

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for September 13, 2020

Today, both of our worship services will be led by **Mr. Tiago Baia**, seminary student at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary.

From the Consistory: **Beginning today, September 13**, there will be no restrictions on seating in the **first 10 rows in front of the sanctuary**. Seating in the remaining rows will continue to be limited to every other row. Please refrain from sitting in closed rows out of respect for brothers and sisters in Christ who may have health and safety concerns and prefer sitting every other row.

Dear Cornerstone Congregation, On **September 20** we anticipate and look forward, the Lord willing, to celebrating together the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Our Savior gave us this precious sacrament to nourish our faith as we are reminded through our physical senses of the bond we have with our God through Jesus Christ. During this time, we must acknowledge the potential risks inherent in the common touching of articles and surfaces while still preserving the sanctity of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper the same way we did in June. The congregation will be divided in half from the front to the rear of the sanctuary, will rise and either come forward toward the pulpit or go back around through the narthex row by row to receive the elements of communion, then returning to your seats. When all professing members partaking in good conscience have done this, then the elements will be enjoyed together. Where necessary, to avoid necessitating persons stepping past/over one another, we ask that all persons seated, children included, rise and proceed in line. We will utilize eight elders, four in the front and four in the back, to facilitate the sacrament in as timely a manner as possible. Other elders will be available to aid those who need special assistance. Specific details and instructions will be provided by Pastor Vos prior to the commemoration of the sacrament. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. The Consistory.

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 "How, then, shall we live?" 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 tables in the narthex.**

The AM Offering on September 13 is for the **Mission Fund** – for the support of 10 missionaries throughout the world.

The PM Offering on September 13 is for **Christian Education** – to assist families with the cost of Christian School tuition.

The AM Offering on September 20 is for the **Benevolent Fund** – Benevolent fund is a fund that helps those who have needs in our congregation upon request.

The PM Offering on September 20 is for the **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

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

The Adult Sunday School class will begin **NEXT Sunday, September 20**, after the morning worship service in the basement. We will continue our study on **PRAYER** using Dr. R.C. Sproul's video series. If you need a study book, please contact Cheryl in the office (616-669-2190).

Committee Chairpersons are asked to submit their 2021 budgets to the Finance Committee Chairman by **September 26**. **Committee financial reports including information for 2018, 2019, and 2020 through August have been distributed via email** to assist in preparing their budgets. Please contact Rod Westveer if you are missing a report or have any questions. Please return your 2021 budgets to **Rod Westveer's mailbox**.

CORRECTION: Please note that Tanya Sterk is a current member of the Music Committee. Her name was inadvertently left off in the music update in this month's Cornerstory. Thank you.

Tuesday MORNING Women's Bible Study begins **THIS WEEK Tuesday, September 15**, and will meet from **10:00-11:00 AM** with Rev. Admiraal as our teacher. We will be using a study book on **Jacob**. **Lesson books are available on the northside bookshelf**. Please sign your name on the clipboard when you take a book. The cost of the book is \$10.00 and will be due at our first meeting. **Please notice the insert in the front of the book and come prepared for our discussion on Lesson 1**. We urge all women to come and bring a friend. **Nursery and coffee** will be available when conditions permit. We look forward to meeting again as we make new friendships and gather around God's Word.

FAMILY NIGHT begins **THIS WEEK Wednesday, September 16**, but there will **NOT** be a dinner. GEMS meet at 6:40pm and Cadets meet at 6:45pm. The Adult class will begin at 7:00pm in the sanctuary with Pastor Vos giving an overview of what we have covered thus far in the **Ecclesiastes** study using the book "Living Life Backwards" by Gibson. **For those who may like to join and need a book, please contact Cheryl in the church office to be added to a list**. The cost for the book is \$10.00. **For those who already have a book, please consider re-reading Chapter One**.

Ladies Tuesday EVENING Bible Study: The books have been ordered and we look forward to our first study on **September 22** at 6:30pm at church. Please bring \$20.00 to cover the cost of the book and study guide. Questions? Contact Brenda Vos

New Bible Study Group ~ Are you interested in a **Couples Bible Study Group**? The Education Committee of Cornerstone is seeking couples who may be interested in meeting with other couples to gather once a month in each other's homes to have a night of fellowship and discussion around God's Word. If you are interested, please sign up under Bulletin Board #3. If you have any questions or would like more information, please see Rob Brinks.

TABLETALK subscriptions will expire with the **November** issue. If you would like to continue your current subscription or order a new one, **please sign-up under Bulletin Board #3!** The cost of a one-year subscription through the church is still only \$12.00. Please make your check payable to Cornerstone URC and place it in the Secretary mail slot in the Sound Room. **The deadline to sign-up is Sunday, October 4**.

The Women's Conference Committee plans to meet on **Monday, September 21**, at 6:00pm at church. Please meet in the narthex.

The Hilltoppers season will begin the **2nd Wednesday of October (October 14)**. We will continue with our viewing of *Face to Face with Jesus*, Lesson 5, titled THE RICH YOUNG RULER.

Rebuild the Wall: In the Old Testament, Nehemiah oversaw the rebuilding of Jerusalem's walls in 52 days. Like Jerusalem of Nehemiah's day, America is in trouble. In so many ways, we have abandoned God's law in favor of man's preferences. Our defenses are down, and we see the chaos in our country. We are desperately in need of God's work in our country and world. The Issues and Action Committee of Dutton URC strongly urges prayer, especially in the 52 days prior to Election Day. **Let us as URC churches join in praying for the election, and for our country, using specific Bible verses to guide our prayers. Extra copies are on the narthex table.**

CADETS

- **Our first meeting will be THIS WEEK Wednesday, September 16, at 6:45 pm.** If you are new to Cadets this year, we meet for opening ceremonies in Room 8 in the basement; that's the classroom by the stairs in the NE corner. We meet until 8:30 p.m., having our closing ceremony in the same room at 8:25 p.m. If you have not already done so, parents of new Cadets please email us at cornerstonecadets@gmail.com so that we can put you on our email list to keep you up to date on events and meetings.
- **Advanced Notice: October 9-10 we will be attending the Chuckwagon Jamboree at the campground in Allegan county** so mark your calendar and plan to attend. You can sign-up at our regular meetings starting this week or email us your sign-up info – more details to follow in the coming weeks and in your “Cadet news” email updates.

GEMS

- **Our first meeting is THIS WEEK Wednesday, September 16, beginning at 6:40pm.** There will NOT be a supper this week. Please do your assigned lesson as follows:
 - **3rd Grade:** Lesson #2 – Becoming a new creation
 - **4th Grade:** Lesson #7 – Creator God
 - **5th Grade:** Lesson #12 – Names of God
 - **6th Grade:** *Speak Truth* : Chapters 1 & 2, Journal Chapters 1 & 2
 - **7th Grade:** Bright Lights - Set #1: Lesson #1
 - **8th Grade:** *Speak Truth*: Chapters 1 & 2, Journal Chapters 1 & 2

HSYG

- **We are looking forward to our first meeting NEXT Sunday night (September 20)** after the evening service. Can't wait to see you all then! **Food responsibility: September 20—Vander Kolk/Veldhof; and October 4—J. Dykstra.**

JHYG

- Our first official meeting is scheduled for **Sunday evening, September 27**, after church until 8:30pm.

CURC YOUNG ADULTS

- **Our next Bible study will be on Wednesday, September 23**, at 7:00pm.

THIS WEEK AT CORNERSTONE

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism classes meet
	5:20 PM	Song Service
	5:30 PM	Evening Worship Service
Monday	6:30 PM	Deacons
	7:00 PM	Council
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study (basement)
	7:00 PM	IRBC Biblical Counseling Class (basement)
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Early Risers (Rainbow Grill in Hudsonville)
	6:40 PM	GEMS

6:45 PM Cadets
7:00 PM Adult class studying *Ecclesiastes* (sanctuary)
Thursday 6:30 PM VBS at Presidential Estates

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Offerings: September 13 AM: Mission Fund PM: Christian Education
September 20 AM: Benevolent Fund PM: Gideons International

Host Family: September 13 – Rol & Mary Lou Mast
September 20 – Dave & Sue Gift

Nursery Attendant: September 13 AM & PM: Kendra Stuiwe
September 20 AM & PM: Tanya Sterk

Security: September 13 AM: Scott DenHerder, Patrick Carbone PM: John Emelander, Dan Deppe
First Responder: Dan MacGraw

September 20 AM: Matt Moorman, Dan DeVries PM: Gerald Nuiver, Kevin Leighliter
First Responder: Dan Deppe

Sound: September 13 – Landon Vos September 20 – Steve Hordyk

Ushers: September AM: Lee DeWitt, Dave DeZwaan, Ethan Dykstra, Jim Dykstra
PM: John Emelander, Dave Gift, Oswaldo Gonzalez-Torres, John Gras

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Jehovah Jireh Ministries** is again partnering with Meijer to provide hunger relief to local families through its #MeijerSimplyGive hunger relief program. Simply buy #MeijerSimplyGive food donation cards for \$10 at the Hudsonville Meijer store when you go shopping. In return, we will receive gift cards for the purpose of buying food for those we serve. The fall program runs **through October 24**. Visit meijercommunity.com/simply-give to learn more.
- **Lakeshore Pregnancy Center** invites you to be a part of their 19th Annual Golf Marathon **THIS WEEK Friday, September 18**, at Diamond Spring Golf Course in Hamilton, MI, from 6:45am to 5:00pm. Golfers will play 100 holes! For more information, see the poster on the church bulletin boards; or call, text or email Joe at 616-836-7766 or joe.pleune@lpcenters.com.
- **Word & Deed Coast to Coast Bike-a-thon!** Join hundreds of others across North America in raising funds for the Nakekela HIV/AIDS Clinic in South Africa at the **1st Annual Word & Deed Coast to Coast Bike-a-thon!** Gather family and friends in your local area for a bike ride anytime on **Saturday, September 26**. Our goal with God's blessing is to raise \$150,000 CAD / \$115,000 USD. To register or make a donation visit: wordanddeed.org/bikeathon-canada or wordanddeed.org/bikeathon-usa.
- **Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary's Annual Shooting Sports Fundraiser** is coming **Saturday, October 10**, at the Deer Creek Hunt Club in Three Oaks, MI (deercreekhuntclub.com). Registration begins at 8:30am EASTERN time. Cost is \$125 per person for shells, 14 stations, and breakfast. More

details in coming weeks.

Elder and Deacon Districts – 2020-2021

ELDERS

22 Randy Groendyk, Chairman
23 Todd Pettit
21 Randy Moorman
23 John Bouma, Vice-Chairman
22 Ed Spoelma
22 Glenn Hop, Clerk
23 Rod Westveer
21 Duwayne Newenhouse
21 Rol Mast
22 Gerald Nuiver
23 Dan Bratt, Vice-Clerk

DEACONS

21 Joe DeWitt, Chairman
22 Eric Stuive, Benevolent Treasurer
21 Gary Steenwyk
21 Jason VanderWey
22 Kevin Schuiteman
23 Zach Wassink, Secretary
22 Tim VanDyken, Vice-Chairman
23 Tod Moelker

Elder Districts

Rev. J. Admiraal – I. Brus
P. Carbone – D. DeZwaan
M. Disselkoen – R. Groendyk
D. Haveman – L. Huttinga
S. Johnson – J. Lengkeek
D. MacGraw – B. Potgeter
S. Regnerus – L. Sterk
W. Sterk – E. VanderSloot
H. VanderWey – G. Veldhof
J. Velthouse – B. Zwart

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Rev. J. Admiraal – W. Decker
E. DeGraaf – S. Dykstra
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E. Hulst – J. Lengkeek
D. MacGraw – L. Ritzema
H. Rozeveld – A. Tanis
A. TenBrock – P. VanDyke
T. VanDyken – B. Zwart