

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for February 25, 2018

The AM Offering today is for the **Mission Fund** – for the support of 6 missionaries throughout the world.

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 **El Pacto de Gracia (Chicago Heights, IL)** – El Pacto de Gracia is a ministry of Faith United Reformed Church (Beecher, IL), reaching out to Spanish speaking people in the greater Chicago Heights area. In March 2016, Rev. Ruben and Leah Sernas accepted the call to serve there, and they began their ministry in June 2017.

Next week's PM Offering is for **The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling (IRBC)** – 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.

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.

Dear Members of Cornerstone Church,

I want to thank you for your gifts which supported my work in 2017. Due to your prayers and financial gifts, I was able to teach in India and begin a translation project which will enable some of my students there to take 20 MINTS courses in Telugu, their language which more than 75 million Indians speak. I was also able to teach in Indonesia, Liberia and Rwanda. Furthermore, I was able to write more courses for international students.

Thank you for taking part in this ministry which we believe enables pastors in the church to proclaim the Lord Jesus Christ with a greater understanding of what Scripture says concerning Him.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. Allen Vander Pol

MINTS International Seminary

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 March 2018 Events and Prayer Calendars are available on the table in the narthex.

IRBC will begin a new class on March 11 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 TODAY** so you can be used by the Lord to reflect His wisdom in our discussions. You are encouraged to **sign up even if you have already 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. **The sign-up sheet is under Bulletin Board #3; indicate if you need a book.**

TODAY is the DEADLINE to sign up for **Bowling THIS WEEK Friday, March 2, from 6:00-8:00 PM** at Hudsonville Lanes. We still have several lanes available for bowlers—we have the entire bowling alley reserved! Get some friends together and let's fill up these lanes. **TODAY is the last opportunity to SIGN UP and PAY** your \$4.00/bowler (\$3.00/person for pizza only) to **Tammy Kerkstra's mailbox**.

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 **NEXT WEEK Sunday, March 4**, at 4:00 PM before the evening service. Please join us!! See Julia Pastoor with any questions.

Cornerstone Congregation ~ We need your help again in judging our Pinewood Derby cars to determine which is the **best looking or the most creative or interesting**. The cars will be on display in the basement on March 4 and 11. Please do not vote more than once; ballots will be provided for you to vote by the number that is on the car. Thank you. **Cornerstone Cadets**

The Women's Bible Study will meet this week **Tuesday, February 27**, at 9:45 AM for coffee and fellowship with the Bible Study beginning at 10:00 AM. **Please answer questions 1-10 (pages 130-135) of Lesson 8 entitled "Remember the Promise of His Coming Again"** (2 Peter 3:1-18) in preparation for our study. **Coffee: Kris Wilson 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!**

Our next TASC Committee meeting will be held **THIS WEEK 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, 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.

The 2018 IRBC Sexual Abuse Seminar is **THIS WEEK Thursday, March 1**, here at Cornerstone URC from 7:00-9:30 PM. 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. 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 **THIS WEEK Tuesday, February 27, at noon**.

The registration deadline for the CURC 22nd Annual Women's Conference is THIS WEEK FRIDAY, March 2. The conference is scheduled on **Friday-Saturday, March 16-17**, with **Sarah Ivill** as our main speaker and **Rev. Bob Van Manen** as our workshop leader. This year's conference price is **\$25.00** per person. **Please invite your family and friends to join us!** Extra brochures are available on the table in the narthex or online at www.cornerstoneurc.com.

WOMEN ~ Your help is needed! Are you willing to **MAKE 2 DOZEN COOKIES** to be served at this year's Women's Conference? If so, **please sign up under Bulletin Board #3**. Are you willing to **HELP PREPARE AND SERVE FOOD** for a 2-hour period? If yes, 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**. Contact Joan Bouma (616-893-7237) or Kim Vander Kolk (616-291-9302) if you have any questions.

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 GEMS and Cadets are nearing the end of their **Coin Collection Competition** in connection with Mission

Emphasis. **There is still time for the congregation to get involved** by either giving their contribution to a GEM or a Cadet, or giving it to any Deacon (please indicate if you'd like it to go to the GEMS or Cadets or be split equally). This friendly competition will continue until **NEXT WEEK Sunday, March 4**, which begins Mission Emphasis Week. **All funds raised will be sent to Pastor Moses in India.** If you have any questions, please contact Jill Spoelma.

The Hilltoppers will have their regular monthly meeting on **Wednesday morning, March 7**, (note this is **ONE WEEK EARLIER**). Join us for snacks and fellowship at 9:45 AM. At 10:00 AM we will continue to view the DVD series titled THE LORD'S PRAYER by Albert Mohler. This month's lesson is Lesson 6 titled "Thy word be done." Rev. Vos will lead us in a discussion following the presentation. **All Cornerstone seniors and visitors are welcome!!**

SAVE THE DATE—FAMILY NIGHT—Wednesday, March 7 ~ The Missions Committee is planning a **Pancake Supper** in connection with our Domestic Mission Emphasis Week. All proceeds will be going to the ministry of **Rev. Ruben Sernas** at **El Pacto de Gracia** in Chicago Heights, Illinois. **Please plan to join us!**

THE GENEVANS ARE COMING! This excellent college choir will present a concert at Bethany URC **THIS WEEK Saturday, March 3**, at 7:00 PM as part of their spring tour, and will be joining the Bethany URC 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! There are a few openings for this trip to Naples, FL. 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, 2018**. We currently have openings for 6-8 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! Individual Registration Begins this week! Talk to your leaders as to which sites you will be going to! 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.

CADETS

This week, February 28, is our Pinewood Derby Race Night. There will be no regular meeting activities or a Bible lesson. Racing will begin promptly at 7:00 PM and we estimate that racing will end sometime between 7:45-8:00 PM. If you have any last minute work to do on your car, please be considerate and come as early as possible so that you do not delay the start of the race. The shop should be open by 6:30 PM.

If you plan on having your car judged for "best looking/most creative" then please do not take your car home Wednesday night; you are not permitted to take your car home and make changes to it and then bring it back for judging.

GEMS

We meet again on Wednesday, March 7, Family Night! Please do your assigned lesson as follows:

- 3rd Grade: Lesson 22 – What is the Bible?
- 4th Grade: Lesson 28 – Women in the Bible
- 5th Grade: Lesson 34 – Wise Choices
- 6th grade: “Before you Meet Prince Charming” – Chapter 11 and Study Guide
- 7th grade: Bright Lights – Set #3: Lesson #5
- 8th Grade: Bright Lights – Set #5: Lesson #5

JHYG

March 11 is our next meeting! Families responsible for dinner are **Moelker, Dan Dykstra, and Hoekman.**

HSYG

- **Our next meeting is next Sunday, March 4 ~ Food responsibility: J. Dykstra.** We plan to have a special guest join us! **Katie DeJong** plans to come talk to us about her work in Guinea. Read her article in the *Cornerstory* if you want to know more.
- **Remember to sign up for the RYS Convention if you haven't done so already!** Go to www.reformedyouthservices.org to sign up. We will figure out payment at a later date.
- **If you have any questions about TASC sign up or details, contact Mr. Brinks.**

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
Monday	6:30 PM	Deacons
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 – Pinewood Derby Race Night
	7:00 PM	Young Adult Bible Study
	7:00 PM	TASC Committee Meeting
Thursday	6:30 PM	VBS at Presidential Estates
	7:00 PM	IRBC Sexual Abuse Seminar (Basement)
Friday	6:00 PM	All-Church Bowling / Pizza Night at Hudsonville Lanes

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Offerings: **February 25 AM:** Mission Fund **PM:** Christian Education
March 4 AM: El Pacto de Gracia (Chicago Heights, IL) **PM:** IRBC

Coffee: **February 25** – Paul & Gail Steenwyk
March 4 – Deb Brinks & Nancy Vander Wey

Greeters: **February 25 AM:** John & Joan Bouma
PM: John & Coba Bouman

March 4 AM: Dan & Bonnie Bratt

PM: Nick & Stephanie Bratt

Host Family: **February 25:** Patrick & Deanne Carbone
March 4: Tod & Sarah Moelker

Nursery Today: **February 25 AM:** Jill Spoelma, Judy De Witt, Peyton Schuiteman
PM: Tammy Kerkstra, Ashlyn Spoelma

Nursery Check Today: Judy De Witt

Nursery Next Week: **March 4 AM:** Kendra Stuive, Kelsi Start, Jayden Dykstra
PM: Martha Horjus, Jordan Wagner, Hannah Moelker

Nursery Check Next Week: Kendra Stuive

Security Check: **February 25 AM:** Keith Schuiteman, Kevin Schuiteman
PM: Dan De Vries, Aaron Batts

March 4 AM: Jason Vander Wey, Chad Spoelma
PM: Kevin Leighliter, Joseph Vos

Sound: **February 25** – Ron Helmholdt **March 4** – Steve Hordyk

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

March AM: Randy Moorman, Matt Moorman, Nate Moorman, Jim Mulder
PM: Dan MacGraw, Rol Mast, Tod Moelker, David Moelker

Valet Parking: **February 25 AM:** Nate Moorman, Jason Sterk
PM: Landon Vos, Jason Sterk

March 4 AM: Trent Vander Kolk, Jayson Alsum
PM: Austin Schuiteman, Jayson Alsum

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Hudsonville Christian School Auction is THIS WEEK Saturday, March 3**, in the North Gym. Silent bidding begins at 4:30 PM and the Live Auction portion starts at 6:00 PM. Dinner from Wing Doozy will be available from 4:30-6:30 PM. More information and pictures at HCSauction.com or “like” the “Hudsonville Christian School Auction” Facebook page. Questions? Contact Darrell Heuker at Darrell@hcsauction.com or 616-481-8916. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors!
- **Jenison Christian School** is looking to hire a Childcare Assistant for the Summer Care Program. This person must be at least 17 years old. The assistant helps with activities implemented by the lead teacher, maintains control of the classroom along with the lead teacher, engages with children on a group and individual basis and maintains flexibility with room assignments. The position will be an afternoon position ranging from 15-20 hours per week. Those interested can bring their resume to the JCS Office or email them to Stacey Christians and Ellie Sytsma **by March 30** at schristians@jenisonchristian.org.
- **Unity Christian High School** is seeking a part-time (20-30 hours/week) athletic secretary. The individual must have a highly flexible daily/weekly schedule along with being able to work some evenings and weekends. The position requires technological proficiency in a variety of mediums. All interested individuals must submit a cover letter and resume via email to unity@unitychristian.org. All questions should be directed to Jeff Engbers, Athletic Director, at 669-1820.
- **Unity Christian’s March Prayer Calendars** are available on the table in the narthex.
- **Zion Christian School** is proud to present *Charlotte’s Web* as its spring play. Audiences of all ages will enjoy this fun and moving story of friendship, based on the classic book by E.B. White. *Charlotte’s Web* will be presented at Jenison High School (2140 Bauer Road) at 7:00pm on **March 15-16** and at 2:00pm and 7:00pm on **March 17**. Tickets are general admission and are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students. Reserve your ticket by stopping by Zion’s office, calling (616) 878-9472, or emailing tickets@zionchristian.net.

MISCELLANEOUS REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Dr. Paul David Tripp** – 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.** *Onsite childcare is available 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** ~ 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 CRC in Byron Center, MI. Tickets are \$20 per person; lunch will be provided. To purchase tickets please go to: womenhelpingwomen2018.eventbrite.com.
- **Word & Deed Dinner** will be held on **Thursday, March 15**, D.V., at Bethany URC in Wyoming. We are pleased to have Pastor Anup Hiwale of India as our keynote speaker. Contact the office at 866.391.5728 or usoffice@wordanddeed.org if you have any questions. Please join us!!
- **Panera Bread Fundraising Night for Bible League International** will take place on **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 URC Facebook page or under Bulletin Board #3. Save the date and spread the word. Thank you in advance!
- **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.

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
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19 Tom Van Dyken, Clerk
20 Jim Dykstra
18 Bob Warsen
18 John Koning
19 Walt Decker
20 Dave Van Beek, Vice-Chairman

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18 Jayson Alsum, Vice-Chairman
19 Jason Sterk, Benevolent Treasurer
18 Jon Knott

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D. Landheer – G. Nuiver
J. Nysse – J. Schrier
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W. Veltema – B. Zwart

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M. Eefsting – J. Horjus

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19 Steve Vander Wall
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19 Keith Schuiteman
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S. Regnerus – W. Sterk
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S. Vander Wall – B. Zwart