

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for March 25, 2018

This week Friday, March 30, is GOOD FRIDAY and we will gather for worship at 7:00 p.m. and will commemorate the death of Christ in the Word and in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. **Rev. Phil Vos** will be leading the service.

Next Sunday, our morning worship service will be conducted by **Rev. Phil Vos** and our evening worship service will be conducted by **Rev. James Admiraal**.

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 **Archer John Emelander**, infant son of **Dustin and Gabrielle Emelander** who was born on February 21, 2018, 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.

Family Visitations are scheduled **THIS WEEK** on **Tuesday, March 27**. For those of you who received a schedule from the Elders, please be prepared to meet with the Elder team on the date and time indicated on the schedule. We pray that these visits may be a spiritual blessing to all, and that we may be able to build up one another in the faith.

The AM Offering today is for **Answers In Genesis** – a catalyst to bring reformation by reclaiming the foundations of our faith which are found in the Bible, from the very first verse. Answers in Genesis provides biblical answers to tough questions about creation, evolution, and the Bible. Their website features thousands of articles covering dozens of scientific and biblical topics, plus media programs, daily devotionals, resources, and much more (www.answersingenesis.org).

The PM Offering today is for **Covenant Reformed Church (Colorado Springs, CO)** – Covenant URC was planted in 2011 by Coram Deo Reformation Church in Littleton, CO, and is pastored by Rev. Tony Phelps.

Our Good Friday Offering is for **Jehovah Jireh of West Michigan** – a tangible expression of God's love and provision. Located in Hudsonville, MI., they currently provide free food and clothing, as well as Christian love and encouragement, to approximately 200 families each week. Jehovah Jireh helps those who may be dealing with unemployment, others with unexpected expenses. Some have a long-term financial commitment such as Christian Education. Others are single parents, or are disabled. Geographically, most of those they serve live in southern Ottawa and northern Allegan counties.

Next week's AM Offering is for the **Mission Fund** – for the support of 7 missionaries throughout the world.

Next week's PM Offering is for **IRBC** ~ 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.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School and Catechism classes will meet today following the morning worship service.

Parents of Sunday School children: We will be singing several songs **TONIGHT** for the evening Song Service. Please have your child/ren meet downstairs **by 5:00 PM sharp.**

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 Bible study based on Jerry Bridges' book entitled *Respectable Sins* will meet downstairs following the morning worship service. All are welcome to get a cup of coffee and join us!

EASTER CHOIR will practice this afternoon at **4:00 PM** in the sanctuary before the evening service.

TODAY is the LAST DAY to order your beautiful succulent plants to support the HSYG and help defray the costs of Convention and TASC. Please see the table in back of the narthex to see sizes, prices, and samples of what they look like! (Spoiler Alert: They're super cute.) There is a sign-up sheet on the table on which you can place your order. If you have any questions, please talk to Ashley Hoekman (616-780-5164 or ashleyhoekman@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

The Women's Bible Study will meet this week **Tuesday, March 27**, at 9:45 AM for coffee and fellowship with the Bible Study beginning at 10:00 AM. Please answer the questions in Lesson #10: "A Call to Continue in the Faith" based on Jude 17-25 in preparation for our study. **Coffee: Kari Alsum and Amanda Hodges.**

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 next TASC meeting is THIS WEEK Wednesday, March 28. We're still looking for volunteers and we continue to ask for your prayers.

Newsletter Challenge: In a recent sermon by a visiting pastor, we were challenged to share our faith, and to share our testimony. He mentioned that it would be a good idea to share in the church newsletter. If anyone is willing to do this, please submit it to cornerstory@hotmail.com before **April 14 at noon**. (Or you can place it in the mail slot in the tape room.) Thank you! This is so exciting!!!!

The deadline for the May Cornerstory is on April 14 at noon. **Spring Athletes**, please let us know what sport you are playing (and for what school). **Graduates (8th grade, 12th grade and College)**, let us know where you are graduating from and what's next for you? Email Cornerstory@hotmail.com or brendavos8@gmail.com.

Host Families: We are in need of more people to open their homes to be host families for a lunch (once every three months) on a Sunday afternoon. We like to be ready to invite visitors and other people from our church family over for a meal. Is God calling you to do this? We could sure use your help. If you are interested, please let Cheryl know in the church office.

Congregation: Did you know last year our GEMS earned over \$1,500 for the Walk for Life!! **Please consider participating or supporting them this year too!!** How? **Walk with the Cornerstone GEMS on Saturday, April 21**, or **pledge your support** by contacting a GEM or signing the pledge sheet in the narthex.

GEMS: Start getting pledges today for the **Walk for Life on Saturday, April 21, at 10:00 AM**. We will plan to **meet at church at 9:30 AM**, then participate in the 5k fun run or walk for life in Zeeland, followed by lunch and playtime at Lawrence Street Park. Questions...call Sarah Moelker.

The Fellowship Committee would love for you to join us again this year with a Progressive Dinner on **Friday**,

April 27. The flier is in your mailbox and sign-up sheets are also out under Bulletin Board #3. Take a look at them and see what sounds good to you...to host a part of it or to participate in good food and fellowship at each host's home.

The Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology will be holding its annual Grand Rapids conference on **April 13-15**, 2018, at First Christian Reformed Church of Byron Center. This year's topic is "**The Spirit of the Age: Age of the Spirit**" Michigan speakers include Conrad Mbewe, Daniel Akin, Richard Phillips, and David Murray. If we have a group of **5 or more**, we will qualify for the group rate of **\$75.00 / person**. **COLLEGE STUDENTS:** PCRT is offering a special price of **\$25.00** for college students to attend this year's conference (this includes the pre-conference too)! Please sign-up on the sheet located under Bulletin Board #3. The deadline to sign up as a group is **NEXT WEEK Sunday, April 1**. See the brochure for more details.

CADETS

Our final meeting and points auction is this Wednesday, March 28. Opening ceremonies begin promptly at 6:45 PM; be sure to wear your complete uniform and bring a Bible. For our final lesson, **Grades 3-4** should prepare Lesson 19; **Grades 5-8** should read Acts 15:8-9,36-41, 1 Corinthians 1:10, and Mark 16:15-16 in preparation for their lesson.

Parents Note: Our meeting will likely be **finished by 7:45-8:00 p.m.**

JHYG

SAVE THE DATE: The **RYS Midwest Junior High Retreat** is scheduled to take place **April 27-28** at the Cranhill Ranch in Rodney, MI. Mr. David Garrett, the youth pastor at Rockford Springs Community OPC in Rockford, MI, will speak on the theme of "Bondservants to Christ." More details to come.

HSYG

- **No meeting today or April 1 (Easter).**
- **Next meeting is April 15. Prepare by reading Chapter 7 in *Pursuing Peace*. Food Responsibility: HSYG Leaders.**
- **We plan to meet on April 29 also – details to come!**
- **Turn in your succulent orders TODAY to Ashley.** Watch the bulletin announcements for pickup and delivery details.
- **Did you sign up for Convention? Contact Mrs. Alsum TODAY if you still want to attend!**

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	"Respectable Sins" Bible Study (Basement)
	4:00 PM	EASTER CHOIR Practice
	4:30 PM	Men at Prayer (Counseling Room / Library)
	5:00 PM	Sunday School children meet downstairs
	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	FAMILY VISITATIONS
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study (Counseling Room)

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Unity Christian's Prayer Calendar for April 2018** are available on the table in the narthex.
- **Zion Christian School** is currently seeking a part time Office Assistant. This position works at the front desk of the school greeting visitors and answering phones as well as other common office duties. A full job description is available on the school website, zionchristian.net. Interested applicants should contact Todd Hoekstra, thoekstra@zionchristian.net or by calling the school office at 878-9472.

MISCELLANEOUS REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Jehovah Jireh Ministries ~ Volunteers are needed**—One to three (or more) **people to clean the ministry** on Wednesday evenings or Thursday morning, once or twice a month. It basically involves sweeping, mopping, and sanitizing. Also needed are **receptionists on Saturday mornings**—Bilingual Spanish is preferred and very helpful, but not required. (2-½ hour shifts – 8:00-10:30 AM or 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM; once or twice a month). Jehovah Jireh is also looking for **someone willing to mow their lawn**. Please contact Jim Herrema at (616) 209-7688 / 437-0960 or by email at jjmjestown@att.net if you are able to help out. Please continue to **bring in your egg cartons and plastic shopping bags**.
- **Once again, Seventh Reformed Church** (950 Leonard Street, NW) **is pleased to host an annual Community Good Friday Service THIS WEEK Friday, March 30, 2018, from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.** Since 1971, the service has offered a wonderful opportunity for worship, meditation, and fellowship in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are invited to attend all or part of this service, "*The Seven Last Words of Christ.*"

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

Elder Districts

Rev. J. Admiraal – R. Brinks
I. Brus – D. DeZwaan
M. Decker – S. Dykstra
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
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Rev. J. Admiraal – E. De Graaf

19 Jason Sterk, Benevolent Treasurer
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19 Keith Schuiteman
20 Chad Spoelma

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E. Hulst – R. Lubbers
D. MacGraw – B. Potgeter
S. Regnerus – W. Sterk
E. Stuive – E. Vander Sloot
S. Vander Wall – B. Zwart