

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for October 22, 2017

This morning we welcome as new members of the Cornerstone URC family **Steve and Robyn Wassink** and their children **Lydia, Zachary, Jonathan, and Annika**. They come to us from Little Farms Chapel OPC. Their address is **12295 Mindarca Drive, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534; Home telephone—616-677-2938; Robyn's cell number—616-498-6673; email wassink6@gmail.com**.

Please Take a Stand to Protect Baby's Lives ~ At the last regular Consistory meeting, the Elders unanimously approved and encourage each professing member of our congregation to participate in the Heartbeat Bill Fax Campaign. It is a simple, painless, and cost-free way to be used of the Lord to **take a stand for helpless babies in the wombs of mothers who would rather kill them than care for them**. You can either pick up a letter and address label from the table in the narthex, sign the letter and mail it in; or you can go to the *faith2action* website (https://secure6.afo.net/f2a/hr490_fax.php) and send a FREE fax to Paul Ryan to get HR 490 on the floor for a vote. If the heartbeat bill is passed it will essentially end Roe vs Wade.

The AM Offering today is for **Alpha Women's Center** – The mission of the Alpha Women's Center of Grand Rapids is to share the hope of Christ with women facing unplanned pregnancies by affirming and promoting the sanctity of human life and strengthening the family through biblical principles. It is Alpha Women's Center's desire to love, support and serve the families. By creating such an atmosphere at their community center, they can assist them as they develop more fully as individuals, and take significant steps toward more rewarding lifestyles. Changing hearts. Changing lives. Changing generations.

The PM Offering today is for **Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary** – From 1995 until the present, Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary has graduated over seventy five students; many other part-time and non-program students have attended throughout the years. Alumni are serving the church in various ways: pastoring, preaching, teaching, pursuing further education, international/domestic missions, and church planting.

Next week's AM Offering is for **Right to Life Education Fund** – Right to Life of Michigan is a nonpartisan, nonsectarian, nonprofit organization of diverse and caring people united to protect the precious gift of human life from fertilization to natural death. They strive to educate people on identified Right to Life issues, to motivate them to action, to encourage community support for the participation in programs that foster respect and protection for human life. They work on the behalf of defenseless or vulnerable human beings, born and unborn, within our identified life issues of abortion, infanticide and assisted suicide.

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

Missionary of the Month: **Rev. Allen Vander Pol** serves the Lord as the East Asia Coordinator for MINTS. Rev. Allen and Marcia Vander Pol have moved to Kansas City, Missouri. If you would like to contact them or send them a note of encouragement, you can call them at 239.410.0396 or email allenvpol@gmail.com.

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!**

The Women's Bible Study will meet this week **Tuesday, October 24**, at 9:45 AM for coffee and fellowship with the Bible Study beginning at 10:00 AM. Please do **Lesson 2, Questions 7-12, I Peter 2:4-10** in preparation for our study. **Coffee: Joan Bouma and Irene Potgeter.**

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!**

Thank you to all who participated in the Fall Festival last week. We were so blessed by the many donations of candy and prizes, pumpkins, orange cones, cupcakes, money and offers of help! Those who stepped in to help us on Saturday were wonderful! We couldn't have done it without you! The Lord blessed this festival and we praise Him for it! **The Fellowship Committee**

Thank you Cornerstone Congregation for your attendance and generous support at our Spaghetti Supper. It was our pleasure to serve you and we trust we were a blessing to you as much as you are a blessing to us. **Cornerstone Cadets**

HELP!! We need more pies for the Reformation Pie Social which will be held **next Sunday night, October 29**, after the evening service. Are you willing to bake or purchase a delicious pie to share with our church family??? We know we have some fabulous bakers in our church family and we need your help!!! **Please sign up TODAY!**

Phone Prayer Line: The Phone Prayer Line is up and running again and will be updated as needed (hopefully for sure on Tuesdays and Fridays unless there isn't any news). Thanks for those who have expressed appreciation for this service! The email prayer requests are going out regularly too, and if you would like to be added to the list of recipients, just email curcprayerpostings@cornerstoneurc.com to ask to be added (or call the church office).

Save the date! **Wednesday, November 29**, the Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a **Women's Christmas Dinner** and you won't want to miss it! For now, save the date and more information will be coming soon.

Please join us in supporting our Cornerstone GEMS ministry. The GEMS will be having a **Silent Auction** on **Family Night, November 1**. Bidding will start at 5:50 PM and ends promptly at 6:45 PM (as to not interfere with the Adult Class.) Some of the items will be handmade or baked by our GEMS. If you have something you would like to donate, please see a GEMS counselor. We will gladly accept donations! **Parents of GEMS: Please have the girls to church by 5:45 PM. Please have any items for the auction dropped off at church by NOON on November 1.**

The next Family Night will be on Wednesday, November 1. Come join us for a great time of fellowship and an opportunity to support the **GEMS Silent Auction**. The menu will be **pizza and**, of course, a **salad bar**. **Look for the sign-up sheet under Bulletin Board #3 for items to bring for the salad bar.**

We are looking for VOLUNTEERS to HELP out on Family Night. If you are able to help out but cannot commit to ALL the Family Nights, that is not a problem. If you can help **set up**, we would like to have you there between 4:30 and 5:00 PM. We need your help in putting the food and drinks out, and setting up tables if needed. At times, your help is needed to serve food and/or keep the food stocked. You will not have to do any cooking, unless you really want to—we will not turn you down! **Cleaning up afterward** would consist of wiping down tables, washing dishes, making sure the kitchen is cleaned and everything is put away. Our goal is to be done by 7:00 PM in time for the Adult class. **If you can commit to 1 night or even part of a night, please sign up under Bulletin Board #3.** If you have any questions, please call or email Amy Bonzelaar.

The Hilltoppers will have their November meeting on **Wednesday, November 8**. Snacks and fellowship begin at 9:45 AM with our lesson beginning at 10:00 AM. It is Lesson 2, TWO MODELS OF PRAYER from the series THE LORD'S PRAYER by Dr. R. Albert Mohler. After viewing the DVD Rev. Vos will lead us in a discussion of what we have viewed. If you need a study guide, please call Don Van Dyke. **ALL CORNERSTONE SENIORS ARE WELCOME!**

SAVE THE DATE: A **Thanksgiving Day (November 23) Continental Breakfast** will be served by the HSYG before the morning worship service. All proceeds will benefit the HSYG trips to TASC and the RYS Convention.

HELP NEEDED: Mark and Carla Van Essendelft from Covenant URC, Pantego, NC, will be traveling to Karamoja, Uganda, to serve with the OPC Missionaries there. They are looking for someone to assist them for 6 months or longer. They are looking for a female, 21 years or older, to assist them with a variety of duties on that field. For more information about this important position, please email Carla at carlavanessendelft@yahoo.com.

Disaster Relief Donations: RMS continues to collect money for Hurricane Relief for Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico. If you would like to donate towards any of these causes, you can make out your check to Reformed Mission Services and send it to: Reformed Mission Services, P.O. Box 582, Hudsonville, MI 49426-0582. Please specify which relief effort you desire your donation to go to by writing in the memo, either: Harvey (Texas), Irma (Florida), or Maria (Puerto Rico). If you would like it to go to the general fund of the Diaconal Ministries of the OPC, just write Hurricane Relief in the memo line. 100% of your donation goes to the causes specified through the OPC Disaster Relief Ministries.

Upcoming Winter Trips: We are still seeking volunteers for our two trips that are scheduled for the winter months. First, RMS will be constructing a church building and assist with maintenance on other buildings in the Sabana Boya de Grande region of the Dominican Republic. This trip is scheduled to take place **January 9-19, 2018**. Our next opportunity is a trip to Costa Rica, where the team will assist the Tepeyac Christian School to prepare for the new school year. Time permitting, we will also be assisting the CLIR print shop with a variety of duties. This trip will take place **February 6-16, 2018**. If you desire to learn more about these trips and register, please go to www.rms.org/trips/international/. RMS is continuing plans for trips to Baja, Mexico, Peru, Haiti, and Puerto Rico (disaster relief efforts) and other trips for the upcoming winter season.

Save the Date - Thanksgiving Benefit Concert - *Jubilee* invites you to a concert and hymn sing to benefit **Reformed Mission Services** at 7:00 p.m. on **Friday, November 24**, at **Bethany URC**. Come listen to *Jubilee* and *Voices of Victory*, and sing along with the Bethany Hymn Sing Orchestra. No tickets necessary; refreshments following. There will be a donation offering to be given wholly to Reformed Mission Services for hurricane relief, and CDs will also be for sale. Call 616-304-9396 if you are interested in playing your instrument with the hymn sing orchestra.

CADETS

We meet this Wednesday, October 25. Opening ceremonies begin promptly at 6:45 PM; be sure to wear your complete uniform and bring a Bible. **Grades 3-4** should prepare Lesson 4. **Grades 5-8** ~ please read Ezekiel 34:11-12 and Luke 15:3-7 in preparation for your lesson.

GEMS

We will meet again on Wednesday, November 1, from 6:40-8:30 PM. Please prepare for the following:

- 3rd Grade: Lesson 5 - Who is Jesus?
- 4th Grade: Lesson 10 - Obedience
- 5th Grade: Lesson 15 - Stewardship
- 6th Grade: "Before you Meet Prince Charming" - Chapter 4 and study guide
- 7th Grade: Bright Lights - Set #1: Lesson #4
- 8th Grade: Bright Lights - Set #3: Lesson #4

JHYG

THIS WEEK **SATURDAY ~ October 28,** the JHYG will be heading to Holland Rescue, Gateway Thrift Store, to assist with various projects. **Wear closed toe shoes and meet at church at 8:45 AM.** We will wrap up at the thrift store at 11:30 AM then have lunch, **returning to church at 1:00 PM.** No \$ needed. We look forward to seeing you!

HSYG

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Jenison Christian School Arts and Crafts Fest** ~ Do you like to bake? If so, the Jenison Christian School Parent Club needs your help! We are asking for **donations of baked goods** (cakes, pies, breads, cookies, etc.) that will be sold at the craft show on November 4. If you would be willing to make some bake goods, please bring them to the office on Friday, November 3. The items will need to be wrapped or covered and labeled. The money raised from the sale of the baked goods goes to assist Parent Club in carrying out their mission to our students and community. Thank you for your help!!
- **Zion Christian School** is searching for a **Director of Development** to join their staff. Details are available on the school website at www.zionchristian.net or you can contact Todd Hoekstra at thoekstra@zionchristian.net.
- **Zion Christian School** welcomes all military veterans and the Zion community to attend its annual Veteran's Day Assembly to be held in the gym on **Friday, November 10**, at 11:45 AM. This student-led assembly will include a presentation by Ruth Ann (Freswick) Majauskas, who served as a nurse in the US Air Force and is a Zion graduate. The assembly will also include singing and band performances by Zion's students. All veterans and supporters are welcome to attend.

MISCELLANEOUS REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **You are invited to the 23rd Annual Barnabas Ministries Banquet!** Join in celebrating all that God has done through the outreach of Barnabas Ministries with worship, dinner, speakers, and fellowship. This event will be at 6:30 PM on **Thursday, November 2**, at the DoubleTree Hilton in Holland. RSVP with Taylor at 616.748.8435 or taylor@barnabasmin.org by **THIS WEEK Tuesday, October 24**.
- **You're Invited to join us THIS WEEK Thursday, October 26**, at 7:00 PM for a benefit concert for **Love In the Name of Christ** featuring: Jenison Christian Honors Choir, HIS Men, The King's Choraliers, and Keynote Speaker, Carrie Childerston (also known as The Pledge Radio's Carrie Davis, The Voice of West Michigan). The concert will take place at Fellowship Reformed Church, 6610 36th Avenue, in Hudsonville. An offering will be collected at the concert to support the work of Love INC.
- **Sunset** is hosting their annual resident benevolence **GALA THIS WEEK Friday, October 27**, from 6:00-8:30 PM at the Pinnacle Center in Hudsonville. Sunset's Neighbors are all welcome to join in the celebration with the Purdue Varsity Glee Club, who will lift spirits and help support the older adults in our neighborhood. Please contact Margie Brenner (mbrenner@sunsetmanor.org or 616.254.8090).
- **SAVE THE DATE! Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary** is holding its fall Shooting Sport fundraiser **THIS WEEK Saturday, October 28**. More information is available on the table in the narthex, or visit the seminary website at www.divinehope.net.
- **Please join us on Tuesday, October 31**, at 7:15 PM for *Sons & Daughters of the Reformation: Appreciating the Blessing and Maintaining the Responsibility*, a 500th anniversary celebration of the Reformation. The event will take place at Heritage Reformed Congregation, 540 Crescent Street NE, Grand Rapids, MI. Those participating will include various local pastors and the Heritage Voices choir. Soli Deo Gloria! See the poster on Bulletin Board #1.

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