

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for September 3, 2017

From the Elders: Family Visitation Scheduling conflict: The annual Right to Life Dinner is scheduled on **Tuesday, September 26**. We have inadvertently planned to meet with families on that night. For those families planning to meet with us that evening, we request to meet with you at the **same time on the following day, Wednesday September 27**. If this poses a problem, please contact one of your visiting elders. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

From the Deacons: In light of the damage and disruption to the areas of our country affected by Hurricane Harvey, the Deacons are looking for ways in which our church can offer support. As is the case with other natural disasters, we have found it is not always necessary or helpful to rush to find places to send our financial resources and other assistance. Needs from an event like this will be ongoing for months and even years to come. With this in mind, we will be searching for ways in which we as a congregation can offer our assistance in the future to help with the ongoing needs of those effected. We ask that our congregation continue to pray for those in the regions affected by the storm, praying that the Lord would use His church to share His love and work in the hearts of the lost, bringing many to Him. Working to serve Him, **Cornerstone Deacons**

Church Office Hours ~ Beginning this week, the Church Office will be open **Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM**. Bulletin announcements are due by **NOON on Thursdays**.

The AM Offering today is for **IRBC – The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling** – a ministry of Cornerstone URC with a passion to train reformed Christians to counsel in the light of God's truth as well as minister to those who suffer through the Shepherd's way Biblical Counseling Center (tSw) in Holland, Michigan. Dr. Jeff Doll is the director of both IRBC and tSw.

The PM Offering today is for **Big Springs Community Church, Montague, California** – Big Springs Community Church (BSCC) started in the early 1990s with a group of families in Big Springs, Montague, California, who were committed to the Reformed faith. Rev. Nollie Malabuyo currently pastors the church which is under the oversight of Trinity URC in Visalia CA. The church holds weekly worship services as well as bi-weekly men's and women's Bible studies. In addition they are involved in community outreach through summer VBS and other programs. Information on the church can be found at <http://www.urcnamissions.org/big-springs-ca.html> and <http://www.bigspringsurc.org/>.

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 **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.

Missionary of the Month: **Carlos and Rebecca Pinto** serve the Lord in Ecuador with United World Missions. If you would like to send a note of encouragement, their address is: **Carlos and Rebecca Pinto, c/o HCJB Casilla 17-17-691, Quito, Ecuador;** or email them at cpinto@reachbeyond.org.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Church Library – now located in the Counseling Office next to the tape room – re-opens **TODAY**.

Updated Events & Prayer Calendars for September 2017 are available on the table in the narthex.

The Adult Bible Class is for all post-high adults. We meet in the Youth Room after the morning worship service. We are currently studying the gospel of John. **Please join us!**

The IRBC Counseling Course registration deadline has been extended to noon THIS WEEK Wednesday, September 6. It is not too late to register for a course wherein you will engage in a meaningful, relevant study of God's Word. Registration forms can be obtained either online at www.reformedbiblicalcounseling.org or you can pick one up from the table in the narthex. Registrations will not be accepted after the deadline.

Family Night ~ Our Wednesday Family Night will be starting again soon. We are still looking for 2-3 more helpers for the Wednesday night dinners. **If you would like to help out, please contact Amy Bonzelaar** at 616-340-5025 or email her at scottandamyb@gmail.com. There are also dates available if you would like to host a fundraiser dinner. Please contact Amy for more information and any questions you may have.

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!**

HILLTOPPERS/CORNERSTONE SENIORS! TAKE NOTE: CHANGE OF MEETING DATE ~ Our September meeting date will be **THIS WEEK Wednesday, September 6.** The sweet corn should be ready and we will have our 'Corn Boil' after our regular 10:00 AM meeting. Snacks & fellowship begin at 9:45 AM. For our noon lunch, **please bring your appetite, and a dish to pass**, it can be hot or cold, main dish, salad or dessert. **Please sign up and indicate how many ears of corn you can eat!**

TIME CHANGE: The Cornerstone Fall Festival will be held on **Saturday, October 14, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.** instead of 4:00-7:00 p.m. as previously posted. **PLEASE MAKE THIS CHANGE ON YOUR CALENDARS and plan to attend!** We are looking for volunteers to help in many ways. If you are willing to help by running a game, helping out with food, or a variety of other ways, please contact Brenda Vos 307.2831 (brendavos8@gmail.com) to get your name on our volunteer list!

Ladies, did you get a chance to sign up for the **Ladies Brunch on September 12 at 9:30 a.m.**? This brunch, which is especially for you, will be a great time of friendship and fellowship with the women of Cornerstone and other friends. Please plan to join us. **Sign up under Bulletin Board #3 by September 10** if you plan to attend! Contact Bonnie Bratt or Brenda Vos if you need a ride.

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study will be starting **September 19** this year. This is a bit earlier than our usual October date, so **please mark your calendars!** More information will follow later.

Reformed Mission Services (RMS) is participating in the Hurricane Harvey clean-up and restoration efforts in connection with the OPC and the PCA denominations with whom we partner. Please read the "Hurricane Harvey Update" in your mailboxes for specific information, and please continue to pray for the people of South East Texas and the organizations that are assisting them in this time.

GEMS

The GEMS Kick-off will be **THIS WEEK Wednesday, September 6**, from **6:15-8:30 PM** at the Johnson's home (3733 – 92nd Street SW, Byron Center, MI 49315). **Please eat dinner before coming.**

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Our first meeting is **September 10**, with the meal responsibility being **VanderWall, Veldhof, and Alsum.**

THIS WEEK AT CORNERSTONE

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Adult Bible Study (Downstairs)
	4:30 PM	Men at Prayer
	5:20 PM	Song Service

- **CONCERT** -- You won't want to miss an amazing concert featuring Scott Griffin from Captivating Keyboards and Burt Kettinger from Moody Radio. This concert will be held at Friendship Christian Reformed Church in Byron Center **THIS WEEK Thursday, September 7**, at 7:00 PM and is open to the public. Everyone, any age, will enjoy the fun and encouragement this duo will provide through piano and vocal entertainment. At the concert there will be a special offering to provide Bibles to Africa. You won't want to miss hearing these two men communicating Christ's joy through the gift of music. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! (Hosted by Bible League International Volunteers)
- **Lakeshore Pregnancy Center** invites you to participate in their 100-hole Golf Marathon Fundraiser to be held **THIS WEEK Friday, September 8**, at Diamond Springs Golf Course in Hamilton, MI. For more information, contact events@lpcenters.com or call 616-396-5840, ext. 30.
- **Donate Blood THIS WEEK Friday, September 8**, at the Hillcrest Church (36th & Hillcrest Rd., Hudsonville). You may call 1-800-RED-CROSS for an appointment or walk in. Hours are 11:30 a.m. until 5:15 p.m. It is recommended to come to the Drive well-hydrated and to eat a meal four hours or less before giving blood. A driver's license or donor card is required for I.D. Donors must be 17 or older and weigh at least 110 pounds. 16 year-olds may be eligible with written parental consent. For more details, see <http://www.redcrossblood.org/>. Donors will receive by e-mail a \$5 Target gift card.
- **The Hope Heralds**, a 100-voice sacred men's chorus, invites you to attend our season ending concert. The concert will be held in Fountain Street Church (24 Fountain St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503) on **Friday, September 22**, at 7:30 PM. Parking is available (even though it's ArtPrize week) directly across the street from the church in the GR Community College parking ramp for \$6. There will be plenty of space to park. The acoustics, the organ, and 100 men singing will make a wonderful night! Join us as we lift our voices in praise to God! Admission is once again free; we will take an offering to cover our expenses for the evening. To God be the glory!
- **Sus Manos Gleaners** is sponsoring a benefit Sporting Clay Shoot on **Saturday, September 23**, at Blendon Pines from 9:00 AM to lunch. The \$50 registration (\$25 for age 12 and under) includes a 50 round course, delicious grilled lunch, prizes, and a gun raffle. For information or to register, please visit www.susmanosgleaners.org or call Sue at 616-293-2515. (Sus Manos Gleaners uses donated produce and volunteer labor to produce dehydrated meals for overseas Christian missions to distribute to starving people).

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