

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for September 24, 2017

Family Visitations will take place this week on **Wednesday, September 27, and Thursday, September 28**. If you have a scheduling conflict, please contact one of your visiting elders.

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 **TODAY, September 24**, giving the reason they should not be considered at this time.

The AM Offering today is for **New Hope Centre** (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 Congregation (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.

The PM Offering today 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.

Next week's AM Offering is for **RYS (Reformed Youth Services)** – 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 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.

The Adult Bible Class meets in the Youth Room after the morning worship service. We are currently studying the gospel of John. **ALL post-high adults are welcome and encouraged to join us!**

On Eagles' Wings will be singing at **Waterford Place** this afternoon at **3:00 PM**. All are welcome to join us!

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

TABLETALK subscriptions will expire with the November issue. If you would like to continue your current subscription or order a new one, please **sign-up under Bulletin Board #3 TODAY!** The cost of a one-year subscription through the church is **still only \$12.00**. Please make your check **payable to Cornerstone URC** and place it in the Secretary mail slot in the Sound Room. **The deadline to sign up is Sunday, October 8**.

The Cornerstone Phone Prayer Line is still being used and will be updated as needed, hopefully twice a week (Tuesdays and Fridays).

Women's Conference Committee: We will meet **TOMORROW NIGHT, Monday, September 25**, at Joan Bouma's house (1888 Elizabeth Lane, Jenison) beginning at 7:00 PM.

Ladies' Tuesday Morning Bible Study will meet this week at 9:45 AM for coffee and fellowship with the

Bible Study beginning at 10:00 AM. Please do **Lesson 1, Questions 1-6, I Peter 1:1-13** in preparation for our study. **Coffee: Kari Alsum and Cheryl Doll.**

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!**

NEXT WEEK Sunday, October 1, is National Life Chain Sunday, a day on which Christians of all ages gather along 44th Street from 2:00-3:30 PM praying, meditating and holding signs informing all who pass by that our God loves and protects human life in all its stages. **Are you willing to spend 90 minutes praying for prolife issues and for our nation and its leaders?** If so, please join us at the northeast corner of 44th Street and Spartan Industrial Drive at 2:00 PM on October 1. For more information, please contact John and Elsie Kuipers at 534-9298, and visit www.NationalLifeChain.org and www.LifeChain.net.

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 4—and please show your appreciation and attend the Adult Class at 7:00 PM. MISSION COMMITTEE**

SENIOR SINGLES – MARK YOUR CALENDAR – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 - 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM. We are having a **COLOR TOUR** traveling through the countryside to McBain. We will have a delicious lunch in a restaurant there. This will be our only stop—very little walking—and we will return to church at approximately 3:00 PM. Please sign up on the sheet under Bulletin Board #3.

CORNERSTONE FALL FESTIVAL: The Fall Festival is just under 3 weeks away ~ **Saturday, October 14,** from 1:00-4:00 p.m.! Exciting things are planned and we hope that YOU plan to attend. Bring along your children, grandchildren, and neighbor children – they will love it! The Critter Barn, a Bounce House, two barrel trains, many games, food and fun will all be part of this fun fall afternoon at Cornerstone! While the focus is on children, all are welcome to come and enjoy this special day. Bring a lawn chair and just enjoy the festivities, which will be held in the church parking lot.

HELP: When you are out shopping this week, would you be willing to pick up a bag of candy or small toys to be used for prizes for the Fall Festival? Place them in the box on Cheryl's desk in the office. Also, we are in need of pop up shade canopies. If you have one that we can use, please sign up under Bulletin Board #3 (the orange paper). Thank you to the many who have signed up to help!!

Ladies of Cornerstone: The **GEMS are looking for help** with a simple sewing craft and would love your help! (Think needle and thread, cutting fabric, and glue gun—no machines required; we will provide the supplies—you provide the know-how.) The date is **October 18** from 7:35-8:30 PM. Please contact Julie Johnson if you are interested in helping.

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.

Reformation Day Pie Social – October 29 after the evening service. We have a lot of good pie makers in our church. Please consider helping us out! Watch for sign-up sheet coming out soon.

From the Fellowship Committee – Please save these dates:

- **October 14: Fall Festival** (1:00-4:00 p.m.)
- **October 29: Reformation Pie Social** (after the evening service)
- **November 29: Women's Christmas Dinner**

- **December 17: Sunday School Christmas Program followed by refreshments** (after evening service)
- **December 20: Family Night Christmas Dinner/caroling**

Texas, Florida, and Caribbean Disaster Relief: As many of you are aware there have been many communities affected by the recent hurricanes. RMS is partnering with like-minded NAPARC Churches and Denominations to assist those who have suffered loss from these disasters. There are many ways that you as churches and individuals can help. **First and foremost, pray** for the volunteers, leaders, coordinators, and those affected. Pray for wisdom, guidance, comfort and strength for the leaders and the individuals. Also pray for the opportunity for the Gospel to be presented to those who do not yet put their hope in God. **Secondly, you can contribute financially** to the disaster relief efforts. RMS is collecting monetary donations that will be sent to our partner churches and organizations for distribution by the local diaconates. U.S. Churches and all individuals can send your checks to Reformed Mission Services, P.O. Box 582, Hudsonville, MI 49426-0582. Canadian Churches can mail their donations to: United Reformed Missions Association, 1100 40th Avenue N, Lethbridge, AB T1H 6B7. You can also donate online at www.rms.org/donate/. Be assured that 100% of all donations will be distributed to the partnerships for their disbursement. **Thirdly, you can give of your time and skills** to assist these churches in their reconstruction efforts and outreach opportunities. If you are interested in this, please email our Director at rob@rms.org and he will be happy to forward you the links to the volunteer registration websites in the area(s) you would like to serve. **Fourthly**, the Disaster Response Coordinator for the OPC is looking for Site Coordinators to handle the day to day operations of the relief efforts in the Houston area. If you can spare your time and energy for 3 or more weeks at a time, please e-mail David Nakhla at david.nakhla@opc.org for more details. **Finally**, there is a large need for one family in the Houston area. This father of a larger family, lost his means of transportation due to the flooding that occurred at his home and is using the family van for the time being leaving them without transportation. He is in need of a compact pickup truck with 4 doors or a late model sedan that he can drive to and from his work and church. If you would like to know more or are able to provide this need, also, contact our Director at rob@rms.org.

Looking for Volunteers: Are you interested in participating in the disaster relief efforts in Houston Texas? The Brinks' are assembling a team of local volunteers to travel to Texas to assist in the reconstruction efforts. Lord willing, we hope to be leaving Hudsonville on the evening of **November 10** and return home on the **18th**. If you are interested in being a part of this trip, please contact Rob at rob@rms.org. Further details will be coming soon!

CADETS

This Wednesday, September 27, we will be working on our campsite at the campground. Everyone should meet in the parking lot at church at **6:30 PM** – note the earlier time – wear clothes that you are not afraid to get a little dusty or dirty. Parents may pick up the boys at church at 8:30 PM.

Advanced Notice: October 13-14 we will be attending the Chuckwagon Jamboree. Parents – please email us and let us know if your son will be attending so that we can make plans for food and other supplies; please do so no later than **October 8**.

GEMS

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, October 4, from 6:40-8:30 PM. Please prepare for the following:

- **3rd Grade:** Lesson #3 – “What Is Sin?”
- **4th Grade:** Lesson #8 – “Father God”
- **5th Grade:** Lesson #13 – “Personal Devotions”
- **6th Grade:** “Before You Meet Prince Charming” – Chapter 2 and Study Guide
- **7th Grade:** Bright Lights – Set #1: Lesson #2
- **8th Grade:** Bright Lights – Set #3: Lesson #2

Please remember to bring your permission slip to the meeting **on October 4** or you can turn it in **sooner** to Mrs. Johnson. Be prepared to have your photo taken at the park. Please wear a nice shirt for photos (no need to wear your GEMS shirts for the meeting; please still bring your scarves). Questions, please see Mrs. Johnson.

HSYG

We had a great time at our first meeting and look forward to a memorable year together!

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

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W. Veltema – B. Zwart

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M. De Jong – S. Dykstra
M. Eefsting – J. Horjus
E. Hulst – R. Lubbers
D. MacGraw – B. Potgeter
S. Regnerus – W. Sterk
E. Stuive – E. Vander Sloot
S. Vander Wall – B. Zwart