

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for January 7, 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 **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 21st Century disciples. Mr. Ed De Graaf, Jr. is the Director of RYS.

The PM Offering today 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.

Next week's AM Offering is for **Christian Education** – to assist families with the cost of Christian School tuition.

Next week's PM Offering is for **Sioux Falls URC Fellowship** (Sioux Falls, SD) -- In the spring of 2005, some families from the tri-state area (SD, MN, IA) approached Hills United Reformed Church about the prospects of planting a URC in Sioux Falls, SD. They had a vision for a church that is distinctly Reformed with a passion for reaching the city of Sioux Falls for Christ. By God's grace, the right doors were opened at the right time, and the Sioux Falls URC Fellowship was formed. The group began gathering for worship in September 2005 and called their first minister in December 2006—Rev. Spencer Aalsburg. The Hills URC (Hills, MN) is the overseeing church that is officially planting Sioux Falls URC Fellowship. Rev. Spencer Aalsburg and his wife, Julia, have 4 children (3 daughters and 1 son).

Missionary of the Month: **Dr. Neal Hegeman** serves the Lord at Miami International Seminary (MINTS). If you would like to send a note of encouragement, the address is **Dr. Neal and Sandy Hegeman, 126 Timber Trace, Anniston, AL 36207**; phone **786-512-0697**; or email them at hegjk@aol.com.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. **ALL post-high adults are welcome and encouraged to join us!**

Copies of the URCNA Missions Prayer Requests for January 2018 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. Please continue to pray fervently for ALL of our missionaries and that God's name would be glorified through their work.

CHRISTIAN RENEWAL and OUTLOOK subscriptions expire with the February 2018 issue. Please sign up on the sheets located under Bulletin Board #3 if you would like to continue receiving your subscription or if you would like to begin a new one. A one-year subscription to **CHRISTIAN RENEWAL** is **\$40.00**, and the

OUTLOOK is \$22.00. Please make your check payable to **Cornerstone URC** and place it in the Secretary Mail slot in the Sound Room. **The deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 21.**

Our next Family night will be on Wednesday, January 17. We will be having a Soup Supper with Cinnamon rolls and dessert. There is a **sign-up sheet** for bringing soup and dessert under Bulletin Board #3.

The Women's Bible Study will meet this week **Tuesday, January 9**, at 9:45 AM for coffee and fellowship with the Bible Study beginning at 10:00 AM. **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. **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, 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!**

Cornerstone URC will be hosting a summer TASC event! The first TASC planning meeting will be **THIS WEEK Wednesday, January 10**, at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Dan Deppe at 450-6565 or just show up at the meeting.

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 before February 1, 2018**, so we can start planning accommodations. More information to follow.

Reformed Mission Services

Upcoming Trips: We are 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! Youth Leaders check your mail boxes for posters and registration information. There are 6 sites this year. We hope to see you at one of these events! If you have any questions about TASC, contact our director at rob@rms.org.

2017 Year-End Fundraiser: RMS was blessed to raise over \$18,000.00 for our Year-end Fundraising Campaign! Thank you for your support!!!

Hurricane Relief: Through individual and member church giving, RMS has sent over \$134,000.00 to the OPC Diaconal Fund to help the relief efforts in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico! The OPC Committee on Diaconal Ministries would like to thank you for your generous support! If you would like to assemble a team to travel to one of these places to assist them in the restoration efforts, please contact Rob Brinks at rob@rms.org.

CADETS

We meet this Wednesday, January 10. 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 11. **Grades 5-8** – please read Genesis 37:19-20, 26-28, 45:3-5, Matthew 22:36-39 in preparation for your lesson.

GEMS

Our next meeting will be on Family Night—Wednesday, January 17. Please do your assigned lesson:

- 3rd Grade: Lesson 18 - John
- 4th Grade: Lesson 24 - Matthew
- 5th Grade: Lesson 30 – Biblical Worldview
- 6th grade: “Before you Meet Prince Charming” - Chapter 7 and Study Guide
- 7th grade: Bright Lights - Set #3: Lesson #1
- 8th Grade: Bright Lights - Set #5: Lesson #1

JHYG

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

HSYG

- **We meet TONIGHT—January 7.** Please read Chapter 4 in “Pursuing Peace” in preparation for our discussion. **Food responsibility: Koning and Moorman.**
- **Save the date! RYS All-Nighter is January 26-27,** from 10:30 PM - 4:30 AM. More details soon!
- **Start thinking** about if you will want to attend **TASC** and **convention** this summer. We will have sign ups soon!
- **Next meeting is January 21.** We will have a guest speaker! **Food responsibility: Carbone and VanBeek.**

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	6:30 PM	Deacons
	7:00 PM	Council Meets
Tuesday	9:45 AM	Women’s Bible Study (Basement)
	7:00 PM	Men’s Bible Study (Counseling Room)
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Early Risers Bible Study / Breakfast (Rainbow Grill in Hudsonville)
	9:45 AM	Hilltoppers
	6:45 PM	Cadets
	7:00 PM	Young Adult Bible Study (Basement)
Thursday	6:30 PM	VBS at Presidential Estates
	7:00 PM	IRBC Counseling Class (Basement)

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Offerings: January 7 AM: Reformed Youth Services (RYS)
PM: I.T.E.M. (International Theological Education Ministries)

January 14 AM: Christian Education
PM: Sioux Falls URC Fellowship (Sioux Falls, SD)

Coffee: **January 7** – Bob & Irene Potgeter
January 14 – Bob & Geneva Vander Kolk & Norma Kuiper

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

January 14 AM: Tyler & Corrinne Vander Wood
PM: John & Jerri Velthouse

Host Family: **January 7:** Kurt & Carissa Schuiteman
January 14: Dan & Bonnie Bratt

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

Nursery Check Today: Judy De Witt

Nursery Next Week: **January 14 AM:** Karen Schuiteman, Bonnie Bratt, Peyton Schuiteman
PM: Martha Horjus, Lynnae Doll, Brie Alsum

Nursery Check Next Week: Sarah Schuiteman

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

January 14 AM: Dustin Emelander, Eric Stuive
PM: Randy Vander Kolk, Gerald Nuiver

Sound: **January 7** – Dan Bratt **January 14** – Larry Huttinga

Ushers: **January AM:** John Gras, Aaron Gras, Robert Gil, Eldon Hulst
PM: Glenn Hop, Bob Hop, Steve Hordyk, Walter Horjus

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Jenison Christian School Early Childhood Open House & Information Night** ~ Please join us and invite anyone you know who may want to learn more about our: Preschool, half-day Pre-K, half-day or full-day Kindergarten, or more about our on-site Childcare. We are hosting an Early Childhood Open House on **Tuesday, January 16**, from 6:00-8:00 PM. This will be the first opportunity open to the public to enroll in our preschool program for the 2018-2019 year. We would love to meet you and share what makes JCS so special and unique! This will be an exciting night where families can meet our teachers, ask questions, hear from current parents, and simply have fun! At the event you can turn in an information card for a drawing for \$100 off preschool or a drawing for \$250 off kindergarten tuition. Your child will also receive a FREE JCS t-shirt for attending the Open House. A voucher for ½ off the Childcare enrollment fee will also be available that evening!
- **Jenison Christian School** is searching for a person to direct our 8th Grade play. If interested in more details, please contact Principal Tim Paauw at principal@jenisonchristian.org (616-457-3301).
- **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.
- **Support Zion Christian School** by dining at the **Chick-fil-A on Kalamazoo Avenue** (off of M-6)

TOMORROW, January 8, between **6:30-10:30 AM** and/or **5:00-7:00 PM**. A portion of your sale will be donated to Zion.

MISCELLANEOUS REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Please donate blood THIS WEEK Friday, January 12**, at the Hillcrest Christian Reformed Church (3617 Hillcrest Road) between the hours of 11:30 AM - 5:15 PM. If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or see <http://www.redcrossblood.org/>. A driver's license or donor card is required for I.D.
- **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, or call 878-9768.** See Bulletin Board #3.

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ELDERS

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18 Doug Ulberg
20 Jim Horjus
19 Jeff Berens
18 Mark De Jong, Chairman
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20 Jim Dykstra
18 Bob Warsen
18 John Koning
19 Walt Decker
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E. Hulst – R. Lubbers
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