

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for February 18, 2018

Our worship services today will be led by **Rev. Phil Vos**. **Next Sunday**, our morning worship service will be led by **Rev. Phil Vos** and our evening service will be led by **Rev. Brian Najapfour**.

Next Sunday morning, the sacrament of baptism will be administered to **Connor Norman Sterk**, infant son of Jason and Tanya Sterk.

The AM Offering today is for **Messiah's Reformed Fellowship (MeRF)** - a URCNA church plant in New York City, Manhattan, the crossroads of the world. MeRF is pastored by Rev. Paul T. Murphy whose ministry is supervised in part by the Consistory of the West Sayville Reformed Bible Church. Rev. Murphy started his ministry in NY after serving here in Michigan at Dutton URC. He started by distributing flyers around Wall Street inviting people to study what the Bible teaches about Work. MeRF currently meets in the Crossroads Seventh Day Adventist Church (410 West 45th St., between 9th and 10th Avenue, just outside of Time Square).

The PM Offering today is for **Divine Hope 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.

Next week's AM Offering is for the **Mission Fund** – for the support of 6 missionaries throughout the world.

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

Missionary of the Month: **Rev. Paul and Julie Murphy** serve the Lord at Messiah's Reformed Fellowship in New York. If you would like to send them a note of encouragement, their address is **Rev. Paul and Julie Murphy, 2064 East 67th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234-6008** or email them at merfnyc@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!**

IRBC will begin a new class in March during the Sunday School hour using the book written by Jerry Bridges entitled *Respectable Sins*. As we know, all sin grieves the Holy Spirit, negatively affects our witness, and does damage in our relationships with others causing many counseling related problems. **Please prayerfully consider signing up for the class** so you can be used by the Lord to reflect His wisdom in our discussions. You are encouraged to **sign up for the class even if you have read the book** as there is abounding scriptural-based knowledge within its pages; knowledge that God can add depth of insight to our church body by your being there. **There is a sign-up sheet under Bulletin Board #3—please indicate if you need a book.**

EASTER CHOIR - To all those interested in singing in the Easter choir, **please see the sign-up sheet under Bulletin Board #3**. We hope to practice the three Sundays prior to Easter, starting on March 4 at 4:00 PM before the evening service. Please join us!! See Julia Pastoor with any questions.

The Cornerstory is in the members' mailboxes today! Thanks to all who contributed for this issue of our church newsletter. There are extra copies available in the racks by the main entrance. The deadline for the next issue will be on **April 14** and **we want to feature the 8th grade, 12th grade and college graduates!** Please turn in a photo, where you are graduating from and your future plans to the Cornerstory box in the tape room ASAP! (or email Cornerstory@hotmail.com)

The Women's Bible Study will meet this week **Tuesday, February 20**, at 9:45 AM for coffee and fellowship with the Bible Study beginning at 10:00 AM. **Please answer the "Processing It Together" questions (p. 128) in Lesson 7 (2 Peter 1:16-2:22) in preparation for our study. Coffee: Lori De Vries and Jennie Haveman.**

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!**

FAMILY NIGHT IS THIS WEEK Wednesday, February 21! Join us for supper at 6:00 PM—we are having **Monte Cristo's** for dinner—that is a sandwich with ham/turkey between 2 pieces of French toast, served with raspberry sauce on the side. The Committee will be making the sandwiches and **you are asked to bring a side dish to share – appetizers, salads, desserts, chips, etc. Please SIGN UP (under Bulletin Board #3) if you are coming (and how many from your family) and what side dish you will be bringing!** GEMS meet at 6:40 PM; Cadets meet at 6:45 PM; and the Adult class will meet in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM to continue the Peacemakers series. **Please join us for a night of good food and fellowship!!**

Winter is not quite over yet—Why not join us for some indoor fun and food? Bowling Night at Hudsonville Lanes is where it's happening! **Friday, March 2, from 6:00-8:00 PM.** Pizza, soda and cookies for dessert—yum!! As stated in the flyer—all are welcome. **Pay your money to Tammy Kerkstra** no later than **NEXT WEEK Sunday, February 25**—\$4.00/person for bowlers (max of \$20/family)—this covers 2 games of bowling, shoes, pizza, soda and cookies. Non-bowlers—please sign up, too, so we know how much pizza to purchase—your cost is \$3.00/person—we need you to cheer on the bowlers! **Sign up TODAY!! (under Bulletin Board #3).**

Are you looking for a way to be used of the Lord to practically bless many Reformed Christians through the use of your gifts? Then consider being a **Volunteer Office Assistant** for Cornerstone's *Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling*. There is a job description for the position on Bulletin Board #3 in the Narthex. An application can be picked up in the office.

The GEMS and Cadets are involved in a **Coin Collection Competition** in connection with Mission Emphasis in March. **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. **There are large jars in each of their rooms to collect change on Family Night Wednesdays.** 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.

SAVE THE DATES for our **Domestic Mission Emphasis Week ~ Sunday, March 4 - Rev. Reuben Sernas** from El Pacto de Gracia will be our guest for Mission Emphasis this year. He will be giving a brief presentation following the singing of the Sunday School children after morning service on March 4. After that, the congregation is invited to a **potluck** in the church to get to know Rev. Sernas better. **Please bring a dish of your choice to pass. Wednesday, March 7 ~** The Mission / Evangelism Committee is planning a Pancake Supper on Family Night, March 7, for our Domestic Mission Emphasis Week. All proceeds will be going to Rev. Sernas and El Pacto de Gracia.

ATTENTION LADIES ~ Have you turned in your registration form for the upcoming **CURC's 22nd Annual Women's Conference on Friday-Saturday, March 16-17, 2018?** This year's conference price is **\$25.00** per person and **registrations are due by Friday, March 2.** Extra brochures are available on the table in the narthex or online at www.cornerstoneurc.com—**invite your family and friends!**

WOMEN ~ Your help is needed for this year's Women's Conference! Are you willing to **MAKE 2 DOZEN COOKIES** to be served at the conference? If so, **please sign up under Bulletin Board #3.** If you are willing to **HELP PREPARE AND SERVE FOOD** for a 2-hour period, a reduced registration fee of **\$15.00** is available to you. See the sign-up sheet for specific times. **Note: If you sign up to help, YOU MUST STILL FILL**

OUT A REGISTRATION FORM. If you have any questions, contact Joan Bouma (616-893-7237) or Kim Vander Kolk (616-291-9302).

MEN are needed to SERVE LUNCH at the Women's Conference on **Saturday, March 17, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.** If you are willing to do this, **please sign up under Bulletin Board #3.** If you have any questions, contact Joan Bouma (616-893-7237) or Kim Vander Kolk (616-291-9302).

The 2018 IRBC Sexual Abuse Seminar ~ Sexual Abuse is not only a problem outside the church; there are many cases within, even, conservative Reformed congregations. Mrs. Terri Pols, a seasoned IRBC Certified Counselor who has handled many sexual abuse cases, will be speaking on the topic on **Thursday, March 1,** here at Cornerstone United Reformed Church, from 7:00-9:30 PM. Although there is no cost to attend this event, a free will offering will be taken to help defray costs and support the ministry of IRBC. Please register online at www.reformedbiblicalcounseling.org (for planning purposes). **When registering, be sure to go into your "cart" and fill in the information requested, and then "proceed to checkout).** The deadline to register for this seminar is **Tuesday, February 27,** at noon.

Our next TASC meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 28,** at 7:00 PM. We have positions to fill on the TASC Committee. So if you are looking for a way to get involved, we will see you on the 28th. Even if you are not feeling the call to get involved, you are not off the hook. Please be in prayer for the committee and for all those who will be attending TASC. If you have any questions, please see or call Dan Deppe or Rob Brinks.

Sponsors: The High School Youth Group is looking for sponsors to attend the TASC events with the students. They must be 21 years of age or older to be qualified. Please see Rob Brinks for more details.

THE GENEVANS ARE COMING! This excellent college choir will present a concert at Bethany URC on **Saturday, March 3,** at 7:00 PM as part of their spring tour, and will be joining our congregation for the weekend. These are young Christians with hearts to praise the Lord, and they are in need of our hospitality (all 60 of them!). You can sign up to host them, help feed them, or both. They don't need anything fancy, just fellowship and a warm welcome. Contact Hope Nobel, 616-304-9396 if you have questions or are able to host.

RMS Announcements:

Spring Break Opportunity! RMS is assembling a team to travel to Naples, Florida, to work with Christ the King OPC church. The dates for this trip are **March 30-April 6.** We have openings for 10-12 people to join others as they assist the church there with their Community Outreach, a Prison Ministry, and other exciting projects. The cost for this trip is \$200.00 per person PLUS your costs to travel to and from Naples. It is a first come, first served process! If you want to reserve a spot for your group or family, please contact Rob at rob@rms.org.

TASC 2018! March 1 through April 30, the students and their sponsors will be able to register for these sites. There are 6 sites this year, Ripon, CA; Holland, MI; Pella, IA; New Haven, VT; Ejido-Uruapan, Mexico; and Hudsonville, MI. We hope to see you at one of these events! If you have any questions about TASC or how to register, contact our director at rob@rms.org.

Disaster Response. There is still some work to be done in Houston, TX, and we will know of opportunities to assist the people of Puerto Rico in the next few weeks. If you are interested in assembling a team to travel to either of these places, contact Rob at rob@rms.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS: We thank God for the work that was completed for the Christian School in Tepeyac, Costa Rica. We also thank God for the instruction that took place in Cusco, Peru, this past week. It is very important for the Church worldwide to know and believe that the entire Bible is the inerrant and infallible Word of God. All things found in them are truth and must be followed as they are written and explained and not by man's interpretation. All around the world, man attempts to interpret parts of Scripture in their own light to meet their own needs or agendas. Please pray that our pastors and elders be diligent in their interpreting Scripture with Scripture and not by the culture/society surrounding us.

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details. We hope to see you there!

- **Dr. Paul David Tripp** – “If you want to enjoy a beautiful relationship with your spouse, you will need something deeper than romantic acts and shared interests.” In his brand-new livestream event—**Marriage - What Did You Expect?**—on February 2 and 3, Dr. Tripp shared two questions and two commitments that every husband and wife need to have at the center of their relationship. **These four sessions will be replayed during the month of March on Tuesday evenings – March 6, 13, 20, 27— from 6:30 – 7:45 PM at Bethany URC tentatively in the basement choir room.** Please consider investing the time and energy into this worthwhile opportunity of challenging encouragement. *Onsite childcare is available and will be provided by our Sr. High Youth Group. Donations accepted toward Convention and TASC costs.
- **Right to Life Oratory Contest for High School Students: Thursday, March 8, at 7:30 PM.** See Bulletin Board #3 or contact Betty at 616-396-1037 (www.rtlofholland.org) for more information.
- **Women Helping Women** ~ Are you a woman wrestling with how to think and communicate biblical truth regarding sexual issues? Join the women’s staff of Harvest USA as they present this one day seminar which provides practical training to think biblically and minister graciously to sexual strugglers. We will discuss God’s design for sexuality, how patterns of sexual and relational sin develop, and discover biblical wisdom regarding the discipleship process. Join us on Saturday, **March 10**, from 9:00am – 3:30pm at First Christian Reformed Church in Byron Center, MI. Tickets are \$20 per person; lunch will be provided. To purchase tickets please go to: womenhelpingwomen2018.eventbrite.com.
- **Save the Date: Word & Deed Dinner** ~ You are warmly invited to attend the Word & Deed Spring Dinner to be held on **Thursday, March 15**, 2018 D.V. at Bethany URC in Wyoming. We are pleased to have Pastor Anup Hiwale of India as our keynote speaker. More details to follow. Contact the office at 866.391.5728 or usoffice@wordanddeed.org if you have any questions. Please plan to join us to hear what the Lord is doing in India!
- **PANERA BREAD FUNDRAISING NIGHT for Bible League International**—Everyone is invited! The event will take place **Thursday, March 15**, from 4:00-8:00 pm at the Grandville 32-44th Street SW location. Panera Bread will donate 20% of your purchase to Bible League International. **You must present a paper or electronic version of the flyer when you order.** Flyers are available in the March Cornerstory, on the Cornerstone United Reformed Church Facebook page or under Bulletin Board #3. Save the date and spread the word. Thank you in advance for your support!
- **Russ’ Restaurant Fundraiser for Right to Life ~ Monday, March 19, from 5:00 PM-close at Russ’ Eastown ONLY.** Download a coupon at www.rtlofholland.org.
- **Right to Life Annual Walk/Run** is scheduled on **Saturday, April 21**, at 10:00 AM at Lawrence Park in Zeeland. Pick up a pledge sheet from the RTL office or download one from www.rtlofholland.org.
- **A Choir Camp** will be held at **Messiah’s IRC**, (4528 – 48th Street in Holland), **June 25-29**, from 9am-12pm with a program on Sunday morning, July 1. This is a fantastic, fun opportunity for kids having completed grades 1-8 to learn choral skills as they sing scripture based songs to our Lord. Further details regarding registration will be published in a few weeks. Questions? Char Vannette--char@vannette.com

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