

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for January 21, 2018

The display in the center of the narthex with the rose is there both as a reminder for our Cornerstone family to celebrate the birth of **Connor Norman Sterk**, infant son of **Jason and Tanya Sterk** who was born on Saturday, December 30, 2017, and as a visible recognition and proclamation of the sanctity of life. We praise and thank God with them that they have honored God's command to defend, protect and preserve life in the womb. Let us all be mindful that ALL life is precious in the sight of God; the unborn, the disabled, the handicapped and the very aged. "For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well." (Psalm 139:13-14). Continue to pray that the Lord will deliver us as a nation from the heinous evil of abortion.

Today is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday marking the 45th Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* which legalized abortion throughout our country during the entire nine months of a women's pregnancy. **Since that date, over 57 Million pre-born lives have been destroyed!** You will find a **Right to Life membership form** in your mailbox today—please consider becoming or renewing your membership. **Please place your membership form in the foot print box located under Bulletin Board #2 by Sunday, February 11.**

Right to Life of Holland Area will hold its annual **March for Life and Memorial Service TOMORROW, Monday, January 22, 2018**, at Central Avenue Christian Reformed Church (corner of 10th Street and Central Avenue). Barb Listing, president of Right to Life of MI will be our guest speaker. **The march will be begin at 7:00 PM** (across the street from the church on the corner) and end at the church sanctuary. **This event is FREE – a FREE will offering will be taken** at the Memorial Service. We will be taking **donations of baby items** for Family Life Center. All those who **bring a hand-made, pro-life sign** to display while marching, will **have an opportunity to win a \$25 gift card**. **In case of inclement weather – WHTC AM, WJQ FM or WPNW AM.**

Next Sunday, our worship services will be led by **Rev. Phil Vos** in the morning, and **Mr. Tad Groenendyk** in the evening. **Mr. Tad Groenendyk** is a member of Faith URC, a graduate of Mid-America Reformed Seminary and a candidate for the ministry of the Word.

Dear Cornerstone Church Family, Thank you so much for the arrangement for Dad Visser. We appreciate your concern over our sorrow and rejoicing with us that Dad is in heaven. We are grateful for your church in how much it meant to Dad and Mom and your time to visit them and love them. Love, **the Visser Family**

Let us remember our members who continue to deal with physical ailments, recover from surgery, or are shut-in, including: **Jean De Young, Lillian Holthof, Rhine Lubbers, Gerrietta Van Koevering, Ella VanderSloot, Wilma Veltema, Dorothy Visser, and Bernice Zwart.**

Remember to pray for those who serve our country including **David De Jong** (Mark and Beth DeJong's son) and **Nate VanDenTop** (Edie Docter's grandson) who have been deployed to Afghanistan; **Jaewon Park**, who is fulfilling his military requirements in South Korea; and **Andrew Ritzema, Jr.** (Vern and Gloria Ritzema's grandson).

The AM Offering today is for **Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary** – From 1995 until the present, Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary alumni have been serving the church in various ways: pastoring, preaching, teaching, pursuing further education, international missions, domestic missions, and church planting.

The PM Offering today is for **Crossroad Bible Institute** – an international discipleship and advocacy ministry for prisoners and their families. First of all, it equips the church to disciple people in prison with the Word of God, free of charge. It is a personal, in-depth and long-term program that is uniquely designed to help incarcerated persons grow dramatically in a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ, preparing them for and assisting them with successful reentry upon release. Second, it advocates for change that will make society more welcoming toward returning citizens.

Next week's AM Offering is for **IRBC (The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling)** – 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 **Christian Education** – to assist families with the cost of Christian School tuition.

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

5th Grade Catechism Class: **Mr. Hodges' 5th Grade Catechism class will NOT meet today (January 21).**

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!**

TODAY is the DEADLINE to sign up for the **CHRISTIAN RENEWAL** and **OUTLOOK** subscriptions through the church. **Please sign up TODAY 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.

Thank you to all who came to Family Night on Wednesday for delicious soup that warmed our tummies and for the special Christian fellowship that warmed our hearts. "I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God." We look forward to the **next Family Night**, which will be on **February 7**. We will be having a favorite: Marco's pizza and our delicious Cornerstone salad bar! Please volunteer to help bring some of the toppings for the salad bar. **The sign-up sheet is in the narthex under Bulletin Board #3.**

In connection with Mission Emphasis in March, the GEMS and Cadets will be doing the **Coin Collection Competition**. Last year the Cadets won; let's see who wins this year! There will be a large jar in each of their rooms on Family Night Wednesdays to collect this change. The congregation can get involved by either giving their contribution to a GEM or a Cadet, or you may give it to any Deacon and indicate if you'd like it to go to the GEMS or Cadets or be split equally. **This friendly competition will start this week and will continue until March 4**, which is Mission Emphasis Week. All funds raised will be sent to Pastor Moses in India. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Spoelma.

The Women's Bible Study will meet this week **Tuesday, January 23**, at 9:45 AM for coffee and fellowship with the Bible Study beginning at 10:00 AM. Please do the "Processing It Together" section on page 92 in preparation for our study. **Coffee: Shar Newenhouse and Sherri Newenhouse.**

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 deadline for the next Cornerstory is a week early, on **February 10**. If you are planning to submit something, please keep this date in mind. Items can be submitted to Cornerstory@hotmail.com or to brendavos8@gmail.com or to the mail slot in the tape room.

Many professing Christians are addicted to substances. Come and learn what the Bible teaches about being freed from the slavery to substances at the **Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling Substance Abuse and Depression Seminar** on **Thursday, February 15**, from 7:00-9:30 PM here at Cornerstone URC. Speaker: Professor Jeff Johnson. Cost: Free (A free will offering will be taken to defray costs). **Register online** at www.reformedbiblicalcounseling.org (please register for planning purposes).

The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling (IRBC) is thankful to the Lord for the support and encouragement of conservative Reformed congregations in our area. Please pray that the Lord will guide the IRBC Board as they are currently in the process of expanding and fortifying the organizational structures of *IRBC* and *the Shepherd's Way Biblical Counseling Center West (tSw W)* in connection with the overwhelming need. Our hope is that the Lord will use the fruit of the process to enable us to more efficiently and effectively fulfill our mission and vision for God's glory. **To aid in the process, we will not be taking on any new counseling cases at tSw W until May 31, 2018.** We trust you will be understanding as we pause for a short time to do this important work.

The 22nd Annual Cornerstone Women's Conference will be held on **Friday, March 16** and **Saturday, March 17**, 2018, with main speaker, **Sarah Ivill**, and Workshop Leader, **Pastor Bob Van Manen**. This year's theme is "**There Is A Redeemer**" based on the book of Ruth. **Registrations are due by Friday, March 2.** This year's conference price is **\$25.00** / person and includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to fellowship with sisters in the faith as we glorify God together and grow in the knowledge of His Truth. **Invite your family and friends!** **Extra brochures are available on the table in the narthex** or online at www.cornerstoneurc.com.

If you are interested in going on a mission trip and are in need of financial assistance, you can contact the Mission Committee following the policy guidelines to seek assistance for travel. **The Mission Committee**

CADETS

We meet this Wednesday, January 24. 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 13. **Grades 5-8** – please read Matthew 25:14-30 in preparation for your lesson.

If you have not already signed up for the campout, today (January 21) is your last chance. Please email your info today. We need to know if you and your dad are attending and if you need a ride Friday night, thank you. cornerstonecadets@gmail.com

This weekend, January 26-27 is our Winter Campout. If you signed up for a ride, please be at church by 5:50 PM so that we can leave by 6:00 PM. If you are driving direct to the campground, you may plan on meeting up with everyone at around 6:30 PM at the Recruit Lodge. (Don't forget to check your Cadet news email for more details.)

GEMS

We plan to meet again on Wednesday, January 31 – **This is NOT a Family Night!! COMFY DAY!** Extra session. **Eat dinner BEFORE coming.** Please do your assigned lesson:

- 3rd Grade: Lesson 19 - Luke
- 4th Grade: Lesson 25 - Mark
- 5th Grade: Lesson 31 – Genesis
- 6th grade: "Before you Meet Prince Charming" - Chapter 8 and Study Guide

- 7th grade: Bright Lights - Set #3: Lesson #2
- 8th Grade: Bright Lights - Set #5: Lesson #2

Save the Date: Friday, February 9, will be our **Daddy / Daughter Dinner** beginning at 6:00 PM here at church. **RSVP to Eliza Pettit by January 26** (liza.b.pettit@gmail.com). Dress semi-formal.

HSYG

- **Meeting TONIGHT!** We will have a guest speaker! **Food: Carbone and Van Beek.** See you then!
- **The RYS Convention will be July 16-20** at Dordt College, and the **TASC dates were handed out at our meeting last Sunday night** and are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you want to attend TASC, **come tonight with an idea of which TASC you would like to attend.**
- **The RYS Grand Rapids-area High School All-nighter** will be held **THIS WEEK Friday-Saturday, January 26-27** at the Visser YMCA in Grandville, MI. Basketball, volleyball, dodgeball, pool, pizza and donuts are featured components of this always fun event. The All-nighter begins at 10:30 p.m. and concludes at 4:30 a.m. **HSYG will pay 1/2 the cost of the evening so you will only owe \$10! TODAY is your last chance to sign up!**
- **Next meeting is February 4. Food responsibility: Wassink and Vos.**
- **Make plans now to attend Family Night on Wednesday, February 7**, when the HSYG will talk about TASC and convention from last year.

YOUNG ADULTS

All Young Adults are welcome to attend a Hymn Sing at Dutton United Reformed Church NEXT Sunday, January 28, for a time of praise and fellowship with other local Christ-centered churches. A potluck will start at 7:00 PM and singing will start at 8:00 PM. Please bring a dish to pass (salad, snack, dessert, etc.) if you are coming for the potluck. The address for Dutton URC is 6950 Hanna Lake Ave SE, Caledonia, MI 49316.

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
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)
	6:45 PM	Cadets
	7:00 PM	Young Adult Bible Study
Thursday	6:30 PM	VBS at Presidential Estates
	7:00 PM	IRBC Counseling Class (Basement)
Friday	6:00 PM	Cadets leave for Winter Campout
	10:30 PM	RYS All-nighter begins (Visser YMCA in Grandville)
Saturday	4:30 AM	RYS All-nighter ends
	1:00 PM	Cadets return from Winter Campout

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

more at www.clcnetwork.org.

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
19 Keith Schuiteman
20 Chad Spoelma

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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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M. De Jong – S. Dykstra
M. Eefsting – J. Horjus
E. Hulst – R. Lubbers
D. MacGraw – B. Potgeter
S. Regnerus – W. Sterk
E. Stuive – E. Vander Sloot
S. Vander Wall – B. Zwart