

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for November 5, 2017

The display in the center of the narthex with the rose is there both as a reminder for our Cornerstone family to celebrate the birth of **Cole Spencer Bratt**, infant son of **Nick and Stephanie Bratt** who was born on Sunday, October 15, 2017, and as a visible recognition and proclamation of the sanctity of life. We praise and thank God with them that they have honored God's command to defend, protect and preserve life in the womb. Let us all be mindful that ALL life is precious in the sight of God; the unborn, the disabled, the handicapped and the very aged. "For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well." (Psalm 139:13-14). Continue to pray that the Lord will deliver us as a nation from the heinous evil of abortion.

The AM Offering today 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 comprehensively minister to those who suffer by way of our counseling ministry of the Shepherd's way Biblical Counseling Center West (tSw W)) in Holland (and our designated Counseling Room here at church). Dr. Jeff Doll is the Director of both IRBC and tSw W.

The PM Offering today 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>.

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

Next week's PM Offering is for **Word and Deed** – addresses, in accordance with biblical principles, the spiritual and physical needs of people in the developing world. Word and Deed's focus is on empowering each needy person to eventually provide for themselves in recognition of the dignity they have as God's image bearers, having been made both to work and to worship.

Missionary of the Month: Rev. Bill and Aletha Green serve the Lord in Costa Rica. If you would like to send them a note of encouragement, their address is **APDO 2070-2100, San Jose, Costa Rica**; or you can email them at clirprint@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 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 NEXT WEEK Sunday, November 12.**

Copies of the URCNA Missions Prayer Requests for November 2017 from URCNA Missions Coordinator, Pastor Rich Bout, are available on the table in the narthex for those who do not receive the email Prayer Postings. Let's continue to pray fervently for ALL of our missionaries and that God's name would be glorified through their work.

The GEMS would like to thank the congregation for your generosity in donating items and funds, as well as

bidding on items at our silent auction Wednesday night. A total of **\$1,650.00** was raised for our GEMS program.

The Women's Bible Study will meet this week **Tuesday, November 7**, at 9:45 AM for coffee and fellowship with the Bible Study beginning at 10:00 AM. Please do **Lesson 3, Questions 1-6, I Peter 2:11-3:7** in preparation for our study. **Coffee: Jan Spoelma and Geneva Vander Kolk.**

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!**

The Hilltoppers will have their November meeting **THIS WEEK 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.

CADETS

We meet this Wednesday, November 8. 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 6. **Grades 5-8** – please read Matthew 6:6-13 in preparation for your lesson.

GEMS

We will meet again on Wednesday, November 15, from 6:40-8:30 PM. Please prepare for the following:

- 3rd Grade: Lesson 6 - Who is the Holy Spirit?
- 4th Grade: Lesson 11 - Prayer
- 5th Grade: Lesson 16 - Worship
- 6th Grade: "Before you Meet Prince Charming" - Chapter 5 and study guide
- 7th Grade: Bright Lights - Set #1: Lesson #5
- 8th Grade: Bright Lights - Set #3: Lesson #5

JHYG

Our next meeting is NEXT Sunday, November 12. Families responsible for the meal are **Spoelma, De Vries, and Kamps.**

HSYG

- **Looking forward to seeing you TONIGHT** as we discuss "A God's-eye view of conflict" in Chapter 2 of "Pursuing Peace." **Food responsibility for TONIGHT - Schuiteman and D. Dykstra**

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

Deacon Districts

- Rev. J. Admiraal – E. De Graaf
- 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