Banquet.

### **MISCELLANEOUS REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Jehovah Jireh Ministries** is having a fund raiser at the Wyoming (Wilson Avenue) Big Boy Restaurant **THIS WEEK Thursday, March 16**, from 4:00-8:00 PM. During the event, Big Boy will donate 100% of the profit from your food purchases **when you present a flyer to the cashier**. Please note—**you MUST HAVE A FLYER for Jehovah Jireh to get credit**. Fliers are available on Bulletin Board #3, or you can print one from their website – [www.jjmwm.org](http://www.jjmwm.org).
- **The Board of Reformed Heritage Christian School** is currently accepting applications for both full and part-time positions. Faculty openings are for Jr. High and High School math, science, and language arts for the 2017-18 school year. We are committed to teaching from a distinctively Reformed perspective. Our goal is to train covenant children to be servants of Christ in all areas of life. A cover letter and resume can be mailed to: Reformed Heritage Christian School, 700 North Fletcher Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49006, Attention: Mr. Dave Vander Meer, or email: [dnjvm5@att.net](mailto:dnjvm5@att.net).
- **Barnabas Ministries** invites you to a **Spaghetti Dinner for Horseplay Equestrian on Saturday, March 18**, from 5:00-7:00 PM at North Blendon CRC (7284 Taylor Street, Hudsonville). Dinner is free, donations accepted. Horseplay Equestrian is committed to reaching high risk youth and families with the message of freedom, hope, and healing in Jesus Christ. God uses the horses here at the ranch in amazing ways to show His love for the kids.

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