

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for January 28, 2018

Today, 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.

The AM Offering today 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.

The PM Offering today is for **Christian Education** – to assist families with the cost of Christian School tuition.

Next week’s AM Offering 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.

Next week’s PM Offering is for **Alliance Defending Freedom** – Since its founding in 1994, Alliance Defending Freedom has made a significant impact for God’s Kingdom through its winning legal efforts to preserve religious freedom for people of faith. Alliance Defending Freedom is committed to keeping the door open for the spread of the Gospel by transforming the legal system and advocating for religious liberty, the sanctity of life, and marriage and family. Together with its growing army of more than 2,200 Allied Attorneys, Alliance Defending Freedom has defended attacks on religious freedom – like these and countless others – so that Christians across America can freely live out their faith.

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!**

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

NEXT WEEK Wednesday is Family Night! Let’s show the love we have for our fellow church members by attending this dinner and by spending this time together! **Save the date of February 7 at 6:00 p.m.** Please join us for our very popular Pizza and Salad Bar Dinner. We are hoping for a great turnout and we will order many favorite pizzas and have fabulous toppings for the salad bar (**we will need help with this – please check out the signup sheet in the narthex**).

The HSYG is very thankful for the congregation’s continued support both financially and in prayer. **Please make plans now to attend the next Family Night Adult Class on Wednesday, February 7, at 7:00 PM** in the sanctuary to hear members of the HSYG share their experiences at last year’s **TASC and RYS Convention**.

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 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 30**, at 9:45 AM for coffee and fellowship with the Bible Study beginning at 10:00 AM. **Please answer questions 1-12** (pp. 101-106) in **Lesson 6** "Remember the Power of God" (2 Peter 1:1- 15) in preparation for our study. **Coffee: June Boardman and Geneva Vander Kolk.**

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.

HILLTOPPERS ~ We will meet on **Wednesday, February 14**, at 9:45 AM for fellowship and snacks. At 10:00 AM we will view Lesson # 4 titled A HOLY NAME from the series titled THE LORDS PRAYER, and Rev. Vos will lead us in a discussion of what we have viewed. **ALL SENIORS are invited; it is never too late to join us in our study.**

Many Christians suffer from different forms of depression. One form of depression is the result of unconfessed and habitual sin, another hormonal imbalance, and still another environmental factors. Come and learn some of the significant contributing variables to depression 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 Church. **Speaker:** Dr. Jeff Doll. **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**

Right to Life membership forms were distributed in your mailbox last week—**please consider becoming or renewing your membership, and place your membership form in the foot print box located under Bulletin Board #2 by Sunday, February 11.**

RMS Bulletin Announcements:

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! Group Registration begins this Thursday, February 1, at 6:00 AM! Registration for TASC sites is a first come, first serve, so get your registration in early! There are 6 sites this year: **Ripon, CA; Holland, MI; Pella, IA; New Haven, VT; Mexico; and Hudsonville, MI.** We hope to see you at one of these events! If you have any questions about TASC, contact our director at rob@rms.org.

CADETS

We meet this Wednesday, January 31. 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 14. **Grades 5-8**—please read Joshua 1:1-9, Matthew 9:37-38, Ephesians 2:10, Ecclesiastes 3:22 in preparation for your lesson.

GEMS

We will meet THIS WEEK Wednesday, January 31 – This is NOT a Family Night!! This is an extra session—**COMFY DAY!** Please **eat dinner BEFORE coming** and 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.

JHYG

Our next activity is Broom Ball on Saturday, February 10, from 5:30 - 7:20 PM at Georgetown Ice Arena. They do not provide helmets so if you want to wear one, please bring one with. The cost is \$5 per person to cover the cost of pizza. Friends are welcome. **Please RSVP to Dan and Amanda Deppe or Eric and Jessica Stuve by February 7.**

HSYG

- **The RYS convention will be July 16-20 at Dordt College.** You may **register online anytime** and pay later! (See your flyer from our last meeting for more details.)
- **Thanks** to those who made it to the **All-nighter Friday night.** A fun time was had by all who attended!
- **Make plans now to attend Family Night on Wednesday, February 7,** when the HSYG will talk about TASC and convention from last year. If you are willing to speak for about 5 minutes about your experiences, see Mrs. Alsum.
- **Next meeting is February 4. Food responsibility: Wassink and Vos.** Please prepare by reading Chapter 5 in *Pursuing Peace*.

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

February AM: John Emelander, Bob Hulst, Sherwin Hulst, Larry Huttinga
PM: Matt Kamps, Trevor Kamps, Kevin Leighliter, Jacob Lengkeek

Valet Parking: January 28 AM: Ethan Dykstra, Gary Veldhof
PM: Trent Vander Kolk, Gary Veldhof

February 4 AM: Austin Schuiteman, Steve Johnson
PM: Jake Alsum, Steve Johnson

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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).
- **Jenison Christian School** is currently scheduling screening appointments for Kindergarten. Please call the JCS office (616-457-3301) or email Deb Plooster in the JCS office (dplooster@jenisonchristian.org) to set up a time for your child. For more details, see the announcement on Bulletin Board #3.
- **Unity Christian High School** will be hosting “**New Student Nights**” on **January 29, 31, and February 7** beginning at 7:30 p.m. These nights are for both the student and parents and are designed to have you explore the classes and programs at Unity, experience what a day is like, and engage with other future students and families. To reserve an evening, call or email Unity at 669-1820 or unity@unitychristian.org.
- **Unity Christian Prayer Calendars for February 2018** are available on the table in the narthex.
- **Zion Christian School** invites interested families to an **Info Night** on **Thursday, February 15**. Whether you are interested in preschool, high school, or something in between, please consider joining us at **6:30 PM** for a brief overview of Zion, after which you can tour the school, meet teachers, and ask questions.
- **Zion Christian School** is looking for a **Girls Varsity Soccer Assistant** and **Boys Middle School Baseball Coach**. Please contact Joel Bont at jbont@zionchristian.net or (616) 878-9472 if you are interested or if you know someone that is.

MISCELLANEOUS REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Jehovah Jireh** is looking for **volunteers to finish the drywall** in their new clothing room. If you are able to help with this project, please call Jim Herrema at (616) 209-7688 / 437-0960. **THANK YOU!**
- **Paul Tripp’s Marriage Conference ~ You’re invited! Faith United Reformed Church** (8270 – 120th Avenue, West Olive) is excited to host “**What Did You Expect? Redeeming the Realities of Marriage**” via **live-stream** on **Friday, March 2**, from 7:00-10:00 PM and **Saturday, March 3**, from 9:00 AM – Noon. **This is a free event**, but please **register online** at www.faithurc.net/conference2018 by **February 23** so we can plan for seating and food. See the poster on Bulletin Board #3 for more details. We hope to see you there!
- **Looking for some mid-winter fun for an excellent cause?** Bring your family and friends to the **CLC Network** (also known as **Christian Learning Center**) **Auction THIS WEEK Saturday, February 3**, at Calvary CRC (3500 Byron Center Avenue SW, Wyoming). The dinner and silent auction start at 4:30 PM, the live auction begins at 6:00 PM. Bid on merchandise, gift certificates, activities, and much more! Learn more at www.clcnetwork.org.

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