

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for November 26, 2017

Today, our morning worship service will be led by **Rev. Phil Vos** and our evening worship service will be led by **Rev. Harlan Vanden Einde**.

This morning, the sacrament of baptism will be administered to **Cole Spencer Bratt**, infant son of **Nick and Stephanie Bratt**. May the Lord's covenant blessing always rest upon this child.

The Elders were privileged to hear the testimony and profession of Ottavio Palombaro this past Lord's Day. Lord willing, we will hear his public reaffirmation of faith next Sunday, December 3, in the PM service.

The annual Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for **Monday, December 4, at 7:00 PM**. The Council presents the following men as nominees for the offices of Elder and Deacon: **For Elder: Don Cook, John Emelander, Rol Mast, Randy Moorman, Duwayne Newenhouse, and Henry Vander Wey** (3 to be elected); and **For Deacon: Joe DeWitt, Dan Dykstra, Gary Steenwyk, Tim VanDyken, and Jason Vander Wey** (3 to be elected). The **proposed budget for 2018** will also be voted on. Extra copies of the **Congregational Meeting Agenda and 2018 Budget** along with **Absentee Ballots** can be found on the counter in the office. Please mark your ballots, place them in an envelope, sign your name on the OUTSIDE of the envelope, and give it to one of the Elders.

Valet Parking is available 20 minutes before each service begins. Just pull your car under the awning by the main entrance and one of two Valet Attendants will park your car for you. After the service, the Attendants will get your car and pull it back under the awning so you do not have to walk in the parking lot at all. Please see a Deacon if you have any questions. If anyone is uncomfortable driving in winter road conditions, there is always the option of riding the church bus. If you would like to ride the bus, please contact Kim Vander Kolk at 269-793-3307.

The AM Offering today is for **Pregnancy Resource Center** – The PRC was “born on the sidewalk” in July 1985. It is a grassroots organization, created by ordinary people with extraordinary passion – people who love God and love people of all sizes, colors, and nations. PRC's mission is living the truth that people matter to God. The services that PRC offer are Willing to Wait – Abstinence Education, Pregnancy & Medical Services and Family Support Services. In all they do, the staff and volunteers of the PRC seek to share the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. PRC has two locations: Grand Rapids on Cherry Street, and Wyoming on 28th Street.

The PM Offering today is for **West Side Reformed Church** (Cincinnati, Ohio) – WRC is a church plant on the West side of Cincinnati, Ohio. WRC started in July of 2013. The overseeing church is Zeltenreich Reformed Church and it is a part of Classis Eastern US. West Side Reformed Church is the first United Reformed Church in Ohio, and they have goals for planting more in the greater Cincinnati region. The Pastor is Rev. Zachary Wyse. To learn more about WRC, you may visit their website at <http://westsidereformed.org>.

Next week's AM Offering is for the **Mission Fund** – for the support of 7 missionaries throughout the world.

Next week's PM Offering is for **Mid-America Reformed Seminary** – Mid-America's mission is to prepare pastors as faithful servants of the Word and sacraments in the heritage of Reformed and Presbyterian Churches and by training others to serve in various Christian venues. Mid-America Reformed Seminary glorifies God by training godly men to serve in the ministry of the Word and sacraments. The health of the church and society depends upon the faithful ministry of the Word of God. The primary purpose of the Seminary is to prepare men for the ministry of the Word and sacraments in churches that are disposed to call and ordain men trained in the Reformed faith as confessed in the Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession, the Canons of Dort, and the Westminster Standards.

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.

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!**

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

LOST ~ Leather Jacket ~ Please check your coat closet for a leather jacket—it has been missing since January. Please return it to the coat rack in the narthex of church.

TODAY is the last day to sign up for the WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER—Wednesday, November 29, 2017! There's still room for you! All women (post-high) and above are invited to attend a special dinner and program on **Wednesday, November 29**. **Mix 'n Mingle starts at 6:00 p.m.; dinner at 6:45 p.m.** Cost is only \$10/person payable the night of the dinner. **Feel free to join any open table or get another table going.** You can also decorate and set your holiday table OR ask the committee to decorate it for you. Just indicate your preference on the sign-up sheet. Questions? Contact Deanne Carbone, 616.450.0642, or any Fellowship Committee member.

MEN – We need a few more volunteers to wait tables at the Women's Christmas Dinner! Help make the Women's Christmas Dinner special by volunteering to serve dinner and help with kitchen clean up. No cooking required! Please wear black pants and shoes, a white shirt, and a festive holiday tie! Sign up is in the narthex. Please be at church by 6:00 PM sharp! Your reward will be grateful women and a tasty meal at the end of your shift.

The HSYG would like to thank the congregation for attending our breakfast on Thanksgiving Day. We appreciate your continued support and prayers!

The Missions Committee would like the congregation to show their appreciation to all our missionaries this Christmas Season by sending them a card / letter thanking them for their work in building God's Kingdom. Our missionaries include: **Dr. Neal and Sandy Hegeman, Rev. Allen and Marcia VanderPol, Rev. Bill and Aletha Green, Rev. Steve and Nalini Poelman, Pastor Moses and Hepsiba Gurrana, Rev. Carlos and Rebecca Pinto, and Rev. Paul and Julie Murphy.** For your convenience, cards will be collected in the box on the table under Bulletin Board #1 and will be mailed by the Missions Committee. Please have your cards in the box by **Sunday, December 10**. A flyer listing the names of our missionaries has been placed in your mailbox.

The Women's Bible Study will meet this week Tuesday, **November 28**, at 9:45 AM for coffee and fellowship with the Bible Study beginning at 10:00 AM. Please spend time reading the "Putting It All Together" for Lesson 3 as it succinctly summarizes the verses we studied together over the past two weeks. **We will move on to Lesson 4—please do Questions 1-7, I Peter 3:8-4:11** in preparation for our study. **Coffee: Lori DeVries and Jennie Haveman.**

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!

Our next Family Night is on Wednesday, December 6, and we will be having a Mexican dinner to include enchiladas, tostados, and tacos. **Please see the sign-up sheet under Bulletin Board #3 for any items you may be able to bring.**

The Hilltoppers will meet on **Wednesday, December 13,** with snacks and fellowship beginning at 9:45 AM, and our lesson beginning at 10:00 AM. We will view Lesson 3, titled *Our Father*, from the series *THE LORD'S PRAYER*. Rev. Vos will lead us in a discussion of what we have viewed. Luncheon to follow at the Rainbow Grill in Hudsonville.

2017 Year-End Fundraiser: Reformed Mission Services 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 ~ UPDATE: Mark and Carla Van Essendelft, members of Covenant URC in Pantego, NC, have had three people show interest in assisting them in Karamoja, Uganda. Please continue to pray that these volunteers will be able to raise the funding needed and their plans to help will come to fruition!

CADETS

We meet this Wednesday, November 29. 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 8. **Grades 5-8**—please read Matthew 6:9, Philippians 2:9-11 in preparation for your lesson.

GEMS

We meet again on Wednesday, December 6, from 6:40-8:30 PM ~ **Badges / Points due date before Christmas Party.** Please prepare for the following:

- 3rd Grade: Lesson 17 – In the Beginning
- 4th Grade: Lesson 23 – Bible Study Skills
- 5th Grade: Lesson 29 – Angels
- 6th Grade: “Before you Meet Prince Charming” – Chapter 6 and study guide
- 7th Grade: Bright Lights - Set #1: Lesson #6
- 8th Grade: Bright Lights - Set #3: Lesson #6

JHYG

On Saturday, December 9, we will be going to Craig's Cruisers. We will be leaving church at 2:30 PM and returning at 6:30 PM. Cost is \$7.00. **Please RSVP** to Eric and Jessica Stuive at jrstuive@gmail.com by **Monday, December 4.**

HSYG

- **Thank you for your donations of food items for our Thanksgiving breakfast!** Thank you also to everyone who helped set up, serve and clean up. We had a lot of fun!
- **Our next meeting will be December 3.** Please read Chapter 3 of “Pursuing Peace.” **Food responsibility - Carbone and DeGraaf.**
- **Save the Dates: December 17** we will sing our Christmas song for the Christmas program after the PM service, and fellowship in the basement afterwards. **Our Broom Ball event has been changed to Wednesday, December 27 PM.** More info to come!
- **TONIGHT - Please meet in the front of church for about 15 minutes to run through the Christmas song again.**

- **Jenison Christian School's Christmas Concerts! Middle School** will be held in the school gym (7726 Graceland, Jenison) on **Thursday, December 7**, at 7:00 PM. The JCS 5th Band, 6th Band, 7th-8th Band, Jazz Band, 6th Choir, 7th-8th Choir, and Honors Choir will be participating. The **Preschool** Christmas Program will be held on **Monday, December 11**, at 7:00 PM in the JCS Gym, doors open at 6:30 PM. The **Elementary** Christmas Program will be held on **Tuesday, December 12**, at 7:00 PM at Ridgewood CRC. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Plan now to attend and celebrate the musical gifts with which God has blessed these students, their directors and accompanists!
- **Unity Christian High School** is presenting the musical *West Side Story* **THIS WEEK 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 are available in the school office or by calling 669-1820.
- **Unity Christian's December 2017 Prayer Calendar** is available on the table in the narthex.
- **Zion Christian School** will present its annual **Christmas Music Programs** at First Byron CRC. The **Band Concert** will take place on **Friday, December 8**; and the **Choir Concert** – featuring elementary, junior high, and high school choirs – will be held on **Friday, December 15**. Both programs begin at 7:00 PM. Please join us for a wonderful evening as we celebrate our Savior's birth!

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 THIS WEEK Thursday, November 30**.
- **The Calvin Oratorio Society** under the direction of Sean Ivory will be performing Handel's *Messiah* with the Calvin Orchestra **THIS WEEK Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2**, 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.
- **Does Christmas Shopping make you hungry?** Well, on **Monday, December 4**, when you need to refuel, come out to the **Big Boy Restaurant** located at 4950 Wilson Avenue anytime between 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM. When you hand them the **Jehovah Jireh Ministries / Big Boy flyer**, they will donate 100% of the profits to JJM—you must have the flyer. You can download the flyer from our website - jjmwm.org – or **there are several copies available by Bulletin Board #3**. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, call Jim Herrema at (616) 209-7688 / 437-0960.
- **The Zeeland Civic Chorus** will be performing the 78th annual rendition of Handel's *Messiah* **THIS WEEK Thursday, November 30**, at 7:00 PM at First CRC of Zeeland, and on **Tuesday, December 5**, at 7:00 PM at Central Avenue CRC of Holland. Join the chorus for an evening of praise to our risen Savior. There is no admission fee.

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