

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for September 17, 2017

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated during our morning worship service today. Visitors who are professing members of other evangelical churches may partake with us by seeing an Elder in the narthex prior to the service. **A Communion Vesper Service will be held in the Council Room at 4:30 PM** for members unable to attend this morning.

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.

Nominations will soon be made for Elders and Deacons. Anyone who is unable to serve because of health reasons or legitimate extenuating circumstances should notify their District Elder in writing by Sunday, **September 24**, giving the reason they should not be considered at this time.

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 **Christian Education** – to assist families with the cost of Christian School tuition.

Next week's AM Offering is for **Hope Center URC** (Church Plant in Toronto, Ontario, Canada) – Rev. Tony Zekveld is called and sent by the Covenant Christian Church [URC] of Wyoming, Ontario, to be a missionary among the numerous South Asian peoples in the Greater Toronto Area. This has led, over the years, to the planting of Hope Centre URC under the oversight of Covenant Christian Church. Rev. Zekveld and his assistant, Peter Nathaniel, labor in this very challenging ministry among these peoples from various religious backgrounds.

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 August 2017

<u>Fund</u>	Last Month	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
General	\$24,636.36	\$206,980.34	\$243,636.67	\$(36,656.33)
Building	\$ 3,549.47	\$ 33,490.18	\$ 45,333.33	\$(11,843.15)
Mission	\$ 7,838.97	\$ 53,369.81	\$ 48,866.67	\$ 4,503.14
Christian Education	\$ 7,962.54	\$ 60,339.98	\$ 53,776.67	\$ 6,563.31

Special Offerings for August 2017

Reformed Mission Services	\$ 1,109.62
Alliance Defending Freedom	\$ 808.10
Redeemer Reformation	\$ 896.99
Mid America Ref. Seminary	\$ 637.54
Mel Trotter Ministries	\$ 841.69

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Church Library is now located in the Counseling Office next to the Tape Room and is open after services.

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!**

Committee Chairpersons – All committee budget proposals for 2018 must be in to the Finance Committee by **September 24**. Please put your submissions in the mailbox of Jeff Berens, Steve Johnson or Dave VanBeek.

The Cornerstone URC family is a family that prays for each other regularly. We read of prayer requests in the church bulletin, or we may receive an email during the week (send an email to curcprayerpostings@cornerstoneurc.com if you would like to be added to this), or some receive a phone call from someone else who receives the email. You can also call the church “Prayer Line” which is still being used. We have a volunteer who is taking over this duty from Pastor Doll who faithfully did this for years (thanks Pastor Doll!). Call 669.4444 to receive the latest prayer requests. It will be updated twice a week, or as needed.

A special thank you to all of the ladies who attended the Ladies’ Brunch this past week. The good turnout was an encouragement to all and the fellowship was very special. Watch the bulletin for the next Ladies’ Brunch in the months to come.

Ladies’ Tuesday Morning Bible Study begins **THIS WEEK Tuesday, September 19**, with coffee and fellowship at 9:45 AM and the Bible Study at 10:00 AM. Materials will be handed out at this time. The book we will be using by Sarah Ivill on 1st and 2nd Peter and Jude is \$7.50. If you will be writing a check for the book, please make it out to Cornerstone URC Church. To help prepare your heart for the study, **please read over the books of Peter a few times to familiarize yourself with their content**. Be praying that the Lord would richly bless our time in the Word. Coffee will be served by **June Boardman and Tammie Pettit**.

Men’s Tuesday Night Bible Study meets at 7:00 PM in the Counseling Room. We are currently studying the Gospel of John. **MEN OF ALL AGES are encouraged to 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!**

Family Night kick-off is THIS WEEK Wednesday, September 20. Dinner will start promptly at 6:00 PM and we will be having pulled pork sandwiches, salads and chips. **There are sign-up sheets under Bulletin Board #3 for how many are coming**, if you are **willing to bring packages of sliced cheese or a bag of chips**, and if you are willing to **help set up, serve, and/or clean up** afterward. **ALSO**, will you **please bring a large side dish or salad to share?** The donation buckets will be out—please give generously as we are starting this season of Family Night with very low funds. GEMS meet at 6:40 PM; Cadets meet at 6:45 PM; and the Adult class will gather in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM with Jon DeJong speaking on his recent trip to Guinea, Africa, and his work with Katie DeJong. **Please join us for an amazing time of fellowship!**

Women’s Conference Committee: We will have our next meeting on **Monday, September 25**, at 7:00 PM. If you have a conflict with this date, please let Bonnie know.

Foreign Mission Emphasis Week is October 1 through October 8 ~ MARK YOUR CALENDER ~ On Wednesday, October 4, we are planning our **Soup Supper** which is a fundraiser for **Pastor Moses in India for their Christmas Celebration in South India and VBS in May**. Our missionary, **Rev. Carlos Pinto** from Quito, Ecuador, will be sharing about the missionary work he and his wife, Rebecca, are doing in building God’s Kingdom. In his latest report, which was in your mailbox last Sunday, he wrote, “It is a dream come true to see Latin American missionaries preparing to serve in France, Cambodia, Peru as well as in Israel.” How

exciting to hear that God's Word is being preached around the world! We at Cornerstone have a part in this! Let's remember to THANK our missionaries. **Please save the DATE—October 3—and please show your appreciation and attend the Adult Class at 7:00 PM.** MISSION COMMITTEE

The Fall Festival, sponsored by the Fellowship Committee, is planned for **Saturday, October 14, from 1:00-4:00 p.m.** (note time change). We need volunteers to provide **bags of candy or small toys** to be used for prizes. Would you be willing to bring a bag or two of candy or some small toys to church on September 24, October 1 or October 8? Please put them in the box on Cheryl's desk in the office. We also need **volunteers to help with the food or to run the carnival type games** we have planned. If you are willing to help, please sign up under Bulletin Board #3 ASAP! We are also looking for **pop up shade canopies**, if you have one that you are willing to share, please write that on the volunteer sign-up sheet.

HILLTOPPERS / CORNERSTONE SENIORS ~ **Mark this on your calendar:** Note the **change of the date** for our October meeting is **Wednesday, October 18**, instead of the October 11. Rev. Vos may not be able to lead us on the 11th.

Pies, pies, pies Plan to attend the **Reformation Pie Social** following the evening service on **October 29**. More details will come soon (and we will need some pie bakers).

SAVE THE DATE: The Ladies' Christmas Dinner, sponsored by the Fellowship Committee will be on **Wednesday, November 29**, instead of Thursday, November 30. Please mark this date on your calendar!!!

CURC Women's Conference 2018 ~ Please mark your calendars for **March 16-17, 2018**, for our annual CURC Women's Conference. We are pleased to announce that **Sarah Ivill** will return to us as our speaker with a different topic yet to be decided. Save the dates and plan to join us!!

CADETS

Our first meeting will be THIS WEEK Wednesday, September 20. The opening ceremonies begin at 6:45 PM in Room 8, so please be on time; the meeting ends at 8:30 PM. Returning Cadets should wear complete uniforms and everyone should bring a Bible.

At this first meeting no one will need to prepare a Bible lesson ahead of time; lesson material will be handed out to **3rd – 4th graders** to take home so that they can prepare for the next meeting. **Grades 5th – 8th** only need to read related Bible passages prior to the next meeting; those passages will be found in the bulletin (and parents email) prior to each meeting. **Grades 5th – 8th:** Be sure to turn in the copy of Quest at the end of each meeting.

Parents – Don't forget to check your email for more details, this week, and in the weeks to come.

Advanced Notice: October 13-14 the Cadets will be attending the Chuckwagon Jamboree. Please check your calendar and leave an opening so you can attend; we need email confirmation by October 8. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

GEMS

We meet this week Wednesday, September 20, from 6:40-8:30 PM.

- **3rd Grade:** Lesson #2 – “Becoming a New Creation”
- **4th Grade:** Lesson #7 – “Creator God”
- **5th Grade:** Lesson #12 – “Names of God”

HSYG

Our first meeting is TONIGHT! See you in the Youth Group Room right after our PM service. We will end around 8:45 PM. **Food responsibility: Berens and Vander Kolk.** See you then!

PM: Dave Verwolf, Joseph Vos, Landon Vos, Nicholas Vos

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Hudsonville Christian School's Faith Campaign** is underway, with a campaign goal this year to raise \$250,000 to be used for building maintenance and tuition assistance for families who need help. Over the course of the coming weeks you may receive either a letter in the mail from HCS or a phone call from a representative of J. Milito & Associates, an organization that we are partnering with to complete our Faith Campaign. Your gift will help us to continue to tell the story of Christian education in our community and beyond. If you are not contacted but would like to make a contribution to this important campaign, please contact the school office at 669-6689. Thank you for your continued support of Hudsonville Christian School!
- **Unity Christian** seniors are selling delicious apple pies! All proceeds will benefit the Senior All-Nighter. Orders are due **Thursday, September 28**. Pies will be made from scratch and ready for pickup on **Saturday, October 7**, at Hudsonville Christian Elementary from 9:30 a.m. – noon. If you are interested in ordering, please see any Unity Senior, or contact Robin Kerkstra at 856-0982 or robinkerkstra@gmail.com.
- **Zion Christian Golf Outing**: Please join us **THIS WEEK Saturday, September 23**, for Zion's golf outing at Wallinwood Springs Golf Course in Jenison. Registration is at 7:30am, with play beginning at 8:00am. Cost is \$100 for adults and \$75 for students. To sign-up, please email Jesse Aukeman at jaukeman@zionchristian.net by this Tuesday.
- **Zion Christian** is looking for 3 coaches: 1 JV Boys' Basketball coach, and 2 Middle School Basketball Coaches. If you are interested, please contact Joel Bont at jbont@zionchristian.net or at (616) 878-9472.

MISCELLANEOUS REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Jehovah Jireh Ministries** is currently in serious need of **plastic shopping bags**. If you have some to donate, you may place them on top of the coat rack by the church office door. Many thanks!!
- **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) **THIS WEEK 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 **THIS WEEK 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).
- You are cordially invited to **"An Evening with Westminster Seminary California"** with the newly appointed 4th President Joel E. Kim on **Tuesday, October 17, from 6:00 – 9:00PM** at the Sunnybrook Country Club, Grandville, MI. Come see and hear about the fruit of God's blessings at WSC. You will not be asked to make a donation and there is no charge for the dinner, but a reservation is necessary. Please call 888-480-8474, or email rveit@wscal.edu for reservations.
- **Save the Date: Word & Deed Fall Dinner** ~ You are warmly invited to attend the **Word & Deed Fall Dinner** to be held on **Thursday, November 2**, D.V., at Bethany URC in Byron Center. We are pleased to have Pastor Anup Hiwale of India as our keynote speaker. More details to follow. Please contact the office at 866.391.5728 or usoffice@wordanddeed.org if you have any questions. Please plan to join us

to hear what the Lord is doing in India!

ELDER & DEACON DISTRICTS FOR 2017-2018

ELDERS

20 Lee De Witt, Vice-Clerk
18 Doug Ulberg
20 Jim Horjus
19 Jeff Berens
18 Mark De Jong, Chairman
19 Bruce Nelson
19 Tom Van Dyken, Clerk
20 Jim Dykstra
18 Bob Warsen
18 John Koning
19 Walt Decker
20 Dave Van Beek, Vice-Chairman

DEACONS

18 Jayson Alsum, Vice-Chairman
19 Jason Sterk, Benevolent Treasurer
18 Jon Knott
18 Steve Johnson, Chairman
19 Steve Vander Wall
20 Gary Veldhof, Secretary
19 Keith Schuiteman
20 Chad Spoelma

Elder Districts

Rev. J. Admiraal – P. Brower
I. Brus – D. DeZwaan
M. Decker – S. Dykstra
M. Eefsting – L. Holthof
B. Hop – S. Johnson
H. Jolman – P. Kuiper
D. Landheer – G. Nuiver
J. Nysse – J. Schrier
K. Schuiteman – W. Sterk
E. Stuive – P. Van Dyke
T. VanDyken – G. Veldhof
W. Veltema – B. Zwart

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S. Regnerus – W. Sterk
E. Stuive – E. Vander Sloot
S. Vander Wall – B. Zwart