

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for December 2, 2018

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 "**Growing in the Grace of the Lord**" 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 annual Congregational Meeting has been scheduled **TOMORROW NIGHT, Monday, December 3**, at 7:00 PM. The Council presents the following men as nominees for the offices of Elder and Deacon: **For Elder: Rob Brinks, Randy Groendyk, Glenn Hop, Larry Huttinga, Gerald Nuiver, Ed Spoelma, Henry VanderWey and Rod Westveer** (4 to be elected); and **For Deacon: Nick Bratt, Dan Dykstra, Kevin Schuiteman, Eric Stuive, Tim VanDyken, and Mitch Wagner** (3 to be elected). The proposed budget for 2019 will also be voted on. **Extra copies of the Congregational Meeting Agenda and 2019 Budget and absentee ballots** can be found on the counter in the office. Please **mark your ballots, place them in an envelope, sign your name on the OUTSIDE of the envelope, and give it to one of the Elders.**

Valet Parking is now available 20 minutes before each service begins. Just pull your car under the awning by the main entrance and one of two Valet Attendants will park your car for you. After the service, the Attendants will get your car and pull it back under the awning so you do not have to walk in the parking lot at all. Please see a Deacon if you have any questions. If anyone is uncomfortable driving in winter road conditions, there is always the option of riding the church bus. If you would like to ride the bus, please contact Kim Vander Kolk at 269-793-3307.

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

The PM Offering today is for **Mid-America Reformed Seminary** – Mid-America's mission is to prepare pastors as faithful servants of the Word and sacraments in the heritage of Reformed and Presbyterian Churches as confessed in the Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession, the Canons of Dort, and the Westminster Standards, and by training others to serve in various Christian venues. The health of the church and society depends upon the faithful ministry of the Word of God.

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 **Reformation Italy** – The United Reformed Churches in North America are involved in a mission work that is bringing the light of the Reformation to Italy by planting churches that faithfully preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Reformation Italy is dedicated to that work. There are currently three churches located in Milan, Perugia and Turin. More information on Reformation Italy can be found at www.reformationitaly.org.

Missionary of the Month: Pastor Moses and Hepsiba Gurrana serve the Lord in India. If you would like to send them a note of encouragement, their email address is mosescra@gmail.com.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Copies of the URCNA Missions Prayer Requests for December 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.

Parents of Sunday School children: The Christmas program practice is on **Saturday, December 15**, from 9:30-11:30am; and on Sunday, **December 16**, we will practice in the morning after worship.

Would you be willing to be a Coffee Keeper and serve Coffee after the AM service on a rotating basis? If you are interested, please contact Deb Westveer 616-895-4049.

GEMS is having a Silent Auction THIS WEEK Wednesday, December 5, during Family Night. They are **still taking donations** to put in the auction. If you have something you wish to donate, please see a GEMS counselor. Thank you!

This week Wednesday, December 5, is Family Night! Please join us for pizza and salad bar **beginning at 5:45 p.m.!** Rev. Vos will lead the adult presentation with his third talk on “Making the Gospel Attractive!” Please join us. A nursery is provided and Carrie Knott will be watching the children. Please take advantage of this special time with our church family.

Looking ahead ... we are looking for **volunteers to bring refreshments** for the Christmas program on **December 16** and we are also looking for **signups for the Christmas Family Night on December 19** (reservations appreciated). Check out the signup sheets under Bulletin Board #3!

The Missions Committee would like the congregation to show their appreciation to all our missionaries this Christmas Season by sending them a card / letter thanking them for their work in building God’s Kingdom. Our missionaries include: **Dr. Neal and Sandy Hegeman, Rev. Allen and Marcia VanderPol, Rev. Bill and Aletha Green, Pastor Moses and Hepsiba Gurrana, Rev. Carlos and Rebecca Pinto, and Rev. Paul and Julie Murphy.** For your convenience, cards will be collected in the box on the table under Bulletin Board #1 and will be mailed by the Missions Committee. Please have your cards in the box by **NEXT WEEK Sunday, December 9.** A flyer listing the names of our missionaries has been placed in your mailbox.

The Women’s Bible Study will meet this week **Tuesday, December 4**, at 9:45 AM for coffee and fellowship with the Bible Study beginning at 10:00 AM. Please come prepared to discuss the material for **Days Three through Five of Lesson 5. Coffee: Marilyn Dreyer & Irene Potgeter.**

The Hilltoppers will meet on **Wednesday, December 12.** Snacks and fellowship begin at 9:45 AM with our lesson beginning at 10:00 AM. We will view Lesson 9; *Forgiven and Forgiving* from the series on THE LORD’S Prayer by R. Albert Mohler Jr. followed by a time of discussion led by Pastor Vos. Following our lesson, **we plan on having lunch at the Hudsonville Rainbow Grill. ALL CORNRSTONE SENIORS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED!**

CADETS

- **We meet this week Wednesday, December 5.** The opening ceremonies begin at 6:45 PM in Room 8, so please be on time. Don’t forget to wear your complete uniform and bring a Bible. **3rd – 4th Grades**—please prepare Lesson 10; **5th – 8th Grades**—please read these passages in preparation for your Bible lesson—**Genesis 3:1-7, Exodus 16:6-8, 1 Kings 21:1-24, 1 Timothy 6:9-10, Deuteronomy 8:13-14.**
- **Advance Notices:**
 - **December 12 is our gym night**—there will be no regular meeting activities; details next week.
 - **December 19 we will be caroling** with the rest of the congregation; there will also be no regular meeting activity that night.

GEMS

- **We meet THIS WEEK Wednesday, December 5.** It is the night of our **Silent Auction Fundraiser—GEMS please have your items for the auction to church by 5:15 PM on December 5** so we can set everything up. Questions—ask Mrs. Johnson.

- **Badges/Points are due THIS WEEK Wednesday** before our Christmas party.
- Please do the following lessons in preparation for your class:
 - **3rd Grade: Lesson #6** – “Who is the Holy Spirit?”
 - **4th Grade: Lesson #11** – “Prayer”
 - **5th Grade: Lesson #16** – “Worship”
 - **6th Grade: “Before you Meet Prince Charming” ~ Chapter 5 and Study Guide**
 - **7th Grade: PRC Session 2**
 - **8th Grade: PRC Session 2**

JHYG

- We plan to go **bowling** on **Saturday, December 15**, and eat lunch at **Vitales’s**. **Parents**—please drop your youth off at the **Hudsonville Lanes** at **11:00 AM**, and pick them up at **Vitale’s** at **2:00 PM**.

HSYG

- **Reminder—we will NOT meet tonight!** Instead, we will meet **next Sunday (12/9)** for the Hymn Sing **WE are hosting** with area wide RYS affiliated HSYGs **here at CURC!** Plan to come for a night of fellowship and praise! **Food: Last name** starting with....
A-H... bring sweet treats or chips;
I-P... bring 2 liter of pop or container of juice;
Q-Z... bring any type of salad or fruit.
- **Plan to come to CURCs Christmas Program on 12/16 after the PM service!**

Post-High Young Adults

- **Lord willing, RYS will hold its annual LOGOS Winter Retreat January 3-5, 2019**, at the Cedar Lake Retreat Center in Cedar Lake, IN. We're excited about having Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary student **Ottavio Palombaro** speak on the theme of “Seek Peace, Holiness and the Lord.” Regular registration deadline is **December 13**. **Cost for Cornerstone URC members is \$170.00**. Single young adults ages 18-30 attending college or working are highly encouraged to register at reformedyouthservices.org.

THIS WEEK AT CORNERSTONE

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School and Catechism Classes
	11:00 AM	Adult Bible Study (Downstairs)
	11:00 AM	IRBC “Practice of Godliness” Bible Study (Fellowship Room)
	5:20 PM	Song Service
	5:30 PM	Evening Worship Service
Monday	7:00 PM	Annual Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
Tuesday	9:45 AM	Women’s Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Elders Meet
	7:00 PM	Men’s Bible Study (Library)
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Early Risers Breakfast / Bible Study (Rainbow Grill, Hudsonville)
	5:45 PM	FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER / GEMS Silent Auction
	6:40 PM	GEMS
	6:45 PM	Cadets
	7:00 PM	Adult Class (Sanctuary)
Thursday	6:30 PM	VBS at Presidential Estates

Avenue Christian Reformed Church in Holland. Both performances have free admission and a free will offering will be taken.

Elder and Deacon Districts – 2018-2019

ELDERS

20 Lee DeWitt, Clerk
21 Randy Moorman
20 Jim Horjus, Vice-Clerk
19 Jeff Berens
19 Bruce Nelson
19 Tom VanDyken
20 Jim Dykstra, Vice-Chairman
21 Duwayne Newenhouse
21 Rol Mast
19 Walt Decker
20 Dave VanBeek, Chairman

DEACONS

21 Joe DeWitt, Chairman
19 Jason Sterk, Benevolent Treasurer
21 Gary Steenwyk
21 Jason VanderWey
19 Steve VanderWall
20 Gary Veldhof, Secretary
19 Keith Schuiteman, Vice-Chairman
20 Chad Spoelma

Elder Districts

Rev. J. Admiraal – R. Brinks
I. Brus – L. DeWitt
J. DeYoung – G. Essenburg
D. Gift – R. Hop
S. Hordyk – J. Koning
T. Kooistra – J. Mulder
B. Nelson – H. Rozeveld
J. Schrier – W. Sterk
E. Stuive – S. VanderWall
H. VanderWey – G. Veldhof
W. Veltema – B. Zwart

Deacon Districts

Rev. J. Admiraal – W. Decker
E. DeGraaf – S. Dykstra
M. Eefsting – J. Horjus
E. Hulst – R. Lubbers
D. MacGraw – L. Ritzema
H. Rozeveld – A. Tanis
B. Tjapkes – P. VanDyke
T. VanDyken – B. Zwart