

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for September 17, 2023

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. Harlan VandenEinde**.

Nominations will soon be made for Elders and Deacons. Anyone who is unable to serve because of health reasons or any legitimate extenuating circumstances should notify their District Elder in writing by **October 1** giving the reason they should not be considered at this time.

Church Office hours will vary for the next two weeks as Cheryl Doll is away on vacation. Announcements are still due on Thursdays at noon. Carrie Knott will be printing the bulletins and Orders of Worship.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Chairpersons are asked to submit your 2024 budgets to the Finance Committee Chairman, Dave VanBeek, or the Bookkeeper, Judy DeWitt, by **Monday, September 25**. Committee financial reports including information for 2021, 2022, and 2023 through August will be distributed via email to assist in preparing your budgets.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study starts THIS WEEK, September 19. **It's not too late to join!** Books are available under Bulletin Board #2. **Please read the Introduction, pages 11-14, prior to our first meeting**. Join us for **coffee / refreshments from 9:45-10:00am**; class goes from **10:00-11:00am**. We are discussing *Even Better Than Eden* by Nancy Guthrie. This is a weekly study for women of all ages. Meet in the church basement; nursery provided. Contact Deanne Carbone, 616.450.0642, with questions. Looking forward to seeing you then!

THIS WEEK Wednesday, September 20, we will kick off our FAMILY NIGHT season! Family Night begins with dinner at 5:45pm and after dinner the GEMS (6:40pm) and CADETS (6:45pm) meet, and the Adult Class is at 7:00pm. Please plan to join our church family for this wonderful opportunity for Christian fellowship!!! If you plan to come for dinner, **please sign up by TODAY, September 17**, in the narthex or use the on-line signup <https://signup.com/go/RUgbcxK>. **ALL are welcome!**



The Adult Class on Wednesday's Family Nights is open to all HSYG and beyond. **Join us THIS WEEK Wednesday** for the video "Dragons Abounding: The Great Errors Confronting the Church" by Dr. Voddie Baucham. See you there!

The "Brave by Faith" Young Adult Study Group is planning a Clay Shoot/Pizza Party/with a bon-fire **THIS WEEK Saturday, September 23**, at Doug & Sheryl Ulberg's house at 4:30pm. **RSVP to Brenda Vos 616.307.2831 by TODAY!**

Young Married Couples – We are starting a new group for young married couples in their early 30's and younger at Cornerstone URC. We hope for this group to grow closer together and in your spiritual walk, through occasional fellowship times and monthly studies. We are going to start with a fellowship time at Dave & Julie VanderMeer's house (5291 Eagle Cove Drive, Hudsonville) **THIS WEEK Friday, September 22, at 6:30pm**. This will include dinner, volleyball, and a fire. **Childcare will be provided—contact Dave for information**. We will discuss ideas for a study and when is a good time to come together. **Please RSVP to Dave or Julie: djvjm5@att.net**; Dave—269-760-0771; Julie—616-893-3951.

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 NEXT WEEK Sunday, September 24.**

Post Family Farm Hayride & Bonfire: Please join the Fellowship Committee on **Friday, October 6**, at Post Family Farm for a hayride and bonfire night. Hayride not your thing? We have transportation for you to the bonfire if you choose to just attend for fellowship around the bonfire only. There will also be fun pig train rides for the younger Cornerstone members prior to the hayride. Please check your mailbox for the signup sheet with more information regarding this fun event for our church family. **Signup sheets are due by October 1**. It is important that we receive these sheets on time in order to make appropriate arrangements with the farm for hayrides, transportation to bonfire and food quantities. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Cornerstone Seniors (The Hilltoppers) will begin the new season of Bible Study on **Wednesday, October 11**, at our normal time, 9:45am for snacks, with our study beginning at 10:00am. Rev. Vos will lead our discussion. This year we will be viewing and studying a series titled **The Basics of the Christian Life** by Sinclair Ferguson. Please **pick up your copy on the center table in the narthex and read Chapter One**, titled **Becoming a Christian**. We plan to meet monthly on the second Wednesday of each month. Please mark your calendars! **ALL CORNERSTONE SENIORS AGED 60 AND ABOVE** are urged to join us, including the sunbirds when they are here.

SAVE THE DATE: A new **Saturday morning Men's Breakfast and Discussion Group** will kick off on **October 14**. The fellowship times will be **every 3rd Saturday of the month from 8:45-10:00AM**. All men ages 12 and older are encouraged to attend. We will be discussing how the gospel can transform our work and bring meaning and purpose to it. **Please sign up on the clipboard under Bulletin Board #3** so plans can be made for discussion material and food.

Small Group Bible Study is a small group of fellow church members that meet once a month to study a book decided on by the group. Are you are interested in joining or forming a new small Bible study group? Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. If you are a group that already meets and would like to change it up or if you would like to add to your group, please sign your name and indicate that on the sheet. Questions? Contact Sandi Verwolf at 616-896-3155 or sverwolf60@gmail.com.

Dinner Fellows Sign Up! Looking for a great way to get to know your fellow church members better? This is for you! Sign up on the sheet in the narthex, even if you are currently participating, and plan to meet with your group for dinner approximately four times a year. It's not a large time commitment. There will be a detailed description of what this is all about in the *Cornerstory* and in your mailbox, or you can contact Beth Kramer at 616-690-1355 or Sandi Verwolf at 616-896-3155. Check it out and sign up. Don't miss out!

Reformed Mission Services

- **Reformed Mission Services is currently in the process of gathering donations to provide further assistance to Ukraine through the Crates for Ukraine initiative.** If you would like to learn more about this endeavor and contribute to our cause, please visit our website at rms.org/crates-for-ukraine. You can also send your earmarked donations to our physical address at 6607 Center Industrial Dr., Jenison, MI 49428. Your support is greatly appreciated as we continue our mission to aid those in need.
- **Reformed Mission Services is collaborating with Westside Reformed Church in Cincinnati** regarding their new church building. RMS is committed to helping line up funding and volunteers to carry out the essential tasks. To learn more about how you can contribute through either of these avenues, please visit rms.org/wrc.
- **Come serve in Peru with Reformed Mission Services from November 28 to December 7.** RMS has been actively involved in Cusco and its neighboring villages since 2010. Explore rms.org/trips for more details. For any specific questions don't hesitate to contact Rob Brinks at rob@rms.org.

Word & Deed Prayer Update - Haiti

Insecurity has hovered over the Port-au-Prince area for more than four years and has now reached an unprecedented level. Adoration Christian School is surrounded by areas where gangs are in full control. Killings, rapes, kidnappings, and all manner of crimes dominate. Many Adoration students and staff live in these areas, and some have been forced to abandon their homes to save their lives. We are grateful that Adoration can continue educating the students and providing a safe place at this time. It is difficult to know how to respond to these situations, but we know that God is on His throne. “The Lord is enthroned as King forever. The Lord gives strength to His people” (Psalm 29:10-11). Please continue to pray for this broken country.

Right To Life - Dates to put on your calendar:

- 1) **Focus on Life Dinner** at the Pinnacle **Tuesday, October 24** - guest speaker Serena Dyksen.
- 2) **March for Life in Lansing, MI—Wednesday, November 8**, 11:00am. **See the flyer in your mailbox today!**

SAVE THE DATE ~ **A Missions Dinner** is scheduled on **Saturday, October 14**, at Bethany URC, beginning at 5:00pm with punch and hors d’oeuvres. Speakers include **Vasyl Agarkov, Rev. Cagdas Coskun, and Rev. Richard Bout**. Displays of other ministries sharing the gospel around the world will also be set up to learn more about their outreach. All donations will be divided to support the speakers’ mission. **RSVP by October 8** to bethany@bethanyurc.com.

Save the date! The 2024 O Church, Arise! Conference: The Blessing of Pursuing Peace will be held on Friday and Saturday, **March 22-23, 2024**, at Bethany URC (hosted by *the Shepherd’s way* at Bethany URC). Our main speaker will be Scott O’Malley who is the executive director of Twelve Stones Ministries in Morgantown, IN. Watch for more details and information about registration coming to our website, ochurcharise.com, in October.

CADETS

- **Our first meeting will be this week Wednesday, September 20**. Opening ceremonies will begin at 6:45pm in room 8, NE corner of the basement. We meet until 8:30pm.
- **Advance Notice: The Chuck Wagon Jamboree and camp out will be on October 13-14**. You may sign up in person starting on September 20 or you may sign up by email [cornerstonecadets@gmail.com]. See your Cadet News email for more details.

GEMS

- **Our first regular meeting is THIS WEEK Wednesday, September 20, beginning at 6:40pm**. Please do your assigned lesson as follows:
 - **3rd and 4th Grades:** Lesson #7 – Creator God
 - **5th Grade:** Lesson #12 – Names of God
 - **6th Grade:** Speak Truth: Chapters 1 and 2 and Journal Chapters 1 and 2
 - **7th Grade:** Bright Lights – Set #1: Lesson #1
 - **8th Grade:** Bright Lights – Set #1: Lesson #1

JHYG

- ***Save the Date: October 28th*** ~ we will be going to Allegan Event for a fun day of rock climbing and ropes courses. More details to come soon!

HSYG

- **We meet TONIGHT, September 17**, after the evening worship service. **Food responsibility: VanBeek.**
- **Upcoming Events / Save the Dates:** Saturday, October 7—Serve Project; Saturday, October 21—Pumpkin Carving, Road Rally Scavenger Hunt.

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 | Adult Sunday School (Fellowship Room in the basement) |
| | 4:50 PM | Song Service |
| | 5:00 PM | Evening Worship Service |
| | 6:30 PM | HSYG |
| Monday | 7:00 PM | Missions Committee |
| Tuesday | 9:45 AM | Women's Bible Study – Introduction (church basement) |
| Wednesday | 6:30 AM | Early Risers (at Arrows Restaurant—formerly Rainbow Grill) |
| | 5:45 PM | FAMILY NIGHT supper |
| | 6:40 PM | GEMS |
| | 6:45 PM | Cadets |
| | 7:00 PM | Adult Class (in the sanctuary) |
| Thursday | 6:30 PM | VBS at Presidential Estates |
| Friday | 6:30 PM | Young Married Couples Get-Together (at VanderMeer's house) |
| Saturday | 4:30 PM | “Brave by Faith” Young Adult Study Group Clay Shoot/Pizza/Bonfire (at the Ulberg's) |

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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| Offerings: | September 17 AM: Mission Fund | PM: Christian Education |
| | September 24 AM: Jehovah Jireh Ministries | PM: Peace United Reformed Church Plant (Vancouver, Washington) – Pastor Chris Coleman |
| Coffee Keepers: | September 17 – Paul & Gail Steenwyk | |
| | September 24 – Deb Brinks & Kelly Schuiteman | |
| Host Family: | September 17 – John & Joan Bouma | |
| | September 24 – Kurt & Carissa Schuiteman | |
| Nursery: | September 17 AM: Judy DeWitt, Brie Alsum | |
| | PM: Martha Horjus, Sam Knott | |
| | September 24 AM: Makayla Berens, Alayna Moelker | |
| | PM: Laura Batts, Ava Johnson | |
| Security: | September 17 AM: Eric Stuive, Kevin Schuiteman | |
| | PM: Gerald Nuiver, Randy VanderKolk | |
| | September 24 AM: Rod Westveer, Trent VanderKolk | |
| | PM: Jayson Alsum, Jake Alsum | |
| Sound: | September 17 – Bob Hulst | September 24 – Jeff Bratt |
| Ushers: | September AM: Jayson Alsum, Jake Alsum, Reece Alsum, Kevin Bonzelaar. | |
| | PM: Aaron Batts, Benjamin Batts, Andrew Batts, Levi Batts | |

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Zion Christian School** is actively searching for a new **School Administrator**. We invite qualified and experienced candidates with a heart for Christian education and the Reformed faith to inquire about this important opportunity. Please contact our board president, Mike Toonstra, at mtoonstra@zionchristian.net if you know of anyone who might be interested in this position.

- Join us **THIS WEEK Saturday, September 23**, at Diamond Springs Golf Course for **Zion Christian's Mountaineer Golf Outing**. To register or get more information contact events@zionchristian.net.
- **Attention all Calvin University students!** All are welcome to a Reformed Bible Study on the Calvin campus. This will be held **each Friday at 4:00 PM** in 315 Hiemenga Hall and will be led by Rev. Mitchell Dick. We will be discussing the book of Romans. Please prayerfully consider attending this Study! A break from the school grind; an opportunity to grow in the knowledge of Scripture; a way to meet people and to encourage fellow believers in the faith. See you there!

MISCELLANOUS REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Hope Heralds Men's Chorus** season-ending concert will be held **TONIGHT, September 17**, at Trinity Protestant Reformed Church at **7:45 PM** (3385 Van Buren Street, Hudsonville, MI 49426). Join us as we conclude our season in praise to God. To God be the glory!
- **All are invited to Grant Me Hope's 8th Annual Family FUNfest**, from noon-6:00pm **THIS WEEK Saturday, September 23**, at Nelis' Dutch Village and Holland Town Center. This FUN, FAMILY EVENT includes a picnic lunch; a semi-truck show, and a custom car and motorcycle show (trophies awarded, \$20 per registered vehicle); admission to Nelis' Dutch Village, with its rides, games, shops, history, and flower gardens. **FREE WILL DONATIONS support Grant Me Hope's mission** to find loving, adoptive homes for foster children before they age out of foster care facing homelessness. Our three goals are to educate America about the plight of foster children, recruit more foster families and get foster children adopted. Grant Me Hope produces videos of foster children who hope for adoption and air them on partnering television stations and social media. For those who age out, the Grant Me Hope Homes offer shelter, guidance, job coaching and mentoring to youth who would otherwise be alone.
- **TREASURER SOUGHT: Reformed Fellowship** seeks nominations for a board member with strong financial background to serve as treasurer. The treasurer serves as financial advisor to the board and staff, as well as participating in general board business. This is a three-hour monthly volunteer commitment which can be fulfilled remotely. Physical location in the West Michigan area is not required. Contact General Manager Hope Staal at 616-304-9396 or via email at office@reformedfellowship.net.
- **Join Keys for Kids Ministries** for our annual **Celebration Dinner** featuring Christian recording group **Point of Grace on October 5**. We will also be presenting our Impact Award. This event will be held at the Pinnacle Center in Hudsonville, MI. Please visit www.keysforkids.org/dinner for more information and to RSVP.
- **You are cordially invited to "An Evening with Westminster Seminary California"** with President Joel E. Kim on Thursday, **October 19**, from 6:00 – 9:00 pm at the Sunnybrook Country Club, Grandville, MI. Come see and hear about the fruit of God's blessings at WSC. You will not be asked to make a donation and there is no charge for the dinner, but a reservation is necessary. For more information, call Norm Van Solkema at 616-862-6214. **Please RSVP** by phone to Rachel Kats at 888-480-8474 or email rkats@wscal.edu for reservations **by October 5**.
- **Mid-America Reformed Seminary's Center for Missions and Evangelism 2023 National Conference** is scheduled on **October 6-7, 2023**, at Bethel Church in Lansing Illinois. This year, our conference, "**Beyond the Walls: Faithful Mission in an Age of Adversity**," will bring encouragement to church leaders and lay people alike by focusing on what it looks like to do faithfully reformed, outward-facing ministry in an age of adversity. Our speakers will address crucial topics that speak to the mission and identity of the church in a world full of darkness and confusion. Only the gospel of Jesus Christ offers any meaningful hope; and through God's Word and Spirit, the Church continues to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Our speakers include Richard Bout, Tom Hawkes, Marcus Mininger, Chad Vegas, Cornelis Venema and Eric Watkins. More information and registration at www.midamerica.edu/cme/conference.
- **Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary's Annual Clay Shooting Sports Fundraiser** is coming **Saturday October 7**, at the Deer Creek Hunt Club in Three Oaks, MI. (deercreekhuntclub.com). Registration begins at 8:30am EASTERN time. Stations open at 9:30am Eastern time. The cost is \$125 per person for shells, 14 stations, with coffee and pastries included. Come join us for a morning of fun and fellowship and help support Divine Hope. If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute you can send contributions to Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary at P.O. Box 638, DeMotte, IN, 46310, or you may contribute by credit card or paypal on our website at divinehope.net/giving. While pre-registration is not required, you may pre-register if you like by sending an email to divinehopedanville@yahoo.com. Please indicate your name, the number

of shooters in your group and the number of 12 gauge or 20-gauge shotguns in your group.

- **Save the date! The Zeeland Civic Chorus** will begin rehearsing for Handel's *Messiah* every Sunday at 2:15-3:45pm from **October 8 -- November 26** at First PRC of Holland. Final rehearsals will be November 28 and December 4 at 7:00 pm. Performances will be at 7:00pm on Thursday, **November 30**, and Tuesday, **December 5**. Please join us in singing God's praise together. Invite your friends!
- **Save the Dates: HAVEN of Mercy** invites you to hear advocate and survivor Rachael DenHollander and pastor and counselor Chris Moles speak at their HAVEN '24 Conference: *A Biblical and Compassionate Response to Abuse in the Church*. The event will take place 7:00PM-10:00PM on **January 12**, and 8:30AM-12:30PM on **January 13**, at Fairhaven Church in Hudsonville, MI. Rachael and Chris will each give three speeches, and opportunities will be provided for Q&A and meet-and-greet. Tickets and information about paid livestream options and sponsorship opportunities will be available soon. Please visit our website at www.havenofmercypr.org for more information about our organization. We look forward to seeing you at HAVEN '24!

Cornerstone United Reformed Church Elder and Deacon Districts 2023-2024

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