

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for November 21, 2021

FROM THE CONSISTORY: As we are seeing an increase in Covid cases in the community once again, for the sake of your brothers and sisters in Christ, we ask that you do not attend worship services or church activities if you do not feel well for any reason or if you have been in contact with someone who has Covid, and that you quarantine for the appropriate period of time. Thank you for your cooperation.

This morning we formally welcome as new members to the Cornerstone Church family **Dan and Sara Beute**, along with their children **Aaron, Noah, and Margaret (Maggie)** who come to us from Dutton United Reformed Church (Caledonia, MI). Their address is **4680 – 19th Street, Dorr, MI 49323**. Telephone: **Dan: 616-258-3537; Sara: 616-328-2270; Aaron: 616-681-1534; Noah: 616-666-0742; Maggie: 616-204-3356**.

Today, our morning worship service will be led by **Rev. Joel Worries**, a candidate for our Associate Pastor. Immediately following the service, there will be a **question-and-answer time for the congregation** in the sanctuary. The evening service will be led by **Rev. Phil Vos**.

Our Thanksgiving Day Worship Service will be held **THIS WEEK Thursday, November 25**, 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. Harlan VandenEinde**.

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 6, at 7:00 PM**. The Council presents the following men as nominees for the offices of Elder and Deacon: **For Elder: Jeff Berens, Rob Brinks, Steve Hordyk, Larry Huttinga, Steve Johnson, Dave VanderMeer, Henry VanderWey, Tom VanDyken, and John Velthouse** (5 to be elected); and **For Deacon: Scott DenHerder, Robert Hulst, Jacob Lengkeek, Matt Moorman, Jason Sterk, and Mitch Wagner** (3 to be elected). **The proposed budgets for 2022** (General, Building, Missions, and Christian Education) will also be voted on. Copies of the Congregational Meeting Agenda and 2022 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.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sunday School Christmas Program UPDATE: The Christmas program will be held **PRIOR to the evening worship service** (during the Song Service time) on Sunday, **December 12**. More details to come.

Adult Sunday School – plan to attend the question-and-answer time with Rev. Joel Worries in the sanctuary.

Library Update: There are new booklets available in the racks on both the north and south side of the narthex. Please feel free to take one.

Ladies Chorus for Thanksgiving will practice **TODAY at 4:15pm**. Contact **Julia Pastoor** if you have any questions.

Thanks so much to the entire congregation for supporting our GEMS at our silent auction. Your generous donations raised \$1,400 for the Cornerstone URC GEMS program. Thank you!

Our Men's Chorus will be singing on Christmas morning. All men high school age and older are invited to join. Practices will be at 4:00pm on **December 5, 12** (a shortened practice due to the Sunday School program that evening), **and 19**. See Barb Moorman if you have any questions.

The Ladies of Cornerstone are all welcome to attend the Ladies' Brunch on Saturday, December 4. Reminder to **please sign up by next Sunday!** There is a box under Bulletin Board #3 where you can place your RSVP sheet. **If you need an extra RSVP sheet, there are extras pinned to the bulletin board.** Also, we are looking for **volunteers to bring some of the food items.** Will you please help? Contact Bonnie or Brenda with questions.

Ladies' Tuesday Morning Bible Study will NOT meet this week with the Thanksgiving holiday. We plan to meet again on Tuesday, **November 30, at 9:45am** for refreshments and fellowship with the Bible study being held from at 10:00-11:00am. Please **read Chapter 10** and **do questions 5-7 on p. 127** of **Study 5** in preparation for our study. **Coffee: Jacqueline Hordyk and Harriet VanDyke-Mackus.**

Thank you to all who attended Family Night on Wednesday! What a great turnout! In two weeks, on **December 1**, we will have Family Night again and are doing our favorite meal: Marco's Pizza and our Cornerstone Salad Bar! In order to know how many pizzas to purchase, **we need to know how many people plan to attend.** If you plan to eat dinner at church on December 1, **please sign up under Bulletin Board #3 by NOVEMBER 28.** The salad bar sign-up sheet is out if you would like to help provide some of the toppings. The toppings will need to be at church before our serving time of 5:45 p.m. (or even brought on Sunday, **November 28** would be fine). We will **need 3 people to bring 5 dozen cookies** and we are looking for **6 volunteers to clean up** so we can all get to the special adult class at 7:00pm (see below).

Make plans now to attend a special presentation on Family Night, December 1, from 7:00-9:00pm. Join us as we hear the powerful testimonies of former homosexual **Stephen Black** and former transgender **Laura Perry** who are featured in the documentary movie "In His Image: Delighting in God's Plan for Gender and Sexuality." Both now work with the Oklahoma City-based First Stone Ministries, an organization which calls people out of the LGBTQ lifestyle and to repentance and wholeness in Christ. After sharing their stories, they will discuss how sexual sin has been normalized in our society, how individuals with a pull toward this identity should respond, and how the church may minister truthfully and compassionately to the sexually confused. When LGBTQ people show up at your church's door—to change you or to be changed by Christ—will you know how to respond? ***This presentation will not be appropriate for young children.*** If you are unable to attend the presentation at our church, they will be at Dutton URC (6950 Hanna Lake Avenue in Caledonia) on **Thursday, December 2, at 7:00pm.** Contact Daniel DeVries with any questions.

Let's Go Caroling!! Come out and join the Fellowship Committee, GEMS, and Cadets for Christmas caroling!! Meet at church on **Wednesday, December 8, at 6:30pm.** We will split up into groups to sing to some of the elderly & shut in. Please **sign up under Bulletin Board #3** if you plan to come!

Save the date for the Family Night Christmas Dinner on December 15. We are looking for some volunteers to **do a special number for our after-dinner program** in the church basement. If anyone (young and old alike) is willing, contact Brenda Vos to volunteer.

RMS Announcements:

Would you prayerfully consider joining the RMS volunteers at one of these places this winter? We will be working in Sabana Grande de Boya, DR ~ **January 11-20; Haiti** (only a few openings left! Sign up today!!!) ~ **February 15-22; and Costa Rica ~ March 3-11.** Find out more information online at www.rms.org/mission-trips or contact Rob at rob@rms.org.

Stay Tuned! Details on the 2022 TASC trips are coming out soon! Dates and locations will be announced on Facebook first!

CADETS

- **Due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday, we will not be meeting on the 24th.** The next regular meeting will be **December 1.**

GEMS

- **Our next meeting is on Wednesday, December 1.** Please do your assigned lesson 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 7 and Journal Chapter 7
 - **7th Grade:** Bright Lights – Set #1: Lesson #6
 - **8th Grade:** Speak Truth: Chapter 7 and Journal Chapter 7

HSYG

- **Thanks to those who were able to come out to the event at the 3-Mile Project yesterday! We enjoyed our time with you all!**
- **Plan on meeting TONIGHT! Food responsibility: Schuiteman and Johnson. See you then!**
- **If you are interested in receiving FREE registration to convention this coming July,** you may want to consider entering your own personal design for next year's convention T-shirt. Please be sure to have your design emailed as a jpeg and pdf to reformedyouth96@gmail.com by **December 1.**
- **Ladies! Have you signed up for the Ladies' Christmas Brunch on December 4?** See the bulletin announcement under "general announcements" for more details. **Deadline is next Sunday (11/28.)**
- **Looking ahead: We will be hosting a Hymn Sing (with other invited youth groups) on Sunday, December 5, after the PM service.** We will also be privileged to hear **guest speaker, Stephen Black** that same night! Please refer to the bulletin announcement under "general announcements" for more details on Stephen Black and his ministry.

Young Adults

- **Young Adults will NOT be meeting this week, November 24.**
- **Lord willing, the LOGOS Winter Retreat,** intended for singles age 18-30, and also for married couples age 30 or younger, will be held **January 6-8, 2022,** at Cedar Lake Ministries in Cedar Lake, IN. **Rev. Andrew Knott** of New Haven URC in New Haven, Vermont, will speak to us on the theme of "Searching for Wisdom." Cost is \$170.00 (U.S.) per person for members of Cornerstone (after the church discount) for the program, housing and five delicious meals. Cost is \$290.00 for married couples under 30 at Cornerstone. The retreat begins Thursday evening with dinner and concludes with Saturday lunch. **The regular registration deadline will be midnight on Thursday, December 16;** register online at reformedyouthservices.org.

THIS WEEK AT CORNERSTONE

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| Today | 9:30 AM | Morning Worship Service |
| | 11:00 AM | Sunday School & Catechism classes |
| | 11:00 AM | Q & A time with Rev. Joel Worries (in the sanctuary) |
| | 4:15 PM | Ladies' Chorus practice |
| | 5:20 PM | Song Service |
| | 5:30 PM | Evening Worship Service |
| | 7:00 PM | HSYG |
| Monday | 7:00 PM | Missions Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday | 6:30 AM | Early Risers (Rainbow Grill in Hudsonville) |
| | | No Ladies' Wednesday night Bible Study this week |
| Thursday | 9:30 AM | THANKSGIVING DAY Worship Service |

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Offerings: **November 21 AM:** Reformed Mission Services (RMS) **PM:** Word and Deed

December 1, 4:00-6:00pm and **Thursday, December 2, 10:00am to 6:00pm**. Cash and carry items and a few special items that will be part of the silent auction. Cash and Checks only, no Credit Card sales!

- **Sportsmen's Banquet**—a fundraiser for **Love INC**—will be held on **Saturday, January 29, 2022**, at Second Church (6950 Lake Michigan Drive, Allendale). See the poster on Bulletin Board #3 for more details.

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