

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for March 31, 2024

Today, our morning worship service will be led by **Rev. Phil Vos**, and our evening worship service will be led by **Rev. Mark VanderHart** from Mid-America Reformed Seminary. **Next Sunday**, both of our worship services will be led by **Rev. Phil Vos**.

Family Visitations are scheduled on **Tuesday, April 16**, and **Thursday, April 18**, and again on **Tuesday, April 23**, and **Thursday, April 25**. For those of you who received a schedule from the Elders **in your mailbox**, please be prepared to meet on the date and time indicated on the schedule. We pray that these visits may be a spiritual blessing to all, and that we may be able to build up one another in the faith.

From the First Responders: If you would like an **emergency contact on file** for the First Responders in case of an emergency, please give Cheryl Doll your contact information and she will compile a list for the First Responders. Thank you!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning after the worship service, coffee and chocolate chip cookies will be served in the narthex in honor of Pastor Vos's recent birthday! Happy Birthday, Pastor Vos!

Sunday School and Catechism classes will NOT MEET today (Easter) or next Sunday, April 7 (Spring Break). Classes resume again on April 14.

The Cornerstone URC April 2024 Events & Prayer Calendars are available on the table in the narthex.

Copies of the URCNA Missionary Prayer Requests for the month of APRIL 2024 from URCNA Missions Coordinator, Pastor Rich Bout, are available on the table in the narthex for those who do not receive the e-mail Prayer Postings. Let us fervently remember these brothers and their families in our prayers this month.

Today is the deadline to reserve your spot in the Ladies Spring/Summer Bible study which will begin on **April 17** and go through the spring and summer months (1st and 3rd Wednesdays most of the time). Books will be ordered tomorrow! Questions, contact Brenda Vos.

The Women's Conference Committee will meet **Monday, April 1**, at **6:30pm** in the old youth group room.

Sus Manos Gleaners Volunteer Opportunity! Our next scheduled time is **THIS WEEK Wednesday, April 3**, from **8:30-11:00am**. **See you there!** Looking ahead, we are also scheduled on Wednesday, **May 15**, from **9:00-11:00am**.

Casual Connections II will be meeting **this Thursday, April 4**, at **6:00pm**. Even if you don't have a craft or project, please come – we still want you to come and visit. If you need a ride, please contact Irene VanDyk.

Cornerstone Seniors / Hilltoppers ~ Mark your calendar—**Wednesday, April 10**, will be our last Bible Study meeting this spring. We will again be viewing the video series *The Basics of the Christian Life* Lesson 6 titled "Means of Grace: Baptism." Our meeting will begin with snacks at 9:45am, and Rev. Vos will lead our discussion after we view the video. **Come one, come all!**

The deadline to turn in items for the May Cornerstory is on April 18. Snowman pictures for our snowman competition must be turned in by then, as well as graduation information, and any other newsy information. **GRADUATES:** If you are graduating from Kindergarten, 8th grade, 12th grade, or college, please send your information to cornerstory@hotmail.com so we can include you in the next Cornerstory!

The Saturday Men's Breakfast Discussion Group will be meeting on **April 20**. Our discussion at this gathering

will center upon two questions: “Is full-time ministry more valuable than my job?” and “Am I ‘called’ to my job?” All men are encouraged to join us. Please sign up in the narthex for planning purposes.

A Ladies’ Brunch is being planned for April 27 at 9:30 a.m. at church. All ladies are welcome and you are encouraged to bring a friend, daughter, mother, sister, etc...! **Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to come,** and also **choose one of the food items to donate** to help with the delicious brunch buffet.

There are a limited number of free copies of a booklet entitled, *A Lifestyle of Intentional Peacemaking*, on the table in narthex for those who are interested. The booklet was written to accompany “The Blessing of Peace” Conference hosted by the Shepherd’s Way Biblical Counseling Center (G.R. Central) last weekend. The booklet will give you theological insights into the “Counsel of Peace” wherein God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, established a covenant between themselves in eternity, to redeem the elect throughout time. Their redemption through Christ’s sacrifice on the cross would render them completely forgiven, justified, reconciled to God’s fellowship, and adopted into His household. In short, their redemption would enable them to enjoy peace with God and the loving favor of their Heavenly Father forever. The booklet also provides some practical insights on how to be used as an instrument in the hands of Jesus Christ—the Prince of Peace—to be a peacemaker. **May God be pleased to make us all intentional peacemakers for the sake of His glory, the good of His church, and the good of mankind.** “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.” (Matthew 5:9)

The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling has a passion to train Christians to counsel in the light of God’s truth from a reformed perspective. It is also committed to assist congregations in getting reformed biblical counseling centers set up across the USA. **We humbly request your prayers for the following:** 1) The students taking the IRBC basic training course in various states will stay invested in their studies until classes end next month; 2) Our advanced students working toward certification will be given the grace to endure and work steadfastly to complete the 3 phases of their training; 3) Our biblical counseling center affiliates, their overseeing congregations, and counselors will be blessed and protected as they minister God’s truth and love to those who are suffering; 4) The new counseling center board in Kalamazoo, MI, and steering committee in Lynden, WA, will be blessed with the wisdom, knowledge, assistance, and cooperation needed to get their respective centers established and operating; 5) A good number of venues will be secured for the 2024-2025 counseling class; 6) God will raise up a new director who loves God and His Word, and who has a heart for His suffering sons and daughters; 7) The IRBC board and administration will be granted the wisdom, knowledge, discernment, and strength they need to faithfully fill their roles and carry out their responsibilities.

Reformed Mission Services

- **Reformed Mission Services celebrated its 15th anniversary this month**, marking a significant milestone in our journey. We are immensely grateful for the unwavering support we have received over the years. As we reflect on our journey, we are encouraged by the growth and impact of our programs. Please keep the Board and staff in your prayers as we continue to grow and desire to be faithful stewards of all the gifts God has given us. Soli Deo gloria!
- **Come alongside Reformed Mission Services in Peru!** For more than ten years, we have been supporting churches in Peru. Join our team from **May 20 - 29** as we assist churches around Cusco. These dates offer a wonderful opportunity for college students to participate. Discover more at rms.org/peru. Questions? Reach out to steve@rms.org.
- **Reformed Mission Services** is actively raising support for numerous projects! Visit rms.org/projects to explore these projects and contribute. Opportunities range from domestic initiatives like the construction of a new Ministry Center for Reformed Organizations in West Michigan to foreign projects such as providing funds for various church building projects in Colombia.

You are invited to attend a mini conference on evangelism to be held at Bethany URC, Wyoming, MI, on **Saturday, April 13**, from 9:00am through 12:00pm. Dr Eric Watkins from the Center for Mission and Evangelism of Mid-America Reformed Seminary will be giving two presentations: 1) “Cultivating a Culture of Evangelism” based on Acts 4, and 2) “Reformed Confessions and Evangelism” based on putting what our confessions teaches into practice. There will be a light lunch served at 12:00pm. To register, please contact the church office at 616-534-0006 or bethany@bethanyurc.com. **See the brochure in your mailbox today!**

JHYG

- **RYS Midwest Middle School Retreat registration is now open!** Mark your calendars for **April 26-27** at Cranhill Ranch in Rodney, MI. Rev. Shaun M. Furniss, pastor of Trinity CRC, will guide us through Daniel 1-6 with the theme, "Believers in Babylon." Check your email for more information, and let Stephanie know if you plan to attend! Can't wait to see you all there!

HSYG

- **Our next meeting** will be **April 21** after the evening service. **Food responsibility: Jon and Carrie Knott and Mitch and Jordan Wagner.**

THIS WEEK AT CORNERSTONE

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service NO Classes - EASTER
	4:50 PM	Song Service
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Monday	6:30 PM	Deacons
	6:30 PM	Women's Conference Committee Meeting (old youth group room)
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Early Risers (Arrows Restaurant in Hudsonville)
	8:30 AM	Sus Manos Gleaners Volunteer Opportunity (until 11:00 AM)
Thursday	6:30 PM	VBS at Presidential Estates
	6:00 PM	Casual Connections II

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Offerings:	March 31 AM: Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary	PM: URC Federation
	April 7 AM: Sus Manos Gleaners	PM: Mission Fund
Coffee Keepers:	March 31 – Larry & Carol Huttinga April 7 – Walt & Deb Decker	
Host Family:	March 31 – Everyone (Easter) April 7 – Everyone (Spring Break)	
Nursery:	March 31 AM: Amanda Hodges, Alayna Moelker PM: Tammy Kerkstra, Ava Johnson	
	April 7 AM: Marnie Nuiver, Audrey Johnson PM: Carissa Schuiteman, Emma Moelker	
Security:	March 31 AM: Walt Decker, Mason Berens PM: Dan Beute, Jeff Berens	First Responder: Sarah Moelker
	April 7 AM: Dan Deppe, Patrick Carbone PM: John Emelander, Noah Beute	First Responder: Bonnie Bratt
Sound:	March 31 – Jeff Bratt	April 7 – Camdon Deppe
Ushers:	March AM: Landon Vos, Mitch Wagner, Dylan Wagner, Landon Wagner PM: Jayson Alsum, Jake Alsum, Reece Alsum, Mason Berens	
	April AM: Devin Berens, Dan Beute, Noah Beute, Aaron Beute PM: Kevin Bonzelaar, Dan Deppe, Clayton Deppe, Camdon Deppe	

Valet Attendant: **March 31** – Nick Bratt **April 7** – David Moelker

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 31, 2024

- **UC Celebration Banquet 2024:** Please join us on **Monday, April 29**, at **Unity Christian High School** (5900 – 48th Avenue, Hudsonville) for an evening of fellowship and celebration! We will be entertained by the very funny Jolene DeHeer and plans will be shared about the “Expanding Our Mission” project! Arrive between 6:00 and 6:30pm with dinner served promptly at 6:30pm. RSVP by calling 616.662.4011, or email development@unitychristian.org. We hope you can join us. This is a night to thank all of you – our wonderful community of givers – by providing dinner in your honor, and the enjoyment of fellowship with one another.
- **Zion Christian’s annual Spring Dinner** is right around the corner. Join us as we celebrate Zion Christian School and the faithfulness of our Lord! On **April 23**, beginning with a punchbowl at 6:00pm with dinner to follow, Zion will host their Spring Dinner at Railside (2500 – 76th Street). This year, our speaker will be Abby Johnson, author of the best-selling book *Unplanned*. Additionally, this is a fundraising event, so you will have an opportunity to make a gift supporting the work and ministry of ZCS. Due to limited seating, please contact the office (616-878-9472 or office@zionchristian.net) by **Tuesday, April 9**, to reserve your seat(s) and choice of entrée(s).
- Plan on joining us at **Zion’s Sporting Clay Shoot** on **Saturday, May 11**, at the Caledonia Sportsman’s Club. There are several great sponsorship opportunities available and space for up to 25 five-person teams. For registration and sponsorship opportunities, contact Kelly Krikke at kellykrikke83@gmail.com.
- **Zion Christian School** is accepting applications for teaching positions for the 2024-2025 school year. There are specific needs in secondary science, history, and administration, but applications for all grades and subject areas are welcomed. Information and Applications can be found online at www.zionchristian.net or email Bob DeRuiter at bderuiter@zionchristian.net with questions or for additional information.
- **INSTRUCTORS NEEDED:** Parent-Directed Education is at the cutting edge of how education is changing! At **GRACE HSA** we are experiencing increased demand for instructors as parents are finding the rich education resources available in West MI to be a blessing from which they can tailor individualized instruction plans for each of their children. You can make a difference in the lives of young people; we are seeking instructors who love students, love the subject they teach, and are willing to engage in relationships that make learning happen. **We meet on Thursday and Friday from September-May (30 weeks)** in the education wing at The Refuge in Grandville. These are paid positions—but that’s just what moth and rust consume—the real benefits are eternal! Instructors should be excited (to the point of being geeky) in their subject area and hold to a reformed Christian approach to education. Here are your current opportunities: **Thursday Elementary Science (9:00–12:00), Friday Spanish (Level I, II and Conversational), Research and Debate, World History, Physical Science, STEM, and a 5th – 8th Grade Writing Class (IEW)**. Please pray about this! If led, please send your resume and any questions to our Program Director, Kim Vander Hill, at office.gracehomeschool@gmail.com.

MISCELLANEOUS REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary** is hosting a spring conference to be held at Rockville Correctional Facility on **May 3-5**. Lydia Brownback, author and conference speaker, will be sharing her insights on the book of Psalms. You are invited to join us for one or all the sessions. For more information or to sign up, please contact John Hamstra (219) 296-9389 or johnmhamstra@gmail.com.
- **Choir Camp Registration is now open!** Camp will be held at Messiah’s IRC in Holland on **June 17-21**. Detailed information and registration can be found at messiahs-irc.org. Questions? Contact Roberta Macedo at rlucenamacedo@gmail.com. **Registration closes May 17 at 11:00 AM** and space is limited, so take your friends, come sing with us, and sign up soon!
- **SAVE THE DATE:** **Pregnancy Resource Center’s “Walk for Life”** is scheduled on **Saturday, June 15**,

at two locations: PRC Grand Rapids (415 Cherry Street) and Paul Henry Trail (100 E. Main Street, Middleville). More details to come! If you have any questions, please contact Vicki DeGrazier, Community Relations Coordinator at 616-259-1518 or events@prcgr.org.

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