

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for November 22, 2020

Our Thanksgiving Day Worship Service will be held **THIS WEEK Thursday, November 26**, at 9:30 AM with **Rev. Phil Vos** leading the service. Let us join together as God's people to thank Him for His innumerable blessings.

Next Sunday, our morning worship service will be led by **Rev. Phil Vos** and our evening worship service will be led by **Rev. Mark Kelderman** from Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary.

This week, the deadline for bulletin announcements is NOON on WEDNESDAY due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The annual Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for **Monday, December 7**, at 7:00 PM. The Council presents the following men as nominees for the offices of Elder and Deacon: **For Elder: Mark DeJong, John Emelander, Steve Johnson, Bruce Sterk, Doug Ulberg, and Jim VanBeek** (3 to be elected); and **For Deacon: Aaron Batts, Nick Bratt, Dave DeZwaan, Robert Hulst, Jon Knott and Matt Moorman** (3 to be elected). **The proposed budgets for 2021** (General, Building, Missions, and Christian Education) will also be voted on. Copies of the Congregational Meeting Agenda and 2021 Budgets are in your narthex mailboxes. **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.**

The AM Offering on November 22 is for **Christian Education** – to assist families with the cost of Christian School tuition.

The PM Offering on November 22 is for the **Pregnancy Resource Center** – The PRC was “born on the sidewalk” in July 1985. It is a grassroots organization, created by ordinary people with extraordinary passion – people who love God and love people of all sizes, colors, and nations. PRC's mission is Living the truth that people matter to God. The services that PRC offer are Willing to Wait – Abstinence Education, Pregnancy & Medical Services and Family Support Services. In all they do, the staff and volunteers of the PRC seek to share the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. PRC has two locations: Grand Rapids on Cherry Street, and Wyoming on 28th Street.

Thanksgiving Day Offering: Holland Rescue Mission; Love, INC; and Jehovah Jireh Ministries --

Holland Rescue Mission – a shelter that seeks to meet the needs of homeless men, women, and children in the West Michigan area. They offer a wide range of Christ-driven services that address the root issues of homelessness to help restore and transform lives. Their mission is to glorify God by proclaiming and demonstrating His love through Christ-centered programs of excellence for the homeless and less fortunate. More information at <https://hollandrescue.org>.

Love, INC. (Love In the Name of Christ) – Love In the Name of Christ's vision is to see Christian churches united in purpose and fully engaged in actively living out their faith by lovingly serving people in need in their communities. Love INC mission statement is to mobilizing local churches to transform lives and communities in the Name of Christ. Love INC was founded in 1977 as a way to encourage churches to become more engaged with people with needs in their community. It was designed to inspire a greater number of Christians to put their faith into action. Love INC's founder, Dr. Virgil Gulker, was a social worker and outreach director in Holland, Michigan, in the late 1970s. Deeply committed to helping people who found themselves in need and lacking resources or a support network, he was certain God had called Christian churches to the same mission.

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 225 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.

The AM Offering on November 29 is for **El Pacto de Gracia** (The Covenant of Grace) church plant in Chicago Heights, IL. Ruben Sernas has been the pastor of this Spanish speaking church since June 2016; Faith URC of Beecher, IL, provides oversight. The congregation of El Pacto had been meeting in First Presbyterian Church, but since the Covid restrictions, they have had to move around -- first to Dyer, IN, and now to a downtown office space. The El Pacto congregation is working to build relationships in the community. Various members of the congregation host Bible Studies at their homes and businesses, and these have proved very fruitful in their outreach. The English class that Pastor Sernas once led in the school district has now been relegated to online video format. Please give generously to this ministry.

The PM Offering on November 29 is for **Pastor Moses' Land Purchase** – This offering is replacing the offering normally received at our annual Fall Soup Supper for the Covenant Reformed Assemblies Christmas programs they conduct at several locations. Due to the COVID epidemic, they will be unable to do that this year. HOWEVER, Pastor Moses asked if we would be willing to receive an offering to assist them for the purchase of a piece of property where they could build a church. To date they have approximately \$25,000 on hand, but they need an additional \$7,000 to acquire a parcel of land that would be a great location for their household of faith in RamachandraPuram, and the time for their option on this land will expire soon.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Profession of faith class will resume next week Sunday, November 29, immediately after the morning service. We will meet in the basement. Please have weeks 3 and 4 completed.

Ladies' Tuesday MORNING and EVENING Bible Studies will NOT meet this week with the Thanksgiving holiday.

BIBLE LEAGUE DONATIONS: If you are still considering making a donation, please make your check payable to **Bible League International** and place it in my church mailbox or mail it to me **by the end of November**. Thank you for helping to spread God's Word to the world! ~Lavonne Gras, Kenowa Division

CADETS

- **There will be no meeting this week, November 25, due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday.** The next meeting will be **December 2**.

GEMS

- **We meet again on Wednesday, December 2**, beginning at 6:40 p.m. Please do your assigned lessons as follows:
 - **3rd Grade:** Lesson #17 – In the Beginning
 - **4th Grade:** Lesson #23 – Bible Study Skills
 - **5th Grade:** Lesson #29 – Angels
 - **6th Grade:** *Speak Truth:* Chapter 8 and Journal Chapter 8
 - **7th Grade:** PRC Session 3
 - **8th Grade:** PRC Session 3

JHYG

- **We meet TONIGHT after the evening service!**

HSYG

- We plan to meet next Sunday (November 29). Hope you can make it! We missed a lot of you last Sunday

and can't wait to see you again. **Food responsibility: HSYG leaders.**

- **Save the date!** HSYG Christmas Dinner at the Ulberg's home on **Sunday, December 13, at noon.** More details to come.

THIS WEEK AT CORNERSTONE

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism Classes
	5:20 PM	Song Service
	5:30 PM	Evening Worship Service
	7:00 PM	JHYG
Monday	7:00 PM	Missions Committee Meeting
Thursday	9:30 AM	THANKSGIVING DAY Worship Service

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Offerings: November 22 AM: Christian Education PM: Pregnancy Resource Center

November 26 AM – **THANKSGIVING DAY:** Holland Rescue Mission, Love INC, Jehovah Jireh Ministries

November 29 AM: El Pacto de Gracia (The Covenant of Grace) church plant in Chicago Heights, IL
PM: Pastor Moses' Land Purchase

Nursery Attendant: November 22 AM & PM: Sarah Schuiteman
November 26 – **THANKSGIVING DAY AM:** Becky MacGraw
November 29 AM & PM: Tanya Sterk

Security: November 22 AM: Scott DenHerder, Devin Berens PM: John Emelander, Jeff Berens
First Responder: Kurt Schuiteman

November 26 AM – **THANKSGIVING DAY:** Scott DenHerder, Keith Schuiteman
First Responder: Sarah Moelker

November 29 AM: Matt Morrman, Patrick Carbone PM: Gerald Nuiver, Dan Deppe
First Responder: Bonnie Bratt

Sound: November 22 – Landon Vos
November 26 – **THANKSGIVING DAY** – Steve Hordyk
November 29 – Bob Hulst

Ushers: November AM: Eldon Hulst, Robert Hulst, Sherwin Hulst, Larry Huttinga
PM: Steve Johnson, John Knoper, Jon Knott, John Koning

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Live Stream Concert Series:** *Jubilee* will be joined by the **Luke Lenhart Band** THIS WEEK Saturday, **November 28**, at 7:30 p.m. on *Jubilee's* Facebook live. A **Christmas Sing Along** will be held on Wednesday, **December 2**, with the Bethany Cadets, Kingdom seekers, and Sunday School. See the poster on **Bulletin Board #3** for more details. While we hope and pray these concerts may be a blessing to all, they have been planned **particularly for ministry to our isolated seniors**. *Jubilee* is working with retirement communities to give their residents access to the concerts, and we ask those with parents or grandparents to help connect them to this ministry as well. More information may be found on *Jubilee's* website, jubileewomensensemble.weebly.com. **To be added to an email list with concert links and updates**, please email jubileewomensensemble@yahoo.com or call 616-304-9396.

- **Save the Date** ~ Word & Deed is sponsoring an evening to impact, challenge, and encourage deacons in their important work and ministry. This evening will be especially helpful for all current and prospective deacons, but we encourage everyone to attend so we know how to support and pray for our deacons. Our speaker, Rip Pratt, has trained deacons in three reformed denominations. This event will take place at **Bethany URC** in Wyoming on **Tuesday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Enjoy a Big Boy meal and raise money for Jehovah Jireh Ministries** ~ Make plans to go to the Big Boy on Wilson Avenue anytime during business hours **on Wednesday, December 9**, and a portion of your purchase will go to JJM. Simply **download a coupon** from our website and display it on your phone, pick one up from the ministry, or **pick one up from the bulletin boards in the church narthex.**
- **Bible League International** has a volunteer opportunity for a Spanish/English translator to assist BLI with the translation of documents or other forms of communication between English and Spanish in order to engage more donors and partners in Bible League's ministry in Latin America. Contact DVanSwol@bibleleague.org.

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