

# CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

## Bulletin Announcements for November 19, 2023

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

Our Thanksgiving Day Worship Service will be held **THIS WEEK Thursday, November 23, 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.

Our Thanksgiving Day Offering has been designated for **Gateway Mission** and **Jehovah Jireh Ministries**. Please prayerfully consider how you can bless these ministries with your gifts. Thank you! **The Deacons**

Next Sunday, our morning worship service will be led by **Rev. Phil Vos**, and our evening worship service will be led by **Rev. James Admiraal**.

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

Profession of Faith: Malachi Stuive recently appeared before the Consistory and made profession of his faith which the Consistory received with joy and thankfulness. We will have the privilege of hearing his public profession of faith during the morning service **next week Sunday, November 26**.

The annual Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for **Monday, December 4, at 7:00 PM**. The Council presents the following men as nominees for the offices of Elder and Deacon: **For Elder: Jayson Alsum, Dan DeVries, John Emelander, David Hondred, Tom Kerkstra, Randy Moorman, and Duwayne Newenhouse**. (4 to be elected); and **For Deacon: Devin Berens, Aaron Gras, Eric Renkema, Jason Sterk, Gary Veldhof, and Mitch Wagner** (3 to be elected). **The proposed budgets for 2024** (General, Building, Mission, and Christian Education); **three proposals from the Building & Grounds Committee**, and **Updated Church Bylaws** will be voted on. Details are in your narthex mailbox today. **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.

The Adult Sunday School meets in the Fellowship Room downstairs after the morning worship service. All are welcome to join us! We are currently viewing a video series on *The New Birth* by Dr. Steve Lawson.

Thanksgiving Day Choir will practice **after the evening service at 6:30pm** in the sanctuary. All those ages **high school and above are invited to join the choir to sing for our Thanksgiving Day worship service**.

As many of you know, Cornerstone has been volunteering at **Sus Manos Gleaners** once a month on a Wednesday morning. The High School Youth Group has also volunteered there several times as well. Sus Manos is currently preparing 5,000 meals for the people in Israel. **The HSYG has secured a spot to go and serve this coming Monday (TOMORROW), November 20, from 3:30-5:30pm**. We could use more help!! If you are interested in coming and serving alongside the youth group for this 2-hour time, **text Sheryl Ulberg at 616-262-5353**.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study **WILL NOT meet this week due to Thanksgiving**. We plan to meet again on Tuesday, **November 28**. Please read **Chapter 4 – The Story of Clothing** of *Even Better Than Eden* by Nancy Guthrie and **do Personal Bible Study questions 9-15** in preparation for this study.

Please get your reservation in for the upcoming Family Night Christmas Dinner on December 6. The delicious chicken dinner buffet will be available from 5:45 – 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required by signing up

in the narthex or online at <https://signup.com/go/XdAZtAA>. We will be having a Christmas hymn sing in the basement, there will be special numbers (if you want to do one, please let Brenda Vos know asap), and other special surprises. All are welcome! The GEMS and CADETS will be meeting, but there will be no adult class.

**Sus Manos Gleaners** ~ We are scheduled for volunteering on **Wednesday, November 29, from 9:20-11:20am (new time just for that week)**. Also looking ahead, we are scheduled for **Wednesday, December 20, at 8:30-11:00am**. Please join us even if you haven't done it before. We would love to see new people come and help! If you have any questions, contact **Lynda DeBoer**.

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Deacons are hosting a breakfast for **widows, widowers, and senior couples / singles** on Saturday, **December 9, at 9:00am** in the church basement. Transportation is available. Please sign up on the sheets under Bulletin Board #3.

**The Sunday School Christmas Program** will be on **December 10 at 4:30 p.m.** Following the evening service, we will have a time for fellowship in the basement. The Fellowship Committee will be supplying buns with ham or turkey, and **we are looking for volunteers to bring Christmas goodies**. If you are willing to do this, please **sign up in the narthex**.

**The Cornerstone Seniors, also known as The Hilltoppers** will hold their monthly Bible Study **Wednesday** morning, **December 13**, beginning at 9:45am with a short time of fellowship and 'coffee.' Beginning at 10:00am, we will return to our study of the video series titled *The BASICS of the CHRISTIAN LIFE* by Sinclair Ferguson. We will be viewing Lesson 3 titled *BELONGING TO THE CHURCH*. These lessons are very good and lead to some great discussions led by Pastor Vos (COPIES OF THE STUDY GUIDE MAY BE FOUND IN THE NARTHEX). Following the lesson, we will be going to The Arrows for lunch. **We urge all our seniors (and friends) aged 60 and older to join us!**

#### **SAVE THE DATES:**

- **Family Night Dinner 5:30 p.m. & Caroling night 6:30 p.m. – December 20** ~ Reservations required.
- **Christmas Day Worship: December 25 at 9:30 a.m.**
- **Cornerstone Family Bowling Night: January 19 – 5:30-7:30 p.m.**



The latest edition of the IRBC Newsletter can be accessed via the QR code provided in this announcement, and a paper copy was distributed in your mailbox last week. Please be in prayer for the 100+ students in six states who are currently taking the *IRBC Basic Training Course in Reformed Biblical Counseling*, along with the ten students currently receiving advanced training towards counseling certification. Pray also for the counselors at all of the *Shepherd's Way Biblical Counseling Centers*, and for our supervising counselors who are mentoring new counselors. Finally, please pray that the LORD will bless the efforts being made to establish new centers in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and in Lynden, Washington.

#### **Reformed Mission Services**

- **Are you a teenager seeking a meaningful way to serve Christ?** If so, Teens Actively Serving Christ (TASC) is calling your name! Check out the six 2024 locations and dates at [rms.org/tasc](https://rms.org/tasc). Reservations and registrations kick off in February. Have questions about our TASC program? Send us a message at [tasc@rms.org](mailto:tasc@rms.org).
- **Join RMS in building a new parsonage for the local Reformed Church in Campeche, Mexico!** Estimated at \$50,000, this project needs your support. We're also seeking skilled and unskilled volunteers for foundation work, block laying, carpentry, and masonry. RMS plans to send a team in March 2024. To contribute please earmark donations for "Campeche" or contact Jim at [jim@rms.org](mailto:jim@rms.org). If you're interested in joining the trip, connect with Rob at [rob@rms.org](mailto:rob@rms.org).
- **Reformed Mission Services needs your support to acquire land in Los Cuadros, Costa Rica**, for a worship space and parsonage. Because of generous donors like you, we've secured over half of the needed funds! Your contribution can make a lasting impact, providing a secure space for worship and ministry. Visit [rms.org/projects](https://rms.org/projects) for details and a video by Rev. Bill Green.

## CADETS

- Cadets will not meet this week Wednesday, November 22. Our next regular meeting will be on November 29.
- Advanced Notice: December 5 will be our gym night; there will be no regular meeting activities.

## GEMS

- Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 6, beginning at 6:40pm. Please do your assigned lesson as follows:
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Lesson #23 – Bible Study Skills
  - **5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Lesson #29 – Angels
  - **6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Speak Truth: Chapters 8 and 9 and Journal Chapters 8 and 9
  - **7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Bright Lights – Set #1: Lesson #6
  - **8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Bright Lights – Set #1: Lesson #6

## JHYG

- SAVE THE DATE: JHYG Volunteer Opportunity at Sus Manos Gleaners on Saturday, December 16 from 8:30AM - 11:00AM. Please let **Carrie Knott** know if you are able to attend **(616) 690-0791.**

## HSYG

- **Our next meeting is TONIGHT** after the evening service. **Food responsibility: HSYG Leaders.**
- **Mark your calendars** for the **Hymn Sing** on December 3 at Bethel URC and our **Christmas party** on December 10 at Ulberg's house after the morning service.

### Young Adults

- **Cornerstone URC will be hosting a Hymn Sing** for the area's Young Adults **NEXT WEEK Sunday, November 26,** after the evening worship service. There will be supper provided before the hymn sing. We plan to eat at around 7:00pm and start singing at 8:00pm. **Please bring a side or a dessert to share.** Invite your friends!

## THIS WEEK AT CORNERSTONE

<b>Today</b>	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School and Catechism classes
	11:00 AM	Adult Sunday School (basement Fellowship Room)
	4:50 PM	Song Service
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
	6:30 PM	HSYG
	6:30 PM	Thanksgiving Day Choir practice (sanctuary)
<b>Monday</b>	3:30 PM	HSYG to Sus Manos Gleaners – <b>ALL are invited to help!</b>
	7:00 PM	Missions Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	Early Risers (Arrows Restaurant in Hudsonville)
	7:00 PM	Young Adults Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b> Worship Service

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**Offerings:**    **November 19 AM:** Reformed Mission Services (RMS)    **PM:** Word and Deed  
**November 23 – Thanksgiving Day:** Gateway Mission and Jehovah Jireh Ministries  
**November 26 AM:** Building Fund  
**PM:** Indy Reformed Church (Indianapolis, IN) - Pastor Austin Reifel

**Coffee Keepers:**    **November 19** – Larry & Carol Huttinga  
**November 26** – Paul & Gail Steenwyk

**Host Family:**    **November 19** – Larry & Carol Huttinga  
**November 26** – Everyone

**Nursery:**    **November 19 AM:** Sarah Schuiteman, Brie Alsum  
**PM:** Carrie Knott, Sam Knott  
**November 23 – Thanksgiving Day:** Tanya Sterk  
**November 26 AM:** Sarah Moelker, Alayna Moelker  
**PM:** Julie Johnson, Ava Johnson

**Security:**    **November 19 AM:** Scott DenHerder, Noah Beute    **First Responder:** Nancy Kerkstra  
**PM:** Dan Deppe, Patrick Carbone  
**November 23 – Thanksgiving Day:** John Emelander, Josh VanderMeer  
**First Responder:** Sarah Moelker  
**November 26 AM:** Eric Stuive, Keith Schuiteman    **First Responder:** Beth Kramer  
**PM:** Bob Hop, Kevin Schuiteman

**Sound:**    **November 19** – Noah Beute  
**November 23 – Thanksgiving Day** – Bob Hulst  
**November 26** – Jeff Bratt

**Ushers:**    **November AM:** Aaron Gras, Joe DeWitt, Steve Johnson, Walter Horjus  
**PM:** Daniel MacGraw, Henry Haveman, Mike Hodges, Jacob Hodges

### **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Zion Christian School** is actively searching for a new **School Administrator** and **Director of Development**. We invite qualified and experienced candidates with a heart for Christian education and the Reformed faith to inquire about these important opportunities. Please contact our board president, Mike Toonstra, at [mtoonstra@zionchristian.net](mailto:mtoonstra@zionchristian.net) if you know of anyone who might be interested in this position. More information on each position and to apply, use these links: [Zion Christian School - Director of Development](#) or [Zion Christian School - Administrator \(Head of School\)](#).
- **Unity Christian High School** is proud to present the musical *Holiday Inn*. Performances are scheduled for **7:00pm on November 30 and December 1 and at 5:00pm on December 2**. Performances will take place at the Hudsonville High School Auditorium on Allen Street. This is a show all ages will love! Tickets are on sale for \$8.00 each. All tickets are sold online on our website ([www.unitychristian.org](http://www.unitychristian.org)) under “Parent Resources.” You are able to choose your own seats and pay online.

### **MISCELLANOUS REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Come celebrate the arrival of the Christmas season with the 104<sup>th</sup> performance of Handel’s *Messiah* by the Calvin Oratorio Society.** Performances will take place in Calvin University’s Covenant Fine Arts Center on Friday, **December 1**, at 7:30pm and Saturday, **December 2**, at 3:00pm. Tickets can be purchased online

at [calvin.universiticket.com](http://calvin.universiticket.com) or use the QR code on the poster located on Bulletin Board #3.

- **The Zeeland Civic Chorus** is preparing to perform Handel's *Messiah* again this Christmas season. Please join us in celebrating the Good News together through beautiful Baroque music sourced directly from Scripture. The first performance is to be held at **First CRC of Zeeland at 7:00pm on November 30**. The second is to be held at **Central Avenue CRC in Holland at 7:00pm on December 5**.
- **You are invited to a free presentation** at Immanuel Fellowship Church in Kalamazoo by **David Bahnsen on the glory of work**. David is a financial advisor, author, lecturer, and television commentator. His book *Full Time: Work and the Meaning of Life* is scheduled to be released in February 2024, but on **Tuesday, December 12**, at 7:00 PM you can hear David present from his book and answer audience questions. His speech is called “Work: The Verb of Economics.” David believes that through work—effort, service, striving—of every kind, we discover our meaning and purpose; a significant and successful life is one rooted in full-time productivity and cultivation of God’s created world. There is no need to register but it would be helpful if you would indicate your interest by emailing [reformedifc@gmail.com](mailto:reformedifc@gmail.com).
- **Westminster Seminary California - 2024 Annual Conference ~ *Our Aim is Love***. You are cordially invited to join us for the 2024 Annual Conference to be held on **January 19-20**. We will examine how we, as believers, may faithfully carry out the stewardship of God’s grace entrusted to us so that we build one another up in love. For more information or to register, call (888) 480-8474 or visit [www.wscal.edu](http://www.wscal.edu). **Early bird discount rates end December 1**.

**Cornerstone United Reformed Church  
Elder and Deacon Districts  
2023-2024**

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24 Henry VanderWey  
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25 Jeff Berens  
26 Kurt Schuiteman

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24 Jon Knott  
25 Jake Lengkeek  
24 Nick Bratt, Treasurer

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