

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for December 3, 2017

This morning we will be reading the Preparatory form for the celebration of the Lord's Supper to be held next Sunday morning, D.V. As we begin to prepare to come to the Lord's Table, you will find in your mailboxes today Preparatory Meditations which were written by Dr. Peter Y. De Jong and revised by Rev. Vos for you to use this coming week in your daily devotions with your family. These devotions are entitled "Living in Love with our Lord" and we will be challenged to examine ourselves, which we should do regularly. We are all encouraged to take the time to use these devotions as we prepare our hearts for worship and the Lord's Supper. For those who may be visiting with us today, there are extra copies of this devotional on the information table in the narthex.

This evening, we will hear the Public Reaffirmation of Faith of **Ottavio Palombaro**. May the Lord richly bless him and the Spirit lead and sanctify him in his faith and Christian life. Ottavio attends Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary and resides at Kuyper College, 3333 East Beltline Avenue NE, Room 365, Grand Rapids, MI 49525; Cell Phone: 616-288-8911; E-mail ottavio.op@libero.it or opalombaro17@prts.edu.

The annual Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for **TOMORROW night, 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 the **Mission Fund** – for the support of 7 missionaries throughout the world.

The PM Offering today 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 as confessed in the Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession, the Canons of Dort, and the Westminster Standards, and by training others to serve in various Christian venues. The health of the church and society depends upon the faithful ministry of the Word of God.

Next week's AM Offering is for the **Benevolent Fund** – a fund that helps those who have needs in our congregation upon request.

Next week's PM Offering is for **Bethany Christian Services** – a global nonprofit family preservation and child welfare organization caring for orphans and vulnerable children on five continents. Bethany is recognized as a prominent leader in social services worldwide. Founded in 1944, our mission calls us to demonstrate the love and compassion of Jesus Christ by protecting and enhancing the lives of children and families around the world.

Missionary of the Month: **Pastor Moses and Hepsiba Gurrana** serve the Lord in India. If you would like to send them a note of encouragement, you can email them at mosescra@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 Missions Committee would like to encourage 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 **NEXT WEEK Sunday, December 10**.

The deadline to submit items for the next Cornerstory is Saturday, December 16.

Thank you to all who participated in the Women's Christmas Dinner this past week. We do praise God for our Church family and are grateful for these sweet times of fellowship.

The Women's Bible Study will meet this week Tuesday, **December 5**, at 9:45 AM for coffee and fellowship with the Bible Study beginning at 10:00 AM. **Please finish the questions in Lesson 4, I Peter 2:11-3:7** in preparation for our study. **Coffee: Karen Sterk and Vonda Van Beek.**

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!**

FAMILY NIGHT is THIS WEEK Wednesday, December 6. We will be having a Mexican dinner to include enchiladas, tostados, and tacos beginning at 6:00 PM. **Please see the sign-up sheets under Bulletin Board #3 for any items you may be able to bring, as well where you can HELP with set-up, serve, and/or clean-up.** GEMS meet at 6:40 PM; Cadets meet at 6:45 PM; and the Adult class will continue the "Peacemakers" series beginning at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. **PLEASE JOIN US!!**

The Fellowship Committee is planning a time for fellowship and refreshments following the Christmas program on the evening of **December 17**. We are looking for our wonderful Cornerstone bakers to bring a platter (approximately 3 dozen) of your favorite Christmas goodies (cookies, fudge, and other Christmas treats). We also need some healthy snacks (fruit, cheese & crackers, banana bread, raisin bread, vegetables). We are also looking for 6 volunteers to help out by serving and cleaning up. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex! Please check it out if you are willing to contribute and/or help!

Save the Date: On Wednesday, December 20 we will have a special **Family Night Christmas Dinner** and then as a congregation, we will go caroling! Plan to attend this festive event! More details will be available in the next two weeks.

The Hilltoppers will meet again 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!!!

Upcoming Trips: We are still looking for volunteers to travel to **The Dominican Republic** to construct a Church Building there and assist the other area churches with cleanup and repairs after Hurricane Irma passed through. We are also seeking volunteers to travel to **Costa Rica** to assist CLIR, Rev. Green and the Tepeyac Christian School get ready for their new school year. You can register for these trips at <https://rms.org/trips/international/>. We are currently making plans to travel to **Uruapan, Mexico** as well. More details for that trip will be coming soon!

CADETS

We meet this Wednesday, December 6. 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 9. **Grades 5-8**—please read Genesis 2:18; 27:30-35; 32:20,34, Psalm 23:4; 27:10; 25:16-18 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

THIS WEEK 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 Stuve at jrstuive@gmail.com by **TOMORROW, Monday, December 4.**

HSYG

- **We look forward to seeing you TONIGHT!** Please read Chapter 3 of *Pursuing Peace* in preparation for our discussion. **Food responsibility: Stuve 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!

YOUNG ADULTS

Bethany United Reformed Church is hosting a **Night of Christmas Praise** on **Sunday, December 17**, at 8:00 PM for Young Adults from local Christ-centered churches. There will be a potluck at 7:00 PM prior to the hymn sing. We would love for you to join us for a night of singing and fellowship. The address for Bethany URC is 5401 Byron Center Avenue SW, Wyoming, MI 49519.

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	HSYG
Monday	7:00 PM	Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
Tuesday	9:45 AM	Women's Bible Study (Basement)
	7:00 PM	Elders Meet
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study (Counseling Room / Library)
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Early Risers Bible Study / Breakfast (Rainbow Grill in Hudsonville)
	6:00 PM	Family Night – Mexican Dinner
	6:40 PM	GEMS
	6:45 PM	Cadets
	7:00 PM	Adult “Peacemakers” class (Sanctuary)
Thursday	6:30 PM	VBS at Presidential Estates
	7:00 PM	IRBC Counseling Class (Basement)
Saturday	2:30 PM	JHYG to Craig’s Cruisers (returning at 6:30 PM)

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Offerings: **December 3 AM:** Mission Fund **PM:** Mid-America Reformed Seminary
December 10 AM: Benevolent Fund **PM:** Bethany Christian Services

Coffee: **December 3** – Rod & Deb Westveer
December 10 – Larry & Carol Huttinga

Greeters: **December 3 AM:** Jim & Amy Van Beek
PM: Tom & Irene VanDyk
December 10 AM: Don & Lois Van Dyke
PM: Tim & Lisa VanDyken

Host Family: **December 3:** John & Joan Bouma
December 10: Rol & Mary Lou Mast

Nursery Today: **December 3 AM:** Laura Batts, Jordan Wagner, Amber Vander Kolk
PM: Jennifer Tanis, Deb Brinks, Zoe Dykstra

Nursery Check Today: Laura Batts

Nursery Next Week: **December 10 AM:** Judy De Witt, Eliza Pettit, Kris Groendyk
PM: Cheryl Doll, Becky MacGraw, Laine Carbone

Nursery Check Next Week: Judy De Witt

Sound: **December 3** – Bob Hulst **December 10** – Dan Bratt

Ushers: **December AM:** Patrick Carbone, Steve Wassink, Jonathan Wassink, Dustin Emelander
PM: Dave Gift, Randy Groendyk, Ron Helmholdt, Michael Hodges

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Jenison Christian School's Christmas Concerts!** **Middle School** will be held in the school gym (7726 Graceland, Jenison) **THIS WEEK 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!

- **Zion Christian School** will present its annual **Christmas Music Programs** at First Byron CRC. The **Band Concert** will take place **THIS WEEK 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

- **Does Christmas Shopping make you hungry?** On **Monday, December 4 – TOMORROW**, 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 posted on 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 Tuesday, December 5**, at Central Avenue CRC of Holland at 7:00 p.m. Join us for an evening of praise to our risen Savior.

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
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19 Tom Van Dyken, Clerk

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19 Walt Decker
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