

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for April 1, 2018

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

The AM Offering today is for the **Mission Fund** – for the support of 7 missionaries throughout the world.

The PM Offering today is for 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 Director of IRBC and tSw West.

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

Next week's PM Offering is for **Gideons International** – The Gideons International, founded in 1899, serves as an extended missionary arm of the church and is the oldest association of Christian businessmen and professional men in the United States of America. The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through sharing personally and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. While they are known worldwide for their work with hotels, they predominantly share Scriptures in schools and colleges, prisons and jails, hospitals, and medical offices. To date, they have placed 1.9 billion Scriptures and are on their way to 2 billion.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invitation ~ In light of the conclusion of the Sunday School and Catechism season, the "Respectable Sins" Bible Study Class invites **parents and High School students** alike to join in their discussion on Sunday mornings after the morning worship service. (No class today—Easter Sunday.) There will be an activity in the **Youth Room for grades 3-8** and a **Nursery** will be provided **for babies through 2nd grade. PLEASE SIGN-UP TODAY** under Bulletin Board #3: **New attendees** (need a book?), **3rd-8th graders, babies through 2nd grade**, and if you are **willing to help in the Nursery**.

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

Copies of the URCNA Missions Prayer Requests for April 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.

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!**

Hilltoppers: We will begin our "summer," more informal meetings on **Wednesday, April 11**, at 9:45 AM with snacks and fellowship. Then Katie De Jong will speak to us. Katie is home on furlough for a time and will tell us about her work and experiences as a missionary in Africa. Following her presentation, we will have a potluck lunch. **All seniors are invited. If you have questions, please give Don Van Dyke a call.**

Reminder: The deadline for the next *Cornerstory* is **Saturday, April 14, at noon**. We are looking for the following submissions: 8th, 12th, and college graduate information, High School Spring Sport Athletes, and willing people to share their testimony/faith story!

Host Families: Are you praying about this? **We need more host families** and would LOVE you to join the group of many who willingly invite others to their home once in three months on a Sunday after the morning worship service. Contact Cheryl Doll to have your name added to our list.

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 has the sign-up sheets out for the **Progressive Dinner on Friday, April 27.** You can sign up to host salad or soup, main course, or bring an appetizer or dessert to church. Times are as follows: 5:30-6:00 PM—appetizers at church; 6:15-6:30 PM—drive to soup/salad host home; 7:15-7:30 PM—drive to main course host home; and 8:45 PM—back to church for dessert and coffee. You won't want to miss great fellowship and great food. **Sign up TODAY!**

TODAY is the deadline to sign up for the Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology as a group for a reduced price of \$75.00/person. Please sign-up on the sheet located under Bulletin Board #3. The annual Grand Rapids conference will be held 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.

RMS Announcements:

TASC 2018! There are 98 students and sponsors signed up so far for the 6 different sites. While the Vermont and Iowa sites are full, **there are still openings at the other four sites.** Registration deadline is **April 30,** but don't wait until the last minute to sign up! Prayerfully consider attending TASC this summer at one of these locations! If you have any questions about TASC or how to register, contact our director at rob@rms.org.

Disaster Response – Puerto Rico. RMS and the OPC have partnered to work together in the area surrounding Arroyo, Puerto Rico. The work to be done is repairing and replacing metal roofing, cleaning and sealing some concrete roofs, repairs to some metal fencing, and painting. The dates for this trip are **May 5-12,** 2018, and the cost is \$250.00 plus your airfare to and from San Juan, PR. If you would like to join the team, or have any questions, please contact Rob at rob@rms.org for the link to register for the trip.

Disaster Response – Jacksonville, AL Tornado: Mission to North America (MNA) an organization of the PCA is mobilizing to assist the people affected by the recent tornadoes in the south. At this time, they are seeking individuals who can clear debris and perform demolition in Jacksonville, AL. If you are able to help out, please go to: <http://stat.pcanet.org/mna/disasterresponse/signin.cfm> to register. If you have any questions, contact Sherry Lanier at slanier@pcanet.org.

Prayer and Praise: Please be in prayer for our Missionaries and Church Planters as they labor to bring the Gospel to many people. Pray that they will "not grow weary in doing good" and that God will show them the fruits of their labors. Praise God as RMS recently celebrated our nine-year anniversary! May God continue to bless us as we seek to serve Him and His Kingdom. Thank you all for your support! Soli Deo Gloria!

CADETS

Wednesday was our last meeting for the season. We trust and pray that your sons were blessed, grew closer to their Savior, learned some new skills, and had a fun time fellowshiping with their fellow Cadets. To our "retiring" 8th graders we must say that it was a privilege to have you in our club for these past 4-5 years; you were all a great bunch of guys and we hope that you, too, learned some new skills and most importantly, will continue to live up to our motto "Living For Jesus."

Advanced Notice – The 3rd - 4th graders that built a rocket will be meeting at Kramer's house on **Wednesday, April 11,** at 6:45 PM to launch their rockets.

JHYG

JHYG it's that time of year—Spring Retreat! The RYS Midwest Junior High Retreat is scheduled to take place **April 27-28** at the Cranhill Ranch in Rodney, MI. Students in grades six through eight are invited to attend, along with their adult leaders. Mr. David Garrett, the youth pastor at Rockford Springs Community OPC in Rockford, MI, will speak on the theme of “Bondservants to Christ.” Cost will be \$30.00 per person (students and adults must indicate their preference between participating in a horseback trail ride (h), the rock climbing tower (t), or none, when they register by Monday April 16 as a church via email at reformedyouth96@gmail.com. Participants interested in archery (a) must bring an additional \$5 in cash. Release forms are located in your church mailbox. Please give your payment and release form to Jessica or Eric Stuive, Amanda or Dan Deppe.

HSYG

- **No meeting today.**
- **Plan on a brief informational meeting in the sanctuary next Sunday, April 8, after the evening service.** We will give you information about our final fundraiser which will be held April 23-26 at Bid 2 Benefit in Hudsonville. Start spreading the word. We will have flyers to hand out soon!
- **Our next meeting is April 15. Read Chapter 7 to prepare. Food responsibility: HSYG Leaders.**
- **Plan to meet the 5th Sunday in April (April 29) for our senior send off.**

THIS WEEK AT CORNERSTONE

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| Today | 9:30 AM | Morning Worship Service |
| | 4:30 PM | Men at Prayer (Counseling Room / Library) |
| | 5:20 PM | Song Service |
| | 5:30 PM | Evening Worship Service |
| Monday | 7:00 PM | Elders |
| Tuesday | 7:00 PM | Men's Bible Study (Counseling Room) |
| Wednesday | 6:30 AM | Early Risers Bible Study / Breakfast (Rainbow Grill in Hudsonville) |
| Thursday | 6:30 PM | VBS at Presidential Estates |

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Offerings: **April 1 AM:** Mission Fund **PM:** IRBC (Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling)
April 8 AM: Christian Education **PM:** Gideons International

Coffee: **April 1** – Ron & Dorothy Vanden Bosch & Char Kroll
April 8 – Deb Brinks & Nancy Vander Wey

Greeters: **April 1 AM:** Dan & Lori De Vries
PM: Elmer & Ann De Weerd
April 8 AM: Joe & Judy De Witt
PM: Dave & Katie DeZwaan

Host Family: **April 1—EASTER:** Everyone **April 8** – John & Joan Bouma

Nursery Today: **April 1 AM:** Becky MacGraw, Mackenzie Leighliter, Makayla Berens
PM: Tanya Sterk, Amanda Hodges, Ashlyn Spoelma

Nursery Check Today: Tanya Sterk

Nursery Next Week: **April 8 AM:** Eliza Pettit, Jill Spoelma, Amber Vander Kolk
PM: Lisa VanDyken, Bonnie Bratt, Kathryn Johnson

Nursery Check Next Week: Kendra Stuive

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
- 19 Jason Sterk, Benevolent Treasurer
- 18 Jon Knott
- 18 Steve Johnson, Chairman
- 19 Steve Vander Wall
- 20 Gary Veldhof, Secretary
- 19 Keith Schuiteman
- 20 Chad Spoelma

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
- W. Veltema – B. Zwart

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- M. De Jong – S. Dykstra
- M. Eefsting – J. Horjus
- E. Hulst – R. Lubbers
- D. MacGraw – B. Potgeter
- S. Regnerus – W. Sterk
- E. Stuive – E. Vander Sloot
- S. Vander Wall – B. Zwart