

# CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

## Bulletin Announcements for December 31, 2017

**Today**, both of our worship services will be led by **Rev. Mark Kelderman**, from Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary.

**As we gather together for worship on this Lord's Day**, not only does this day mark the last Sunday of 2017, but the last day of 2017. We reflect on and give thanks to God for the blessings He has given us throughout this past year. Also, we consider and anticipate the year to come, 2018, trusting He will continue to be faithful and care for His people moving forward. May we once again renew the dedication of our lives to Him, desiring to live for Him Who gave His Son for us. There will be no service tomorrow, January 1, 2018.

**Envelope Allocation**: At the congregational meeting, the congregation overwhelmingly approved an overall church budget for the upcoming year of \$578,870. We thank you for the approval of the budget and your commitment to the needs of our church. For the upcoming year, any undesignated amounts on your weekly giving envelopes will be allocated to the needs of the budget by the Deacons. If you would like to designate amounts, you may continue to indicate that on your envelope, and the Deacons will allocate accordingly. If you have any question, please feel free to discuss with a Deacon. Thank you for your generosity over the years, and we pray for God's continued blessing on our church. ~ **Cornerstone Deacons**

**The AM Offering today** is for the **Building Fund** – The Building Fund collection helps pay for the minor and major repairs for our church building. There have been several larger repairs over the past year and we project more repairs in the next several years. The collections will go towards those repairs with excess collection funding a capital reserve for future needs.

**The PM Offering today** is for **River of Life Church** (Niagara Falls, ON) – River of Life Church is a URC Church Plant started in 2012. The church is led by Rev. Richard Bultje with a sending church of Wellandport United Reformed Church. Their vision is to bring God's Word to all people in Niagara Falls so that people will come to faith in Jesus Christ and flourish in a worshipping community. Their mission is to show that God is real and is powerfully able and lovingly willing to bring hope and peace to all people through a clear understanding of who Jesus is and what He did.

**Next week's AM Offering** is for **Reformed Youth Services** – RYS is committed to the spiritual and social nurturing of our covenant youth. They strive to model a winsome and challenging reformed faith that is both inspiring and contagious. Through its retreats, conferences, conventions and lesson material, RYS aspires to equip young people to become effective 21<sup>st</sup> Century disciples. Mr. Ed De Graaf, Jr. is the Director of RYS.

**Next week's PM Offering** is for **ITEM (International Theological Education Ministries)** – ITEM was founded in 2009 and its mission statement is to take God's Truth to teach, train, and transform God's leaders in Eastern Europe and wherever the Holy Spirit may direct. The purpose for ITEM is to provide biblically-based Reformed teaching and training of national church leaders for service presently in the churches of Russia, Ukraine, Eastern Europe, and wherever God opens doors. An instructor can train 100 Indian national leaders in 3 locations for a cost of \$1.38 per student classroom hour.

**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](mailto:mosescra@gmail.com).

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday School and Catechism Classes** will NOT meet today. We will resume classes on January 7, 2018.

**The Adult Bible Class** will NOT meet today. We will resume our study next Sunday, January 7, 2018.

**The January/February 2018 Cornerstory** is in member mailboxes today. Extra copies are located in the racks closest to the main entrance. Thank you so much to all who contributed information for this newsy newsletter!

**The Cornerstone URC January 2018 Events and Prayer Calendars** are available on the table in the narthex.

**Agape Meals** ~ Our freezer is, once again, *extremely low right now* on delicious foods and NEEDS YOUR HELP to restock it. A big THANK YOU to each of you who contributes to this ministry. Please keep in mind the goal of this is to provide fresh, HOMEMADE meals / snacks for those in our congregation who are unable or have difficulty doing this for themselves. Please consider giving of your time to this important opportunity.

**The Women's Bible Study** will NOT meet this week, but will resume our study on **Tuesday, January 9**. In preparation for our study, please read 1 Peter 4:12-5:14; begin Lesson 5 on page 77; and answer Questions 1-7 on pp.78-81. **Coffee: Martha Horjus & Liz Alicki.**

**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 on Wednesday, **January 10**, at 9:45 AM for snacks and fellowship. At 10:00 AM we will watch Lesson 4, *A Holy Name*, from the series on the Lord's Prayer. Rev. Vos will lead us in our discussion following the viewing. **ALL SENIORS ARE INVITED!**

**RMS Upcoming Trips:** We are still seeking a few volunteers to travel to Costa Rica to assist CLIR, Rev. Green and the Tepeyac Christian School get ready for their new school year. **Deadline for this trip is January 6, 2018. NEW TRIP!** We are now seeking 10-15 volunteers to travel to Ejido-Uruapan, Mexico, **March 3-10, 2018**. We will be working on the church building in Maneadero. Deadline for this trip is **January 31, 2018**. You can register for these trips at <https://rms.org/trips/international/>.

**TASC 2018!** Information will be coming out soon as to the dates and sites for the **2018 TASC** events! **Leaders:** Check your mail boxes after the first of the year for posters and registration information.

**Mission Center Costa Rica** – After many years of hard work, we thank God that the Mission Center is now complete and the process of moving in has begun. So, to celebrate this event, CLIR, Tepeyac Christian School, Pacto De Gracia church and the Joint Venture Committee of Costa Rica would like to invite you to an open house scheduled for **April 6, 2018**. Many of you have been active in the support of this project in many ways and for many years. Now we would love for you to come and see the finished building first hand. **Please RSVP to [jvccrchairman@gmail.com](mailto:jvccrchairman@gmail.com) before February 1, 2018**, so we can start planning accommodations. More information to follow.

## **CADETS**

**Cadets will not be meeting this week, January 3.** Our next regular meeting will be **January 10**.

## **GEMS**

**GEMS WILL MEET THIS WEEK Wednesday, January 3, even though there is NO Family Night.** **Please be there at 6:00 PM.** Comfy night. Pizza will be provided for the GEMS and counselors. Please do your assigned lesson:

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Lesson 18 – John
- **4<sup>th</sup> grade:** Lesson 24 – Matthew
- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Lesson 30 – Biblical world view
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** “Before You Meet Prince Charming” – Chapter 7 and study guide
- **7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Bright Lights – Set #3: Lesson #1
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Bright Lights – Set #5: Lesson #1

## JHYG

JHYG will be meeting on Sunday, January 14. Families responsible for lunch are **Johnson, Jim Dykstra, and Decker.**

## HSYG

- Looking for something fun to do **after church TONIGHT—New Year's Eve?** See the bulletin announcement for the Voices of Victory concert at **Bethel URC** (8360 Cottonwood Drive, Jenison)!
- Our next meeting is **January 7.** Please read **Chapter 4** in **"Pursuing Peace"** in preparation for our discussion. **Food responsibility: Koning and Moorman.**

## THIS WEEK AT CORNERSTONE

<b>Today</b>	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	4:30 PM	Men at Prayer (Counseling Room / Library)
	5:20 PM	Song Service
	5:30 PM	Evening Worship Service
	<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 PM
	7:00 PM	Elders Meet
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study (Counseling Room)
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	Early Risers Bible Study / Breakfast (Rainbow Grill in Hudsonville)
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>GEMS</b> – Pizza Supper and Lesson (Comfy Night)
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 PM	VBS at Presidential Estates

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**Offerings:** **December 31 AM:** Building Fund      **PM:** River of Life Church (Niagara Falls, ON)  
**January 7 AM:** Reformed Youth Services (RYS)  
**PM:** I.T.E.M. (International Theological Education Ministries)

**Coffee:** **December 31** – Rod & Deb Westveer  
**January 7** – Bob & Irene Potgeter

**Greeters:** **December 31 AM:** Bob & Geneva Vander Kolk  
**PM:** Jean Vander Meer & Char Kroll

**January 7 AM:** Henry & Nancy Vander Wey  
**PM:** John & Joan Vanderwey

**Host Family:** **December 31:** Everyone  
**January 7:** Kurt & Carissa Schuiteman

**Nursery Today:** **December 31 AM:** Isla Van Noord, Lisa VanDyken, Kathryn Johnson  
**PM:** Lori Dykstra, Beth Kramer, Taylor Hoekman

**Nursery Check Today:** Laura Batts

**Nursery Next Week:** **January 7 AM:** Sandi Verwolf, Madison Leighliter, Emberlynn De Vries  
**PM:** Julie Johnson, Carol Huttinga, Ashlyn Spoelma

**Nursery Check Next Week:** Judy De Witt

**Security Check:** **December 31 AM:** Dan DeVries, Aaron Batts  
**PM:** Keith Schuiteman, Kevin Schuiteman

**January 7 AM:** Kevin Leighliter, Joseph Vos  
**PM:** Jason Vander Wey, Chad Spoelma

**Sound:**     **December 31** – Bob Hulst                    **January 7** – Dan Bratt

**Ushers:**    **December AM:** Patrick Carbone, Steve Wassink, Jonathan Wassink, Dustin Emelander  
                  **PM:** Dave Gift, Randy Groendyk, Ron Helmholtz, Michael Hodges  
**January AM:** John Gras, Aaron Gras, Robert Gil, Eldon Hulst  
                  **PM:** Glenn Hop, Bob Hop, Steve Hordyk, Walter Horjus

### **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **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](mailto:jbont@zionchristian.net) or by phone at (616) 878-9472.
- **Support Zion Christian School** by dining at Chick-fil-A! On Monday, **January 8**, if you dine at the Chick-fil-A on Kalamazoo Ave. (off of M-6), a portion of your sale will be donated to Zion. This applies to all sales between 6:30-10:30am and 5-7pm.

### **MISCELLANEOUS REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **The Voices of Victory** will be holding their annual Old Year's concert **TONIGHT, December 31**, at **Bethel United Reformed Church** (8360 Cottonwood Drive, Jenison). You are invited to come and go as you please any time between 8:00-11:00 PM. Freewill offering for Georgetown Harmony Homes.
- **Are you saving your Spartan Nash (Family Fare) receipts for Jehovah Jireh??** Remember **the WHOLE receipt is needed**, not just the bottom or the top part. Questions? (616) 209-7688 / 437-0960.
- **Men's Seminar:** You are invited to join with other men at First Byron Center CRC, 8541 Byron Center Ave, Byron Center, on **Saturday, January 20**, from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM to hear **Dr. David Murray** speak on "*Reset: Living a Grace-paced Life in a Burnout Culture.*" Breakfast is included; admission is free! **RSVP to First Byron CRC, [office@firstbyroncrc.org](mailto:office@firstbyroncrc.org), or call 878-9768.** See Bulletin Board #3.

## **ELDER & DEACON DISTRICTS FOR 2017-2018**

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18 Bob Warsen  
18 John Koning  
19 Walt Decker  
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