

# CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

## Bulletin Announcements for October 29, 2017

**October 31, 2017**, marks an historic birthday for Reformed believers, including we who comprise the membership of Cornerstone URC. It marks the 500<sup>th</sup> birthday of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the castle church door in Wittenberg, Germany. This was an act and event God used to begin to restore an erring church to the clear truth of the Scriptures – particularly the truth of salvation. This is the truth we profess, of salvation: its *revelation* in **Scripture Alone!**; its *cause* by **Grace Alone!**; its *foundation* in **Christ Alone!**; its *instrument* through **Faith Alone!**; and its *goal* for the **Glory of God Alone!** Let us, indeed, celebrate with other Reformed Christians around the world the birthday of the Protestant Reformation which will officially occur on Tuesday. May the truths expressed in the 5 Solas be used by God to further shape our preaching, our worship, and our lives every day. To God be the Glory, great things He has done!

**The AM Offering today** 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.

**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 **The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling (IRBC)** – 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.

**Next week's PM Offering** is for **Pathway of Peace** – Located in St. Catharines, Ontario, **Pathway of Peace** is a Christian ministry that equips the church and God's people to reach out to its neighbors through education, training and hands-on experience. Its two-fold mission is 1) To lead Muslims to Christ by equipping Christians to carry out the Great Commission, and 2) To educate church members about the reality of Islam and its belief system. Rev. Thabet Megaly is the director of Pathway of Peace and also serves as an assistant pastor in Trinity URC in St. Catharines. More information at <http://www.urcnamissions.org/pathway-of-peace.html>.

**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](mailto: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 Cornerstory is in the members' mailboxes today!** Thanks to all who contributed to this issue. If you would like an extra copy, there are more located in the racks by the main entrance.

**The Cornerstone URC November 2017 Events & Prayer Calendar** is available on the table in the narthex.

**Join us TONIGHT after the evening worship service for a Reformation Pie Social in the church basement.** Come downstairs from either staircase (or the elevator) and get in one of two lines and choose a piece of your favorite kind of pie. We look forward to a time of fellowship while we eat our pie! **(Reminder to all pie bakers to have your pie downstairs by 5:00 p.m.)**

**The latest URCNA directory (2016)** is available for purchase in hard copy. The price is **\$10 each**. If you would like order a copy, please sign-up on the sheet located under Bulletin Board #3. Please make your check payable to Cornerstone URC and place it in the Secretary mail box in the Tape Room. **Please sign up by Sunday, November 12.**

**The Women's Bible Study** will meet this week **Tuesday, October 31**, at 9:45 AM for coffee and fellowship with the Bible Study beginning at 10:00 AM. Please answer the **Lesson 2 "Processing It Together"** questions on page 39 in preparation for our study. **Coffee: Alyce Regnerus and Jean Van Dyke.**

**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!**

**Please join us in supporting our Cornerstone GEMS ministry.** The GEMS will be having a **Silent Auction THIS WEEK 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.**

**FAMILY NIGHT is THIS WEEK 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**. **A sign-up sheet is located under Bulletin Board #3 for items to bring for the salad bar.** GEMS meet at 6:40 PM; Cadets meet at 6:45 PM; and the Adult class meets in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM. **The Adults are currently going through a Peace Makers class—please join us!!** The Scriptures call us as Christians to live in peace and to show the peace of God to those around us, but what do we do when conflicts arise? Being a peace maker involves seeking justice along with reconciliation. As God reconciles Himself with us, we must reconcile in times of conflict. This study is the second of four sessions and is designed to help us learn a process for being a peace maker. The class is led by Bruce Nelson.

**We are still 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. **Did you know that Bid-2-Benefit-Youth will donate 10% of your purchase amount** (before tax and discounts) **to our youth group?** All you have to do is **request a form to fill out at checkout and fill out our church name and your name.** It's quick and easy. At the end of every month, they will send a check to CURC! Check them out if you haven't already! The address in Hudsonville is 5800 Balsam Drive.

**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](mailto: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/](http://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, November 1.** 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 5. **Grades 5-8** please read Psalm 23 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:

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

## **JHYG**

**Our next meeting is on Sunday, November 12.** Families responsible for the meal are **Spoelma, DeVries, and Kamps**.

## HSYG

- Looking forward to seeing you all **TONIGHT** at the **Reformation Pie Social** after the PM service.
- **Save the date for our Christmas get-together** ~ playing broomball at the Georgetown Ice Arena on Saturday, **December 23** @ 6:30 PM. More details to come!
- Our next meeting is **next Sunday November 5**. **Please read Chapter 2** in “Pursuing Peace” to prepare. **Food responsibility for November 5: Schuiteman & D. Dykstra.**
- **Food responsibility for November 19: VanBeek and Bratt**

### THIS WEEK AT CORNERSTONE

<b>Today</b>	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:50 AM	Sunday School & Catechism classes
	11:00 AM	Adult Bible Study (Downstairs)
	4:30 PM	Men at Prayer (Counseling Room / Library)
	5:20 PM	Song Service
	5:30 PM	Evening Worship Service
	7:00 PM	Reformation Pie Social (Basement)
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 PM	Deacons
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:45 AM	Women’s Bible Study (Basement)
	7:00 PM	Men’s Bible Study (Counseling Room / Library)
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	Early Risers (Rainbow Grill, Hudsonville)
	5:50 PM	GEMS Silent Auction begins (ends promptly at 6:45 PM)
	6:00 PM	Family Night Supper (Pizza / Salad Bar)
	6:40 PM	GEMS
	6:45 PM	Cadets
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 PM	Adult Class (Sanctuary)
	6:30 PM	VBS at Presidential Estates
	7:00 PM	IRBC Counseling Class (Basement)

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**Offerings:** **October 29 AM:** Right to Life Education Fund      **PM:** Christian Education  
**November 5 AM:** IRBC      **PM:** Pathway of Peace (St. Catharines, Ontario)

**Coffee:** **October 29** – Deb Brinks & Nancy Vander Wey  
**November 5** – Bob & Irene Potgeter

**Greeters:** **October 29 AM:** Kurt & Carissa Schuiteman  
**PM:** Paul & Gail Steenwyk  
**November 5 AM:** Zach & Kelsi Start  
**PM:** Ed & Jan Spoelma

**Host Family:** **October 29:** Tod & Sarah Moelker  
**November 5:** Keith & Danette Hoekman

**Nursery Today:** **October 29 AM:** Julie Johnson, Lisa VanDyken, Peyton Schuiteman  
**PM:** Carol Huttinga, Carissa Schuiteman, Emberlynn De Vries

**Nursery Check Today:** Kendra Stuiwe

**Nursery Next Week:** **November 5 AM:** Bonnie Bratt, Carrie Knott, Lindsey Hoekman  
**PM:** Laura Batts, Deb Brinks, Zoe Dykstra

**Nursery Check Next Week:** Laura Batts

**Security:**     **October 29 AM:** Jeff Berens, Dan De Vries  
                  **PM:** Dustin Emelander, Gerald Nuiver

**November 5 AM:** Keith Schuiteman, Kevin Schuiteman  
                  **PM:** Aaron Batts, Eric Stuive

**Sound:**       **October 29** – Tom Van Dyken               **November 5** – Bob Hulst

**Ushers:**     **October AM:** Joe De Witt, Aaron Batts, Devin Berens, Mason Berens  
                  **PM:** Lance Bonzelaar, John Bouma, Dave DeZwaan, Dan Deppe

**November AM:** Dan Bratt, Nick Bratt, Andrew Bratt, Jeff Bratt  
                  **PM:** Rob Brinks, Patrick Carbone, Don Cook, Dan De Vries

### **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 **THIS WEEK Saturday, 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!!
- **Zion Christian School** is still in need of **Bus Drivers** to complete two after school routes. One route covers NW of Grand Rapids and the other SE of Grand Rapids. Please contact Todd Hoekstra at [thoekstra@zionchristian.net](mailto:thoekstra@zionchristian.net) if you are interested. Paid training may be available!
- **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](http://www.zionchristian.net) or you can contact Todd Hoekstra at [thoekstra@zionchristian.net](mailto: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**

- **Please join us THIS WEEK Tuesday, October 31**, at 7:15 PM for *Sons & Daughters of the Reformation: Appreciating the Blessing and Maintaining the Responsibility*, a 500<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ELDER & DEACON DISTRICTS FOR 2017-2018**

## **ELDERS**

20 Lee De Witt, Vice-Clerk  
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