

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for January 21, 2024

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. Allen Petroelje** (Borculo CRC).

Profession of Faith: **Jacob Alsum** 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 Sunday, January 28.

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. We are beginning a new video series entitled *The Necessity of Reforming the Church* led by W. Robert Godfrey. **All are welcome to join us!**

CHRISTIAN RENEWAL and OUTLOOK subscriptions expire with the February 2024 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 \$45.00, and the OUTLOOK is \$25.00. 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, January 28.**

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will **NOT MEET** this week, January 23. In preparation for our study on January 30, please read **Chapter 7 – The Story of Offspring** of *Even Better Than Eden* by Nancy Guthrie and do **Personal Bible Study questions 1-6**. We plan to have our luncheon after our meeting on January 30.

Sus Manos Gleaners ~ We are scheduled again for volunteering **THIS WEEK Wednesday, January 24**, and **Wednesday, February 7**, from **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**.

Senior Game Night—Cornerstone members who are 60+ ~ **Please grab your friends and come get to know the highschoolers at Cornerstone. The date is THIS WEEK Saturday, January 27, from 2:00-4:00pm** with dinner to follow. We appreciate all you do for us, so we would like to do something for you! We will be having a special afternoon activity doing fun age-appropriate games, we will have snacks, prizes, and supper before you go home. We will also have the bus available for pick up upon request. Will you join us? If so, **please sign up in the narthex at Cornerstone**. Contact the youth leaders with any questions (Elijah & Emily Stuive, Mike & Amanda Hodges, Doug & Sheryl Ulberg, or Rob & Deb Brinks).

Right to Life – **As Christians, we are called to defend the weak, from fertilization to natural death.** However, many Christians avoid politics and controversy. We are called to stand for what the Bible teaches, and the Bible is unequivocally prolife! While it is discouraging and disheartening to hear statistics that over 63 million babies have been aborted in the US since 1973, we can feel powerless but be encouraged. Galatians 6:9 – “and let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season, we will reap, if we do not give up!” **Please stand alongside us and join or renew your Right to Life membership.** Return your check and form in the envelope provided to the footprint box under **Bulletin Board #2** by **Wednesday, February 7**. Thank you, the RTL Committee.

The Valentine's Dinner is being planned for **Friday, February 9**. Please see the invitation that was in your church mailbox. **RSVP's are due next Sunday, January 28** (there is NO cost for this dinner) to the box in the narthex. Contact any member of the Fellowship Committee for more information.

The Brave by Faith Young Adult Group will have the next meeting on **Sunday, February 11**, at Doug & Sheryl Ulberg's home at 7:00 p.m. All Young Adults are welcome!

Cornerstone Cooks: If you are willing, please donate some single serving meals for the Agape Freezer. We want to be able to bless anyone who needs a meal at any time!

CORNERSTONE SENIORS! Our next Bible study will be on **Wednesday February 14**. Coffee and snacks at 9:45am. At 10:00am Pastor Vos will lead us in watching and discussing Lesson 4 from the study titled *The Basics of The Christian Life* by Sinclair Ferguson. This lesson is titled **THE MEANS OF GRACE: GOD'S WORD**. This is an excellent study from the Ligonier Ministries, and it is never too late to join us in the study of HIS WORD. **Please mark the date on your calendar!**

Make plans to attend CURC's Annual Women's Conference to be held on **Friday-Saturday, March 15 - 16**, here at Cornerstone URC. Our main speaker is Megan Hill who will speak on *God's Grace in Seasons of Change: Finding Certain Hope in Uncertain Times*. Brochures detailing the conference are in your narthex mailbox. There are extra copies on the table in the narthex—feel free to give them to your family and friends! This year's conference price is \$40.00 USD / person and includes refreshments on Friday evening and coffee bar and lunch on Saturday. Early registrations received by March 1, 2024, qualify for a reduced rate of \$30.00. 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. For more information, contact Cornerstone URC, Hudsonville, Michigan, by visiting www.cornerstonewomensconference.com or by calling 616-669-2190.

Reformed Mission Services

- **Reservation for TASC opens at Noon EST on Saturday, February 3!** Make sure to sign up early as it is first come, first served! Visit rms.org/tasc for more information!
 - **June 8-15 ~ Grace URC - Alto, MI**
 - **June 15-22 ~ Trinity URC - Visalia, CA**
 - **June 22-29 ~ Hudson Valley URC - New Hampton, NY**
 - **June 22-29 ~ Redeemer OPC - Ada, MI**
 - **July 6-13 ~ Covenant Reformed - Pella, IA**
 - **July 27-August 3 ~ Oak Glen URC - Ejido-Uruapan, MX**

Feel free to reach out to us at tasc@rms.org with any specific questions regarding the new rules for reserving spots!

- **Funding and Volunteers are needed to help RMS build a parsonage in Campeche, Mexico!** Visit rms.org/campeche for more information about how to join us **March 5-13, 2024**. Visit rms.org/projects to learn more about the project.
- **Join Reformed Mission Services from April 11-19 on a trip to San José, Costa Rica.** We will be working with **Rev. Bill and Aletha Green** on various tasks in the area. For more information and to sign up, visit rms.org/Costa-Rica.

Right To Life Events / Needs: (If you have any questions, please contact Beth Kramer or Irene VanDyk)

- **The Sanctity of Life Walk and Memorial Service** will be held on **Saturday, January 20**. The walk will begin at 11:00am at the corner of 10th and Central Avenue in Holland, and we will be walking around Centennial Park until 11:30am; followed by a Service of Remembrance and Encouragement until noon in the Sanctuary of Central Avenue CRC (259 Central Ave, Holland 49423).
- **Project Hope Packages:** For the next 4 weeks we will be **collecting items** for first night bags for kids entering foster care. Our February 8 meeting will be putting supplies into backpacks. **A box is on the table by Bulletin Board #1**. Please help us show Christ's love and support for them by supplying the **following items needed for children sizes 12, 14, 16: PJ's, socks, underwear, small throw blanket, Teen body wash, Deodorant, African-American hair care products, toothpaste (but NO toothbrushes), backpacks or duffle bags.**
- **Right to Life Oratory Contest** is on **Thursday, March 14**, at 7:00pm. Registrations are due by **February 27**. More information is posted on Bulletin Board #3.
- **Family Life Center in Allendale needs Baby wipes: Regular, Sensitive Skin and Unscented.** The box for

these is next to the box for Project Hope Packages.

The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling (IRBC) is an interdenominational organization that is committed to train Christians to counsel in the light of God's truth from a reformed perspective. It is also committed to assisting confessional congregations across the U.S. in establishing reformed biblical counseling centers. IRBC is now accepting applications for the position of Executive Director. Please visit our website (reformedbiblicalcounseling.org) for a job description and online application form. **Application deadline: March 30, 2024.**

CADETS

- **We meet this week Wednesday, January 24.** Opening ceremonies will begin at 6:45pm; please be on time and wear complete uniforms. The Bible lesson this week is A-Lesson 13 “It’s Your Serve!” for 3rd – 5th grades, and B-Lesson 8 “The Church’s Officers” for 6th – 8th grades; Counselors, that is B-Lesson 8 “The Church’s Officers.”
- **The indoor, winter campout is this weekend, January 26-27. If you signed up for a ride, then please be at church before 6:00pm so that we can leave church at 6:00pm.** If you are driving yourself, then see the “Cadet News” email for details. We will likely return around 1:00pm on Saturday.

GEMS

- **Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 31, beginning at 6:40pm—PJ/COMFY NIGHT (NOT A FAMILY NIGHT).** Please do your assigned lesson as follows:
 - **3rd and 4th Grades:** Lesson #25 – Mark
 - **5th Grade:** Lesson #31 – Genesis
 - **6th Grade:** Speak Truth: Chapters 11 and 12 and Journal Chapters 11 and 12
 - **7th Grade:** Bright Lights – Set #3: Lessons #1 and #2
 - **8th Grade:** Bright Lights – Set #3: Lessons #1 and #2

HSYG

- **HSYG will meet TONIGHT** after the evening service. **Food responsibility: Jeff Miedema & Chad and Jill Spoelma.**
- **Reminder of our Senior Game Night this week Saturday, January 27, from 2:00-4:00pm with dinner to follow.**
- **Sign up for the convention starts January 22nd!**

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 (basement Fellowship Room) |
| | 4:50 PM | Song Service |
| | 5:00 PM | Evening Worship Service |
| | 6:30 PM | HSYG |
| Monday | 6:30 PM | Deacons |
| | 7:00 PM | Fellowship Committee Meeting (Bible study room in church basement) |
| Tuesday | | NO Women’s Bible Study |
| Wednesday | 6:30 AM | Early Risers (Arrows Restaurant in Hudsonville) |
| | 8:30 AM | Volunteer Opportunity at Sus Manos Gleaner (until 11:00 AM) |
| | 6:45 PM | Women’s Bible Study – Week 7 ~ “Suffering and Glory of the Messiah |

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| | 6:45 PM | Cadets |
| | 7:00 PM | Young Adults Study |
| Thursday | 6:30 PM | VBS at Presidential Estates |
| | 7:00 PM | Women’s book study Chapter 8 – “Lies Women Believe about Raising Children” |
| Friday | 6:00 PM | Cadets leave for Indoor Winter Campout |
| Saturday | 1:00 PM | Cadets return from Indoor Winter Campout |
| | 2:00 PM | HSYG hosting “Senior Game Night” & dinner (until 4:30 PM) |

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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| Offerings: | January 21 AM: Mission Fund | PM: Jehovah Jireh Ministries |
| | January 28 AM: Redeemer Reformation URC – Saskatchewan – Pastor Brian Cochran | PM: Building Fund |
| Coffee Keepers: | January 21 – Walt & Deb Decker | |
| | January 28 – Larry & Carol Huttinga | |
| Host Family: | January 21 – Kurt & Carissa Schuiteman | |
| | January 28 – Rev. Phil & Brenda Vos | |
| Nursery: | January 21 AM: Carissa Schuiteman, MacKenzie Stuive | |
| | PM: Bonnie Bratt, Sam Knott | |
| | January 28 AM: Lori DeVries, Alayna Moelker | |
| | PM: Cheryl Doll, Ava Johnson | |
| Security: | January 21 AM: Jeff Berens, Mason Berens | First Responder: Sarah Moelker |
| | PM: Dan Beute, Scott DenHerder | |
| | January 28 AM: Dan Deppe, Patrick Carbone | First Responder: Kurt Schuiteman |
| | PM: John Emelander, Noah Beute | |
| Sound: | January 21 – Bob Hulst | January 28 – Jeff Bratt |
| Ushers: | January AM: Keith Schuiteman, Trent VanderKolk, Jared VanderKolk, Chad Spoelma | |
| | PM: Jason Sterk, Eric Stuive, Elijah Stuive, Malachi Stuive | |

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Hudsonville Christian School** invites you to their **Early Childhood Exploration Open House THIS WEEK Thursday, January 25**. You will have an opportunity to hear about the Early Childhood programs we offer, visit classrooms, meet the teachers, and hear about how God is at work at HCS. This is a parent only event that will begin in the East Elementary Gym at 6:30 PM. Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year will begin that night. Visit www.hudsonvillechristian.org for more information.
- **Unity Christian High School** is hosting New Student Nights on **January 22, 24, 29, February 5, 7, and 12**. If you have a current 8th grader and are interested in learning more about Unity and signing up for an evening, please contact Julie Essebaggers at 669-1820 or jessebaggers@unitychristian.org.
- **Unity Christian High School** has several teaching positions open for the 2024-25 academic year. If you or someone you know is looking for a new teaching opportunity, please visit Unity’s website for more details and instructions on how to apply (www.unitychristian.org/connect/EmploymentOpportunities). Positions

available are: Full time – Science, Spanish, STEM; Part time – Industrial Arts, Art.

- **Zion Christian School** is still looking for a girls' varsity soccer coach. Additionally, we need a boys' JV and boys middle school coach for next fall. Anyone interested please contact Joel Bont (jbont@zionchristian.net) or fill out an application (<https://zionchristian.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Coach-Application.pdf>).
- **Zion Christian School invites YOU!** On **February 8, at 6:30 pm**, Zion will host an **Info Night** for all **new and inquiring families for the 24-25 school year**, specifically, but not restricted to, those families with children starting school for the first time. This is your chance to get all your answers to questions about a new school, Zion's school environment, bussing, curriculum, administration, and more! This is your chance to meet the teachers, tour the school, and meet other prospective families. On **January 26 and February 16**, Zion welcomes new and inquiring parents and students to see what school looks like during the session. You will be able to meet teachers and fellow students during the school day. We want to allow you to see classrooms in action. Hoping to see you there!

MISCELLANEOUS REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.

Cornerstone United Reformed Church Elder and Deacon Districts 2023-2024

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