

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for April 2, 2017

Today, our morning worship service will be led by **Dr. Michael Barrett** from Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, and our evening worship service will be led by **Rev. Allen Petroelje**. **Next Sunday**, our morning worship service will be led by **Rev. Phil Vos**, and our evening worship service will be led by **Dr. Stephen Myers** from Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary.

The display in the center of the narthex with the roses is there both as a reminder for our Cornerstone family to celebrate the birth of **Landon Michael Lengkeek**, infant son of **Jacob and Pamela Lengkeek**, who was born on Friday, February 3, 2017, and **Mila Grace Start**, infant daughter of **Zachary and Kelsi Start**, who was born on Thursday, February 23, 2017, and as a visible recognition and proclamation of the sanctity of life. We praise and thank God with them that they have honored God's command to defend, protect and preserve life in the womb. Let us all be mindful that ALL life is precious in the sight of God; the unborn, the disabled, the handicapped and the very aged. "For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well." (Psalm 139:13-14). Continue to pray that the Lord will deliver us as a nation from the heinous evil of abortion.

Next Sunday morning, the sacrament of baptism will be administered to **Adrian Alexander Gil**, infant son of **Robert and Sara Gil**; to **Landon Michael Lengkeek**, infant son of **Jacob and Pamela Lengkeek**; and to **Mila Grace Start**, infant daughter of **Zachary and Kelsi Start**.

Pastor Doll will be conducting a **Pre-profession of Faith Class** during the month of May. There is a sign-up sheet under Bulletin Board #3 for anyone interested in taking the class.

Family Visitations have been scheduled on **Tuesday, April 18**, and **Thursday, April 20**; and also on **Tuesday, April 25**, and **Thursday, April 27**. For those of you who have received a letter from the Elders and a schedule in your mailbox, please be prepared to meet with the Elder team on the date and time indicated on the schedule. We pray that these visits may be a spiritual blessing to all, and that we may be able to build up one another in the faith.

The AM Offering today is for **Reformed Youth Services (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.

The PM Offering today is for **Gideons International** – The Gideons International, founded in 1899, serves as an extended missionary arm of the church and is the oldest association of Christian businessmen and professional men in the United States of America. The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through sharing personally and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. While they are known worldwide for their work with hotels, they predominantly share Scriptures in schools and colleges, prisons and jails, hospitals, and medical offices. To date, they have placed 1.9 billion Scriptures and are on their way to 2 billion.

Next week's AM Offering is for the **Biblical Counseling Center** (Jenison, MI) – a Christian, Biblically-based counseling service which counsels from God's Word, the Bible. They do not follow secular counseling philosophies or the latest counseling trends. They depend upon the power of God and His Spirit to minister to people in their times of need. For over 32 years God has proven Himself faithful, helping thousands of people at the darkest times of their lives.

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

Missionary of the Month: Rev. Steve and Nalini Poelman serve the Lord in India. If you would like to send them a note of encouragement, their address is Steven Poelman, Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 51-C Rajpur Road, Dehra Dun, UA 248 001, INDIA; or you can email them at poelmans@keptprivate.com.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO Sunday School or Catechism classes today due to Spring Break. We will meet again next Sunday.

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” Bible Study will meet **NEXT WEEK Sunday, April 9**, for the last lesson.

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

Copies of the URCNA Missions Prayer Requests for April 2017 from URCNA Missions Coordinator, Pastor Rich 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.

The GEMS of our congregation are Walking for LIFE on Saturday, April 22, and would appreciate your support! Please pledge to support our GEMS and Right to Life of Holland. **To pledge—see the pledge sheet under Bulletin Board #3.**

Women's Bible Study will **NOT** meet this week due to Spring Break. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 11**. All women are invited to join us for a short time of prayer at 9:30 AM, coffee and fellowship at 9:45 AM, and the Bible Study at 10:00 AM. Please do the **Personal Bible Study Deuteronomy** questions on pp. 243-245 in preparation for our discussion. A Nursery is provided. **Coffee (please—NO nuts of any kind): Jan Dykhouse and Sheryl Nauta.**

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!**

The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling will have a special presentation on *Ministering to the Sexually Abused THIS WEEK Thursday, April 6*, from 7:00-9:00 PM here at Cornerstone United Reformed Church. **For more information and to register**, go to www.reformedbiblicalcounseling.org. This presentation is especially useful for pastors, elders, counselors, teachers and all others interested in ministering effectively to those who have been sexually abused. Those who have been abused themselves and wish to learn about healing are also welcome. Speakers: Pastor Mark and Donna Kelderman.

The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling's Basic Training Course in Biblical Counseling invites you to a **Lecture on Depression** on **Tuesday, April 11**, from 7:00-9:00 PM here at Cornerstone United Reformed Church. **For more information and to register**, go to www.reformedbiblicalcounseling.org. Lecturer: Mrs. Terri Pols; IRBC Certified Counselor, ACBC Certified Counselor.

Advance Notice: **The Hilltoppers** will begin their “summer meetings” on **Wednesday, April 12**. Snacks and fellowship begin at 9:45 AM. We will view the last 2 segments of the **Answers in Genesis** series and discuss possible summer programs and events. **ALL CORNERSTONE SENIORS ARE INVITED!**

The CORNERSTORY DEADLINE is April 22. We are looking for information about the 8th grade, 12th grade, and college graduates. Please submit a picture, where you are graduating from and with what degree, and what your future plans are. **ALSO:** If you have a crazy vacation story to share, we would love to hear about it! Try to keep it to 300 words or less, and let us hear about your adventure!

The Women's Conference Committee will have our conference follow-up meeting on **Monday, April 24**, at 7:00 PM.

The Fellowship Committee is so excited to host the upcoming **Progressive Dinner** on **April 28!** Did you sign up yet? We hope you do! All adults are welcome and encouraged to come. If you would like to host either the salad or main dish portion of the night in your home, please check the appropriate box! If you would like to help out by bringing a dessert, then check that box! If you have ANY questions, or if you have a special diet that we should consider, or if you need a ride to church that night, please contact Deanne Carbone.

From Reformed Mission Services:

BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS: Reformed Mission Services is beginning the search for Board Members for terms that begin **October 1, 2017 and end September 30, 2020.** Your Consistory will be receiving information concerning this position in the next few days. Prayerfully consider applying to be considered to serve in this capacity. RMS is seeking four men to replace those who have served for the past three years. Please contact the members of your Consistory for more details.

PRAYER: Please be in prayer for our director Mr. Rob Brinks as he is currently in Santa Marta, Colombia, with Dr. Neal Hegeman. They are working on the preparations for the construction of a church building that will begin, Lord willing, in July 2017. If you are interested in being a part of this trip, contact Rob at rob@rms.org.

RMS TRIPS: 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/>. **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/>. Registration for both trips end **April 30, 2017.** If you have any questions contact the RMS Admin. Director at rob@rms.org.

INTERNSHIP POSSIBILITY: Rev. Sam Perez of Grace Reformed Church in Jersey City, NJ, is looking for an Intern to assist him in evangelism and outreach for the Church Plant located there. There are some specific requirements and duties for this position. For more information concerning these specifics, contact Rev. Perez at samperez@mac.com or Rob at rob@rms.org.

Summer Opportunity for Volunteer Service at the Hope Centre—July 15 through 22 – This summer, Hope Centre plans to launch a somewhat different children's program, using the curriculum; Seven C's from Answers in Genesis. We hope to have our children's program include 2 classes per day, with a 'bag lunch', monitored break, covering a period of 4 days, with the final program being the last afternoon of the 4th day. On the fifth day we hope to have a special event for all the older contacts in the Gore Rd. area; those who are now too old for the children's programs. (Topic and event is yet to be determined), and distribution of brochures. We would like to have 10 volunteers come Friday evening, July 14 or early Saturday morning, July 15 for some teaching on Sikhism, visiting the temple (gurdwara), and teaching on how to reach out to these people with the Gospel. The rest of the day will include distribution of brochures for both Hope Centre and Hope Academy, and orientation for children's classes. The volunteers will join us for worship on Sunday, and then Monday through Thursday will be teaching classes. Friday will be distribution of brochures again, and Saturday, the 22nd, will be free for either return to home or an outing downtown Toronto. All volunteers should be 16 years or older; all need to come with valid police checks and those 18 and older, include vulnerable sector checks. Along with that, volunteers should have two reference letters from their Christian community sent to this email address at least 3 weeks in advance of the 15th of July: arleyann.zekveld@gmail.com. Please email with questions, expressing interest, etc. All young ladies will stay at the Zekveld home and young men at a neighboring home. Please take along all personal items, bedding, etc. May the Lord be glorified in all of our efforts for His Kingdom. Sincerely, Arley-Ann Zekveld

GEMS

GEMS: Walk for Life is coming up! Saturday, April 22, 9:30 AM – 12:00 noon. We will be participating in a 3-mile walk or 5k fun run followed by a picnic at Lawrence Street Park. GEMS—please continue to work

on getting pledges to support Right to Life of Holland! Questions, call/text Sarah Moelker at 218-8429.

JHYG

Our meeting is NEXT WEEK Sunday, April 9. Food: DeVries – main meal; Spoelma – main meal; Moelker –sides (chips, appetizer, veggies, fruit – that kind of thing); and Vander Kolk – dessert and drinks.

RYS' Midwest Junior High Retreat will be held **April 28-29** at Camp Geneva Shores in Holland. Rev. Greg Lubbers of Covenant URC in Byron Center, MI, will speak on the topic "The Christian Life." Cost is \$30.00 per person. **RSVP by Sunday, April 16 (Easter) to Tim or Lisa VanDyken.** Money is due by the 16th as well.

HSYG

NEXT HSYG MEETING: April 16! FOOD: HSYG LEADERS. Friends are always welcome! This will be our last formal meeting of this season. Our last meeting for the season will be a time of fellowship around the fire pit (weather permitting) that will, Lord willing, take place May 7.

TASC REGISTRATION: If haven't registered for 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. Also, make sure that you have written your request letter to the CURC Mission Committee for the funds that are available for HSYG students to attend TASC.

BOWL-A-THON DONATIONS: If you have not already done so, please turn in all your Bowl-a-Thon donations to one of the HSYG leaders **TODAY!** If you need more time, please let one of the HSYG Leaders know. Thanks!

SAVE THE DATES!

- April 2:** Spring Break. No Meeting—enjoy your vacation!
- April 16:** Easter Sunday. Food: HSYG Leaders
- May 7:** Final Meeting for the season! Food: Hoekman and DeGraaf.

THIS WEEK AT CORNERSTONE

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	11:00 AM	NO Sunday School or Catechism classes – Spring Break
	11:00 AM	Adult Bible Study (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
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Early Risers (Rainbow Grill, Hudsonville)
Thursday	6:30 PM	VBS at Presidential Estates
	7:00 PM	IRBC Special Presentation on "Ministering to the Sexually Abused"

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

and speaker. This is a fund-raising event, so you will have an opportunity to make a gift supporting the work and ministry of ZCS. RSVP by **Friday, April 14**, by calling 616-878-9472, ext. 110.

MISCELLANEOUS REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **LADIES:** You are invited to attend the annual **Spring Luncheon** of the **Zeeland Women's Division / Bible League International** on **Thursday, April 27**, at 11:30 AM at North Street CRC, 20 E. Main St., Zeeland. Our guest speaker is well-known author, Lynn N. Austin. She has travelled to Israel, Alaska, Canada, and Manitoba to obtain facts for her writings. Her latest travel was to Holland, MI where she now resides and completed a book including facts of the settlement of Holland. Come and join us for a wonderful lunch and inspiring speaker. Lunch includes chicken salad, roll, chips, beverage and dessert for \$7.50. An offering will be received for the "Africa Project." For reservations, please call **Von Gras** at 616-772-1093 by **April 16**.
- **Jehovah Jireh Ministries** is in need of **volunteer cleaners** to go through and clean the pantry, reception area, kitchen, and bathrooms twice a week. Options for times to clean are Wednesday evening, Thursday morning before 10:00 AM, Saturday after 2:00 PM, or Mondays. We are most in need of mid-week cleaners (Wednesday / Thursday). Most of our cleaners commit to once a month and it takes two people 1 to 1-1/2 hours to do a good job. Please contact Jim Herrema at (616) 209-7688 / 437-0960 or jjmjamestown@att.net.
- **Seventh Reformed Church** (950 Leonard Street NW, Grand Rapids) will host their annual **Community Good Friday Service** on **Friday, April 14, from 12:00-3:00 PM**. *The Seven Last Words of Christ* will be presented by seven pastors from the area. You are invited to attend all or part of this service. See the poster on Bulletin Board #3 for details.
- **Providence Christian College** is visiting West Michigan to share the exciting things happening at our college! Please join us on **Saturday, April 22**, for dinner, dessert, choral music, and a special message from our college president, Dr. Jim Belcher. The event will take place at **Bethel United Reformed Church** (8360 Cottonwood Drive, Jenison) beginning at 4:30 PM. Friends, supporters, college-minded students and their parents are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP by **April 10** as seating is limited; Go to: www.providencecc.edu/WestMichiganRSVP or email: mark.pomerville@providencecc.edu or call (626) 696-4009.
- **The Grand Rapids Heritage Reformed Congregation** warmly invites all ladies to the annual HRC Women's Conference on **Thursday, April 27**, from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. The theme is WORTHY IS THE LAMB with two sessions (The Redeeming Lamb by Melissa Bleeker and Living for the Worthy Lamb by Mary Beeke) and a discussion workshop. Cost of the conference is \$25.00. Lunch and babysitting are provided. **Please RSVP no later than April 13** by calling 616.481.9983 or emailing estherguildhrc@gmail.com.
- **WORLD MISSION:** You're needed as thrift store **volunteers** (call 616.334.0474), **golfers** (Pilgrim's Run on Friday, May 5—call 616.534.5689) and/or a **support vehicle driver** for a cross-country bike trip (call 616.828.3372). All proceeds go to audio Bibles (Treasures) for illiterate and/or oral learners who have never heard of Jesus!

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