

# **CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

## **Bulletin Announcements for January 16, 2022**

**As a church family**, we rejoice in the voting result at the congregational meeting this past Monday evening. **Rev. Joel Worries has received a call to be the Associate Pastor at Cornerstone.** We do pray for Rev. Worries, Kayla and their children during this process, and that the Lord makes it very clear to them whether they should take this call or remain where they are. The Consistory asks the congregation to consider reaching out to Rev. Joel and Kayla Worries, encouraging them as they seek the clear will of God. Their address is **614 S. Adams Street, Wellsburg, IA 50680**. Rev. Worries' email address is: [rev.joel.worries@gmail.com](mailto:rev.joel.worries@gmail.com).

**Today**, both of our worship services will be led by **Rev. Phil Vos**. **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**.

**Today**, the sacrament of baptism will be administered to **Adelaide Christine Wassink**, infant daughter of **Zachary and Michelle Wassink**, and to **Casey Edward Bratt**, infant son of **Nicholas and Stephanie Bratt**. **The display in the center of the narthex with the roses** is there both as a reminder for our Cornerstone family to celebrate the births of **Adelaide** who was born on November 28, and **Casey** who was born on November 29, 2021, and as a visible recognition and proclamation of the sanctity of life. We praise and thank God with these parents that they have honored God's command to defend, protect and preserve life in the womb. Let us all be mindful that ALL life is precious in the sight of God; the unborn, the disabled, the handicapped and the very aged. "For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well." (Psalm 139:13-14). Continue to pray that the Lord will deliver us as a nation from the heinous evil of abortion.

### **CHURCH FAMILY**

**Our Christian sympathy** is expressed to the family of **William (Bill) Sterk** including his wife, Reet, and Bruce and Karen Sterk and family. Bill died on Thursday morning, January 13, 2022. Visitation is scheduled on Monday, January 17, beginning at 10:00am at Matthyse-Kuiper-DeGraaf Funeral Home in Grandville, with a service to follow at 11:00am. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." (Psalm 116:15)

**Karen Schuiteman** had her 7<sup>th</sup> (out of 12) chemotherapy treatment this past Monday. She feels OK and has a wonderful attitude, but she is dealing with some unique neurological side effects which are troubling. We do pray that the chemo is effective in her body. She is scheduled to have a full body pet scan on January 22.

**Bruce Shoebridge** had surgery this past Tuesday on both of his eyes because of trouble with his retinas. We praise God that the surgery went well, and we do pray for a complete recovery for Bruce.

**Tom Van Dyk** underwent his much-anticipated back surgery this past Wednesday. The surgery went well, and the doctor is very optimistic that Tom will notice a big improvement! Tom and Irene are so very thankful to God and to everyone for the love and prayers!

**Mel and Marcia Swartz** have both recently fallen on separate occasions outside their home. They are both dealing with a fractured shoulder and are scheduled to see the orthopedic surgeon on Tuesday, January 18.

**We praise God with Michael and Heather Wall** in the safe arrival of a baby boy, Jackson Tony Wall, who was delivered by c-section on Monday, January 10.

**I would like to thank the congregation** for their many ways of sympathy on the death of John Mackus. Thanks mainly for your prayers, your many cards, and the beautiful lantern. And thanks to God for the grace He gives. **Harriet VanDyke-Mackus**

**Let us remember our members** who continue to deal with physical ailments or who are shut-in, including: **Margaret Eefsting, Lillian Holthof, Marilyn Hop, Tena Kooistra, Char Kroll, Harriet Meekhof, Leah Oosterhouse, Ron Poppema, Gloria Ritzema, Karen Schuiteman, Herm and Ardy Sjoerdsma, Mel and Marcia Swartz, Geneva VanderKolk, Jean VanderMeer, Tom VanDyk, Gerrietta VanKoevering, and Millie Wolters.**

**The AM Offering on January 16** is for the **Mission Fund** – for the support of 10 missionaries throughout the world.

**The PM Offering on January 16** is for **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 January 23** is for **Redeemer Reformation Church** in Regina, Saskatchewan – **Rev. Brian Cochran** (wife Julie) is the pastor of this church plant which has 17 families / 72 members. Each Sunday, the church has two services at 11:00am and 4:30pm with a Korean service in between (led by Pastor Sung Yong Kim). They also have various Bible studies and catechism classes. The two main outreach ministries of this church are: a once / month prison service, and D-4 -- a lunch hour ministry held in the city's public school.

**The PM Offering on January 23** is for **Christian Education** – to assist families with the cost of Christian School tuition.

**Missionary of the Month:** **Rev. Andrea Ferrari** serves the Lord with Reformation Italy in Perugia, Italy. If you would like to send a note of encouragement, the mailing address is: **Rev. Andrea and Cristina Ferrari, Strada Dei Mannacchio, 206132 Mugnano, Perugia, Italy;** their email address is [andrea.cristina.ferrari@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.cristina.ferrari@gmail.com).

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Adult Sunday School** will meet in the sanctuary after the morning worship service today. All are welcome to join us! We are currently viewing a video series on Church History by Dr. W. Robert Godfrey.

**CHRISTIAN RENEWAL and OUTLOOK subscriptions** expire with the February 2021 issues. Please sign up on the sheets located under Bulletin Board #3 if you would like to continue receiving your subscription or if you would like to begin a new one. A one-year subscription to **CHRISTIAN RENEWAL is still \$40.00**, and the **OUTLOOK is still \$22.00**. 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 will be Sunday, January 30.**

**The Ladies' Tuesday Morning Bible Study** will meet **this week, January 18, at 9:45am** for refreshments and fellowship with the Bible study being held from at 10:00-11:00am. Please read **Lessons 15** and do **questions 1-3 for Study 8** on page 130 in preparation for our study. **Coffee: Nancy VanderWey and Sheryl Ulberg.**

**Family Night will be held on Wednesday, January 19,** and we will try again to have a Taco Bar! Join us beginning at 5:45 p.m. for this delicious meal. GEMS meet at 6:40pm; Cadets meet at 6:45pm, and the Adult Class begins at 7:00pm in the sanctuary and will feature a lesson on *Islam*.

**Cornerstone URC announces its Annual Women's Conference** entitled "A Holy Fear" to be held on **Friday - Saturday, March 18 - 19, 2022**, with main speaker, **Christina Fox**. This year's conference price is \$35.00 USD / person and includes refreshments on Friday evening and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. **Early registrations returned by March 1, 2022**, qualify for a reduced rate of **\$25.00**. **Brochures detailing the conference are in your mailboxes.** Place your registration form with payment in the box on the table in the narthex. Extra brochures are available on the table for you to share with family and friends! Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to fellowship with sisters in the faith as we glorify God together and grow in the knowledge of His Truth.

**Reformed Fellowship, Inc.** is sponsoring URC Missionary to Romania, **Rev. Mihai Corcea**, discussing **WHAT IS EASTERN ORTHODOXY**, and how should Reformed people respond to it? He will talk about the Eastern Orthodox Church, their identity, doctrine and practice, and how Reformed people should respond to Eastern Orthodox arguments. Rev. Corcea has firsthand experience in ministering among Eastern Orthodox people. This should be of interest and concern since many people are attracted to this religion. Please mark your calendar for **7:00 PM, Thursday, January 27, 2022**, held at **Dutton United Reformed Church**, 6950 Hanna Lake Avenue, Dutton, Michigan. Livestreaming will be available at <http://www.DuttonURC.org/live-stream/>. The Dutton young people will offer refreshments during a time of fellowship after the presentation.

## **RMS ANNOUCEMENTS**

**The Team in the Dominican Republic** finishes up and returns home this week. Please join us in prayer that they are able to finish all the work before them and for safety as they return. They are working at the ministry center in Sabana Grande de Boya and helping with an addition to an existing church.

**Young people & Youth Leaders** – you should have received the package that was mailed out to your church address! It contains details for the new method of group registration. **Group registration opens on February 1, 2022!** If you have not seen yours yet, please contact the **TASC Advisory Committee** at [tac@rms.org](mailto:tac@rms.org).

**Group Registration opens February 1 for TASC 2022!!** The locations and dates are:

**June 11-18, 2022** - Cornerstone URC ~ Sanborn, IA

**June 11-18, 2022** - Trinity URC ~ Visalia, CA

**June 18-25, 2022** - Covenant URC ~ Pantego, NC

**July 30 - August 6, 2022** - Ejido-Uruapan, Mexico ~ Mt of Olives Children's Village

**July 30 - August 6, 2022** - Oak Glen URC ~ Lansing, IL

**RMS is having three Clay Shoot Fundraisers this year.** The first is going to be on **March 5** in **Ione, CA**, at the Camanche Hills Hunting Preserve. Find out more information at: [rms.org/fundraisers](http://rms.org/fundraisers)

## **CADETS**

- **We meet this week Wednesday, January 19.** Opening ceremonies begin at 6:45pm; please be on time. Don't forget to wear complete uniforms and bring your Bible. If you are working on merit badges, don't forget your Guide Book. **3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grades**—please prepare **Lesson 12** ahead of time.
- **Advance Notice: January 28-29 is our indoor winter campout.** You may sign-up at a regular meeting or by email to [cornerstonecadets@gmail.com](mailto:cornerstonecadets@gmail.com). The deadline to sign-up at a meeting is **tonight, January 19**, or by email on or before **January 23**. If you sign-up by email, please let us know if your dad plans to attend and whether or not you need a ride on Friday, January 28. More details can be found in your cadet news email.

## **GEMS**

- **We meet THIS WEEK Wednesday, January 19, 2022.** Please do your assigned lesson as follows:
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Lesson #19 – Luke
  - **4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Lesson #25 – Mark
  - **5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Lesson #31 – Genesis
  - **6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Speak Truth: Chapter 9 and Journal Chapter 9
  - **7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Bright Lights – Set #4: Lesson #1
  - **8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Speak Truth: Chapter 9 and Journal Chapter 9

## **HSYG**

- **We plan to have our first meeting of the year TONIGHT** after the evening service. **Food responsibility: Moelker and DeHaan.**



## **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **SAVE THE DATE**: Zion Christian School invites interested families to an **Info Night on Thursday, February 10**, at 6:30pm. Whether you are interested in preschool, high school, or something in between, please consider joining us at 6:30pm for a brief overview of Zion, after which you can tour the school, meet teachers, and ask questions.

## **MISCELLANEOUS REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **A fundraiser for Love, INC ~ Sportsmen's Banquet** to be held on **Saturday, January 29, 2022**, at Second Church (6950 Lake Michigan Drive, Allendale). Several ticket options are available—see the poster on Bulletin Board #3 for more details.
- **Reformed Fellowship, Inc.** is seeking a Business Manager. This is a part-time position requiring executive ability and technological savvy and is a wonderful opportunity to further the cause of God's kingdom while employing administrative gifts. Please visit the Reformed Fellowship website for more information and contact the Board Secretary at [hope.elizabeth.staal@gmail.com](mailto:hope.elizabeth.staal@gmail.com) with questions.
- **Georgetown & Cambridge Assisted Living – Baruch Senior Ministries** seeks to honor God by serving people as they age. We are now hiring **Resident Care Specialists & Part-time Cooks**. No experience necessary; we are offering competitive wages along with an excellent training program! Our home's address: **141-151 Port Sheldon Road, Grandville, MI 49418**; Phone: **616-457-6010**; Website: [www.baruchsls.org](http://www.baruchsls.org); Email: [steve.bunce@baruchsls.org](mailto:steve.bunce@baruchsls.org).
- **Faithful Journey Quartet** will be presenting a 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary / reunion concert **THIS WEEK Saturday, January 22**, at Messiah CRC, 2900 Springdale in Hudsonville. The concert will begin at 6:30pm. Faithful Journey has been together, sharing their ministry for 10 years and several former members will be joining them to share in song. Please come and enjoy this special night, sharing God's Word in music.

## **Elder and Deacon Districts 2021-2022**

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