

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for March 4, 2018

Today begins our Domestic Mission Emphasis Week. Our worship services will be led by **Rev. Ruben Sernas** from El Pacto de Gracia which is located in Chicago Heights, Illinois. Following the singing of the Sunday School children this morning, Rev. Sernas will give a brief presentation about the ministry of El Pacto de Gracia. After the presentation, **the congregation is invited to stay for a POTLUCK lunch** in the church basement to get to know Rev. Sernas better. **Please bring a dish of your choice to pass.**

This morning we will be reading the Preparatory form for the celebration of the Lord's Supper to be held next Sunday morning, D.V. As we begin to prepare to come to the Lord's Table, you will find in your mailboxes today Preparatory Meditations which were written by Dr. Peter Y. De Jong and revised by Rev. Vos for you to use this coming week in your daily devotions with your family. These devotions are entitled "Preparation in Prayer" and we will be challenged to examine ourselves, which we should do regularly. We are all encouraged to take the time to use these devotions as we prepare our hearts for worship and the Lord's Supper. For those who may be visiting with us today, there are extra copies of this devotional on the information table in the narthex.

The GEMS will be singing for the Song Service TONIGHT! **GEMS**—Please be sitting at the front of church at **5:05 PM**. The congregation is requested to please be seated by **5:20 PM** this evening. The congregation will join the GEMS singing the 4th verse of the 3rd song, TH 653.

Save the Date: Our annual combined Prayer Day Service with Bethel URC is scheduled on **Wednesday, March 14**, at **7:00 PM** here at **Cornerstone Church**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

The AM Offering today is for the **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.

The PM Offering today 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.

Next week's AM Offering is for the **Benevolent Fund** – a fund that helps those who have needs in our congregation upon request.

Next week's PM Offering is for **Bethany Christian Services** – a global nonprofit family preservation and child welfare organization caring for orphans and vulnerable children on five continents. Bethany is recognized as a prominent leader in social services worldwide. Founded in 1944, our mission calls us to demonstrate the love and compassion of Jesus Christ by protecting and enhancing the lives of children and families around the world.

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 new Bible study based on Jerry Bridge's book entitled Respectable Sins will begin NEXT WEEK Sunday, March 11, during the Sunday School hour. If you have already signed up and indicated you needed a book, one has been placed in your narthex mailbox. **You can still sign up TODAY—come to the office after**

the morning service! Please do **Lesson 1 (Chapters 1-3)** in preparation for next week's discussion. Plan to get your cup of coffee and meet downstairs next week.

Copies of the URCNA Missions Prayer Requests for March 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.

TODAY is the LAST DAY for the GEMS and Cadets Coin Collection Competition in connection with Mission Emphasis. You may give your contribution to a GEM or a Cadet, or to any Deacon (please indicate if you'd like it to go to the GEMS or Cadets or be split equally). **All funds raised will be sent to Pastor Moses in India.** If you have any questions, please contact Jill Spoelma.

LADIES – Have you registered for the **CURC 22nd Annual Women's Conference** to be held on **Friday-Saturday, March 16-17?** **You can still drop off your registration TODAY** – Extra brochures are available online at www.cornerstoneurc.com or next to the drop-off box on the table in the narthex. **Sarah Ivill** will be speaking on “There Is A Redeemer” and **Rev. Bob Van Manen** will lead our workshop. Please invite your family and friends for this wonderful opportunity to hear God's Word and fellowship together.

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 are on display in the basement **TODAY and next week, March 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**

EASTER CHOIR - To all those interested in singing in the Easter choir, **sign-up on the sheet under Bulletin Board #3.** We hope to practice the three Sundays prior to Easter, starting **NEXT WEEK Sunday, March 11,** (**NOT today,** March 4, as previously announced) at 4:00 PM before the evening service. Please join us in the sanctuary next week Sunday!! See Julia Pastoor with any questions.

The Women's Bible Study will meet this week **Tuesday, March 6,** at 9:45 AM for coffee and fellowship with the Bible Study beginning at 10:00 AM. **Please answer the “Processing it Together” questions on page 142 of Lesson 8** (2 Peter 3:1-18) in preparation for our study. **Coffee: Karen Schuiteman and Lois Van Dyke.**

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 have their regular monthly meeting **THIS WEEK Wednesday, March 7,** (**note this is ONE WEEK EARLIER than our normal meeting time.**) 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!!**

FAMILY NIGHT is THIS WEEK Wednesday, March 7 ~ The Missions Committee is planning a **Pancake Supper** in connection with our Domestic Mission Emphasis Week. Supper will be served from **5:45-6:45 PM.** All proceeds will be going to the ministry of **Rev. Ruben Sernas at El Pacto de Gracia** in Chicago Heights, Illinois. GEMS meet at 6:40 PM; Cadets meet at 6:45 PM. All Adults are encouraged to attend a presentation in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM on the work being done at the Presidential Estates Bible School. **Please join us!**

WOMEN ~ Your help is still needed at the upcoming Women's Conference. 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 – We need a few men 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).

You are invited to attend the 2018 Family Worship Presentation at Bethany URC on **Thursday, March 22,** at 7:00 PM. Family worship has fallen on hard times. Parents often say they are too busy for consistent family devotions. Come and hear **Dr. Joel Beeke**, President of Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, speak biblically, inspirationally, and practically on the importance of family worship, how to implement it realistically, and motivation for persevering in it. A book table and refreshments will be available following the presentation.

CADETS

The winners of our Pinewood Derby race last week were: 1st place - **Jackson Dykstra**; 2nd place - **Jeremy VanderWall**; 3rd place - **Noah Schuiteman**—Congratulations guys! Racing was actually very close: .0018 different between 1st and 2nd, and .0055 between 2nd and 3rd.

This week, March 7, is our Gym night. Please assemble in the narthex no later than 6:40 PM. so that we can get to the gym by 6:45 PM. We will either be taking the bus or individual cars. You may also have your parents drop you off directly at the gym: Georgetown Elementary, 3909 Baldwin Street. Parents may pick you up at 8:30 PM, or you can catch a ride back to church.

GEMS

We meet THIS WEEK 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

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

HSYG

- **We plan to meet TONIGHT ~ 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!** Go to www.reformedyouthservices.org to sign up. We will figure out payment at a later date. **SIGN UP SOON!**
- **If you have any questions about TASC,** Mr. Brinks will be meeting with us briefly tonight.
- **Our next meeting will be March 18 ~ Food responsibility: Berens and Kamps.**
- **We will not be meeting on Easter (April 1).**

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)
	11:00 AM	Rev. Sernas will give a presentation in the Sanctuary
	11:45 AM	Potluck Lunch (Basement)
	4:30 PM	Men at Prayer (Counseling Room / Library)
	5:20 PM	Song Service

- **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.
- **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. For tickets, stop by Zion's office, call (616) 878-9472, or email tickets@zionchristian.net.
- Everyone is invited to a **Soup Supper at Zion Christian School on Tuesday, March 20**, from 5:00-7:00pm. Members of the Junior class are eager to serve you a delicious variety of soups. All proceeds benefit the Junior-Senior Banquet.

MISCELLANEOUS REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A recent livestream event by **Dr. Paul David Tripp** entitled “**Marriage: What Did You Expect?**” will be replayed during the month of March on **Tuesday evenings beginning THIS WEEK, March 6, 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. **Please join us!**
- **Right to Life Oratory Contest** for High School Students is **THIS WEEK Thursday, March 8, at 7:30 PM**. See Bulletin Board #3 / contact Betty at 616-396-1037 (www.rtlofholland.org) for more info.
- **Blood supplies** at area hospitals have been dangerously low. Please mark **THIS WEEK Friday, March 9**, on your calendar to give blood at Hillcrest Church (3617 – 36th Avenue, Hudsonville). Appointments are available. Hours are 11:30 AM-5:15 PM. A driver's license or donor card is required for I.D. See <http://www.redcrossblood.org/> for details or call 1-800-RED-CROSS with questions.
- **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 **THIS WEEK 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** – You are warmly invited to attend the Word & Deed Spring Dinner to be held on **Thursday, March 15**, 2018 D.V. at Bethany URC, 5401 Byron Center Ave, Wyoming. Doors open at 6:30pm and dinner starts promptly at 7:00pm. Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly to the office at 866.391.5728 or usoffice@wordanddeed.org. We welcome you to come and hear Pastor Anup Hiwale speak about what the Lord is doing in India.
- **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
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

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18 Jayson Alsum, Vice-Chairman
19 Jason Sterk, Benevolent Treasurer
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19 Keith Schuiteman
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E. Stuive – E. Vander Sloot
S. Vander Wall – B. Zwart