

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for December 10, 2017

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated during our morning worship service today. Visitors who are professing members of other evangelical churches may partake with us by seeing an Elder in the narthex prior to the service. **A Communion Vesper Service will be held in the Council Room at 4:30 PM** for members unable to attend this morning.

The annual Congregational Meeting was held this past Monday evening and the following men were elected: To the office of **Elder: Rol Mast, Randy Moorman, and Duwayne Newenhouse**; and to the office of **Deacon: Joe DeWitt, Gary Steenwyk, and Jason VanderWey**. The proposed Budget for 2018 was approved.

Valet Parking is available 20 minutes before each service begins. Please see a Deacon if you have any questions.

Pastor Doll and his family will be away on vacation from December 12-19. Please contact your District Elder if a need arises.

The AM Offering today is for the **Benevolent Fund** – a fund that helps those who have needs in our congregation upon request.

The PM Offering today 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.

Next week's AM Offering is for **The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling (IRBC)**, a ministry of Cornerstone URC whose mission is to train Christians to counsel in the light of God's truth from a Reformed perspective. Our vision is to assist churches across the USA in establishing counseling education programs and cooperative Regional counseling centers. There is an urgent need for both solid biblical counselors and centers wherein God's suffering people can go for help in their times of despair. Dr. Jeff Doll is the Director of both IRBC and tSw West.

Next week's PM Offering is for **Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary** – a prison seminary dedicated to providing theological and biblical instruction within the Christian tradition to residents of correctional institutions within the states of Illinois and Indiana. The goal of this rigorous program of studies is the moral transformation of these institutionalized residents so that they can live in hope and joy and be a blessing to their families, churches, and communities.

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 mosescera@gmail.com.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 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 **TONIGHT as they will be mailed this week!!**

HELP! PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY! 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!

The Women's Bible Study will meet this week **Tuesday, December 12,** at 9:45 AM for coffee and fellowship with the Bible Study beginning at 10:00 AM. **Please read through "Putting It All Together" (pp. 68-75) in Lesson 4, and answer the "Processing It Together" questions on page 76** in preparation for our study. **Coffee: Beth Kramer and Karen Schuiteman.**

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 meet **THIS WEEK 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.**

Parents & Teachers of Sunday School children: THIS WEEK Saturday, December 16, is our **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.

It's time for another Cornerstory! If you have something you would like to contribute to our next newsletter, please turn it in by **THIS WEEK Saturday, December 16,** at **NOON (not December 23** as previously mentioned). There is a mail slot in the tape room for *Cornerstory* items, or you may email Cornerstory@hotmail.com or brendavos8@gmail.com.

On Wednesday, December 20, we will have a special **Family Night Christmas Dinner and then as a congregation, we will go caroling!** In order to plan appropriately, we are asking you to sign up if you plan to come for dinner and/or caroling. We will split into groups and go visit various nursing homes and individual homes. **SIGN UP BY next Sunday, December 17.**

Do you have your 2018 calendar yet? If so, mark the following tentative dates from the Fellowship Committee: **March 2** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Bowling Night; **July 30** – Whitecaps Game.

Would you like to receive prayer requests from Cornerstone throughout the week? There are several options: 1. **Receive an email** – email curcprayerpostings@cornerstoneurc.com and have your email address added – or call Cheryl in the office and ask her to add your name/email; 2. **Receive a phone call** from someone who receives the email prayer postings; 3. **Call the Prayer Line** which is updated as needed during the week – call 669.4444.

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 13. 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 10. **Grades 5-8** ~ please read Romans 10:9-13, Psalm 42:5, Colossians 1:21-22, Mark 12:29-31 in preparation for your lesson.

GEMS

We meet again on Family Night, Wednesday, December 20. No lesson—we will go Christmas Caroling.

HSYG

- **Please meet in the front of the sanctuary after the PM service TONIGHT** to run through our Christmas song for about 15 minutes.
- **Next Sunday is the Christmas program!** Make plans to stay after the PM service!
- **Broomball is on Wednesday, December 27, at 8:00 PM at Georgetown Ice Arena.** Plan to meet at **Pizza Ranch in Hudsonville at 6:30 PM** if you can. Otherwise, meet us at the **Ice Arena around 7:45 PM.** We will figure out the cost soon!

YOUNG ADULTS

The upcoming LOGOS Winter Retreat will be held **January 4-6, 2018**, at the Kettunen Retreat Center in Tustin, MI, D.V. Rev. Harry Zekveld of Providence URC in Strathroy, ON, will speak on the topic of “Moving on to Solid Food.” **The cost for Cornerstone URC members is \$175.00.** Post-high singles ages 18-30 are encouraged to register at www.reformedyouthservices.org by **THIS WEEK Thursday, December 14.**

Bethany United Reformed Church is hosting a **Night of Christmas Praise NEXT WEEK 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 – Communion
	10:50 AM	Sunday School & Catechism classes
	11:00 AM	Adult Bible Study (Downstairs)
	4:30 PM	Vesper Communion Service (Council Room)
	4:30 PM	Men at Prayer (Counseling Room / Library)
	5:20 PM	Song Service

	5:30 PM	Evening Worship Service
Monday	6:30 PM	Deacons
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
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 Bible Study / Breakfast (Rainbow Grill in Hudsonville)
	9:45 AM	Hilltoppers Bible Study / Lunch at Rainbow Grill in Hudsonville
	6:45 PM	Cadets
Thursday	6:30 PM	VBS at Presidential Estates
	7:00 PM	IRBC Counseling Class (Basement)
Saturday	9:30 AM	Christmas Program Practice
	12:00 PM	<i>Cornerstory</i> Deadline

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Offerings: **December 10 AM:** Benevolent Fund **PM:** Bethany Christian Services
 December 17 AM: IRBC **PM:** Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary

Coffee: **December 10** – Larry & Carol Huttinga
 December 17 – Paul & Gail Steenwyk

Greeters: **December 10 AM:** Don & Lois Van Dyke
 PM: Tim & Lisa VanDyken
 December 17 AM: Roger & Jean Van Koevering
 PM: Keith & Isla Van Noord

Host Family: **December 10:** Rol & Mary Lou Mast
 December 17: Pastor Phil & Brenda Vos

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

Nursery Check Today: Judy De Witt

Nursery Next Week: **December 17 AM:** Mary Lou Mast, Sarah Moelker, Lindsey Hoekman
 PM: Carrie Knott, Kathy Hop, Kyla Johnson

Nursery Check Next Week: Sarah Schuiteman

Security Check: **December 10 AM:** Jason Vander Wey, Chad Spoelma
 PM: Dustin Emelander, Eric Stuive

December 17 AM: Randy Vander Kolk, Gerald Nuiver
 PM: Dan Deppe Patrick Carbone

Sound: **December 10** – Dan Bratt **December 17** – Larry Huttinga

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 Preschool Christmas Program** will be held **TOMORROW, Monday, December 11**, at 7:00 PM in the JCS Gym, doors open at 6:30 PM. The **Elementary Christmas Program** will be held **THIS WEEK 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 Choir Concert** – featuring elementary, junior high, and high school choirs – at 7:00 PM **THIS WEEK Friday, December 15** at First Byron CRC. Please join us for a wonderful evening as we celebrate our Savior’s birth!
- **Zion Christian School** is looking for a Middle School Baseball Coach. If you are interested, please contact Joel Bont via email at jbont@zionchristian.net or by phone at (616) 878-9472.

MISCELLANEOUS REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Voices of Victory** will be holding their annual Old Year’s concert on **Sunday, December 31**. Please note that the concert location has changed – instead of at Hudsonville Reformed Church the concert will be held at **Bethel United Reformed Church** - 8360 Cottonwood Drive, Jenison, MI 49428 (formerly First Jenison CRC). As in previous years, you are invited to come and go as you please at any time between 8:00 PM and 11:00 PM. Refreshments will be served. A freewill offering will be taken for Georgetown Harmony Homes. Join the Voices of Victory and their guests, the Sacred Harmonies quartet, and participate in joyful audience singing throughout the evening!

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

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

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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

19 Keith Schuiteman
20 Chad Spoelma

E. Stuive – E. Vander Sloot
S. Vander Wall – B. Zwart