

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for November 12, 2017

The AM Offering today is for **Christian Education** – to assist families with the cost of Christian School tuition.

The PM Offering today 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.

Next week's AM Offering is for **Reformed Mission Services (RMS)** and the ongoing **Hurricane Relief** efforts in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico. The damage from the recent hurricanes in these areas was extensive and the work to be done will continue for years to come. Reformed Mission Services (RMS) has partnered with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC), our sister NAPARC denomination, in their relief efforts in those parts of the country and Puerto Rico. 100% of your donation, in and through the local churches in those regions, will go toward the restoration, rebuilding, and outreach projects for the people affected by these disasters.

Next week's PM Offering is for **Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF)** – an evangelical Christian missionary organization which serves in the Middle East, North Africa and Asia on behalf of Reformed and Presbyterian Family of Churches and believers worldwide. The vision of three young people in Beirut, Lebanon in the early 1970s is now bearing fruit for the Kingdom of Christ among the twenty-two nations of the Arab League and other Muslim areas in Africa and Asia. MERF strengthens national churches with ministries of evangelism, church extension, biblical training, and diaconal aid—to "declare the whole counsel of God" in accord with the historic Reformed confessions.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: Parents & Teachers of Sunday School children: Please reserve the morning of **Saturday, December 16**, for the Christmas program practice. We will begin promptly at 9:30 AM and will be finished by 11:30 AM. Please contact Kurt Schuiteman or Irene VanDyk with questions.

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!**

TODAY is the DEADLINE to order the latest URCNA directory (2016) available for purchase in hard copy for **\$10 each**. Please sign-up on the sheet located under Bulletin Board #3 by **TONIGHT!** Please make your check payable to Cornerstone URC and place it in the Secretary mail box in the Tape Room.

The Women's Bible Study will meet this week **Tuesday, November 14**, at 9:45 AM for coffee and fellowship with the Bible Study beginning at 10:00 AM. Please do **Lesson 3, Questions 7-11, I Peter 2:11-3:7** in preparation for our study. **Coffee: Amanda Hodges and Carol Huttinga.**

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 meeting last week was postponed to **THIS WEEK Wednesday, November 15**. Please come for snacks and fellowship beginning at 9:45 AM and 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!**

FAMILY NIGHT is THIS WEEK Wednesday, November 15. Dinner begins at 6:00 PM and it is a **POTLUCK...please bring a LARGE hot dish, salad, or dessert. CAN YOU HELP set up, serve, and/or clean up?? Please see the sign-up sheet under Bulletin Board #3—your help would be greatly appreciated!** If you have any questions, please call or email Amy Bonzelaar. GEMS meet at 6:40 PM; Cadets meet at 6:45 PM; the Adult “Peacemakers” class will meet at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please make plans to join us!!

Make plans to attend a Thanksgiving Day (November 23) Continental Breakfast to be served by the HSYG from 8:00-9:00 AM before the morning worship service at 9:30 AM. All proceeds will benefit the HSYG trips to TASC and the RYS Convention.

Our Family Night on Wednesday, December 6, will be a Mexican dinner to include enchiladas, tostados, and tacos. **Please see the sign-up sheet under Bulletin Board #3.**

Time to sign up for the WOMEN’S CHRISTMAS DINNER & PROGRAM – Wednesday, November 29, 2017! The Fellowship Committee is cordially inviting all women (post-high) and above, to join us for a special evening on Wednesday, November 29. Mix and Mingle starts at 6pm, here at church, with a catered dinner and program to follow. Invite your friends and family – but we ask you to limit your guests to 8 or 9 since seating is limited. Get creative! Set and decorate your own table OR ask the committee to set it for you. Just indicate your preference on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Feel free to join another table or reserve your own table. Cost is \$10/person, payable the same night. Don’t delay! **Deadline is November 26**, or when all tables have been filled, whichever comes first. Questions? Contact Deanne Carbone, 616.450.0642, or any Fellowship Committee member.

MALE WAIT STAFF NEEDED for the Women’s Christmas Dinner! Men (post-high and above), help make the Women’s Christmas Dinner special by volunteering to serve dinner and help with kitchen clean up. No cooking required! We ask you dress the part by wearing black pants and shoes, a white shirt, and festive holiday smile! Sign-up is in the narthex. More details will be forthcoming.

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.

Reformed Mission Services Announcements

2017 Year-End Fundraiser: RMS is once again having our annual fundraiser. We have \$11,000 of pledges in matching gifts and are looking to match that amount by the end of 2017. If you would like to donate, you may do so online at www.rms.org/donate/ or by sending in your payment to: RMS, P.O. Box 582, Hudsonville, MI 49426-0582. **Thank you for your support!!!**

HELP NEEDED: URGENT!!!! Mark and Carla Van Essendelft will be traveling to Karamoja, Uganda, to serve with the OPC Missionaries there. They are looking for volunteers to assist them for a minimum of 6 months. They are looking for both a female, 21 years or older, to assist them with a variety of duties on that field and outreach and one or two males to help with maintenance and renovation of the structures in the compound. For more information about these vital and important positions, please email Carla at

carlavanessendelft@yahoo.com.

Volunteers for Houston Relief Efforts: Covenant URC in Pantego, NC, is assembling a team of volunteers to travel to Houston **January 20-27, 2018**. They are looking for volunteers from other churches to serve alongside of them. If you are interested in serving with this church, you can contact Rob at rob@rms.org for the link to register. The cost is \$150.00 plus your travel to and from Houston.

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.

CADETS

We meet this Wednesday, November 15. 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 7. **Grades 5-8** ~ please read Matthew 6:9, 19-21 in preparation for your lesson.

Advanced notice: There will be no meeting on **November 22** due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

GEMS

We meet THIS WEEK 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

We meet TONIGHT after the evening service. Families responsible for the meal are **Spoelma, De Vries, and Kamps**.

HSYG

- **Please stay after the evening service TONIGHT for a few minutes.** We will meet in the sanctuary and will talk more about where your help is needed for the Thanksgiving Day breakfast and run through the Christmas song.
- **Our next meeting is November 19 (Food responsibility: **Bratt and Van Beek**), when we plan to break into small groups. Chapter 3 is for our December 3 meeting.**
- **Parents: Your high schooler signed up to bring a food item(s) to the Thanksgiving Day breakfast. Could you please have it to church by noon on Wednesday, November 22?** We plan to prep food Wednesday afternoon/evening. If you can't remember what you signed up to bring, contact Mrs. Alsum.

THIS WEEK AT CORNERSTONE

Today	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	JHYG
Monday	6:30 PM	Deacons
	7:00 PM	Council
Tuesday	9:45 AM	Women’s Bible Study (Basement)
	7:00 PM	Men’s Bible Study (Counseling Room / Library)
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Early Risers (Rainbow Grill, Hudsonville)
	9:45 AM	Hilltoppers (Postponed from last week)
	6:00 PM	Family Night POTLUCK Supper
	6:40 PM	GEMS
	6:45 PM	Cadets
	7:00 PM	Adult Class – <i>Peacemakers</i> (Sanctuary)
Thursday	6:30 PM	VBS at Presidential Estates
	7:00 PM	IRBC Counseling Class (Basement)

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- Offerings:** **November 12 AM:** Christian Education **PM:** Word and Deed
November 19 AM: RMS Hurricane Relief **PM:** Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF)
- Coffee:** **November 12** – Ron & Dorothy Vanden Bosch & Char Kroll
November 19 – John & Joan Bouma
- Greeters:** **November 12 AM:** Bruce & Karen Sterk
PM: Eric & Jessica Stuive
November 19 AM: Mitch & Kendra Stuive
PM: Andrew & Jennifer Tanis
- Host Family:** **November 12:** Dave & Vonda Van Beek
November 19: Steve & Jacqueline Hordyk
- Nursery Today:** **November 12 AM:** Kathy Hop, Marnie Nuiver, Kathryn Johnson
PM: Judy De Witt, Jordan Wagner, Jayden Dykstra
- Nursery Check Today:** Judy De Witt
- Nursery Next Week:** **November 19 AM:** Mackenzie Leighliter, Amanda Bonzelaar, Karlie Vander Kolk
PM: Sarah Schuiteman, Karen Essenburg, Brie Alsum
- Nursery Check Next Week:** Sarah Schuiteman
- Security:** **November 12 AM:** Jon Knott, Dan De Vries
PM: Kevin Leighliter, Jason Vander Wey
November 19 AM: Randy Vander Kolk, Matt Kamps
PM: Bob Warsen, Jordan Hordyk
- Sound:** **November 12** – Dan Bratt **November 19** – Larry Huttinga
- Ushers:** **November AM:** Dan Bratt, Nick Bratt, Andrew Bratt, Jeff Bratt
PM: Rob Brinks, Patrick Carbone, Don Cook, Dan De Vries

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Unity Christian High School** is presenting the musical *West Side Story* on Thursday, **November 30**, and Friday, **December 1**, at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, **December 2**, at 5:00 p.m. Performances will be in the Hudsonville High School Auditorium on Allen Street. Tickets are \$6 each and available in the school office or by calling 669-1820.

MISCELLANEOUS REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Calvinist Cadet Corps** is looking for a **part-time Secretary**, 20-24 hours / week. Job responsibilities include general reception / secretarial tasks, maintaining a deposit register and controlling Accounts Receivable, proof reading magazines, newsletters and program materials, and responding to inquiries via personal contact, telephone, email and web chat. Pay starts at \$14/hour. Email submissions@calvinistcadets.org for more information. **Applications due by November 30.**
- **The Calvin Oratorio Society** under the direction of Sean Ivory will be performing Handel's *Messiah* with the Calvin Orchestra on **December 1 & 2, 2017**, at Calvin's Covenant Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Please join us for the celebration of our 98th year of annual performances of this timeless and inspiring work. Tickets are available at the Calvin Box Office – 616-526-6282, or online at www.calvin.edu/boxoffice.

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

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