

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for November 24, 2024

Today, both of our worship services will be led by **Dr. Jared Poulton**. Next Sunday, our morning worship service will be led by **Rev. David Overway**, and our evening worship service will be led by **Mr. Jeremy VanderLei**, a seminary student at Mid-America Reformed Seminary.

This evening, we have the privilege of hearing the public profession of faith of **Dylan Wagner**.

Our Thanksgiving Day Worship Service will be held **THIS WEEK Thursday, November 28, 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, Jehovah Jireh Ministries and Missionary Aeroplanes**. Please prayerfully consider how you can bless these ministries with your gifts.

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

The annual Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for **Monday, December 2, at 7:00 PM**. The Council presents the following men as nominees for the offices of Elder and Deacon: **For Elder: Joseph DeWitt, Randy Groendyk, Duwayne Newenhouse, Gerald Nuiver, Ed Spoelma, and Dave VanderMeer**. (4 to be elected); and **For Deacon: Devin Berens, Nate Moorman, Eric Stuive, Trenton VanderKolk, and Joshua VanderMeer** (3 to be elected). **Copies of the agenda and proposed budgets for 2025** (General, Building, Mission, and Christian Education) are in your mailbox. **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**.

From the Missions Committee ~ SAVE THE DATE! **Pastor Moses Gurrana**, our missionary in India, arrived safely this past Thursday. **NEXT WEEK Sunday, December 1**, he will be giving a presentation immediately following the morning worship service (there are no Sunday School / Catechism classes due to the Thanksgiving holiday). Afterward, we will be having a **potluck lunch** in the basement to give everyone an opportunity to get to know him better. Please plan to **bring a large hot or cold dish to share**; the Missions Committee will provide a variety of meats. **Please join us!**

From the Outreach Committee – In preparation for our next **Congregational Prayer Service on December 22 (note change of date to the 4th Sunday)**, there will be a box in the narthex for prayer suggestions. Between now and December 15, please write out your prayer requests for which we can pray at this service. Also, if you have been handing out the CURC informational postcards, please share your stories of how people have responded to you, and what conversations and relationships have begun as a result. Sincerely, the **Outreach Committee**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School and Catechism classes meet immediately following the morning worship service.

The Adult Sunday School meets in the basement Fellowship Room after the morning worship service. We are currently watching a video series entitled *The Life of Peter* led by Derek W. H. Thomas. **All are welcome!**

Christmas Choir will practice this afternoon at **3:50 pm**. **ALL are invited!** We plan to sing on Christmas Day.

Christmas Cards for MISSIONARIES: Please also **remember all of our missionaries** when making out your Christmas cards this season—see the flyer in your mailbox for a listing of our missionaries. **Please place your cards in the box located in the narthex by Sunday, December 15.**

Christmas Cards for SHUT-INS: Please **remember all of our shut-ins** when making out your Christmas cards this season. They will really appreciate your greetings and messages of cheer. **Please place your cards in the box**

located in the narthex by **Sunday, December 15.**

The Deacons are hosting a breakfast for widows, widowers, senior couples, and singles on Saturday, December 7, at 9:00am in the church basement. **Please sign up on the sheets under Bulletin Board #3.** Transportation is available—please mark this option on the sheet.

Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study: REMINDER: NO study THIS WEEK Tuesday, November 26, due to Thanksgiving. **For December 3:** Resume Section 2: “Godliness for Everyday Life” on **top of page 62** through the end of the chapter, page 67.

Early-Risers Men’s Group meets this **Wednesday** from **6:00-7:30am** at Arrows Restaurant in Hudsonville. Leigh DeHuff will be leading the lesson on Philippians 1:21: “For me to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

Please save the date of December 4 for our Family Night Christmas Dinner! Reservations will be required for this delicious meal of broasted chicken, hashbrown potatoes, vegies, salad, and dessert. Following dinner, we will have a program, some games, and lots of fun. You won’t want to miss this! You may sign up in the narthex or online (<https://signup.com/go/mumFcef>) no later than December 1. Check your mailbox for more information.

On December 15, the Sunday School children will give a Christmas program prior to the 2nd service. Following the service, we will have a special time of refreshments in the church basement. The Fun & Fellowship Committee will be making buns, and the church family has an opportunity to bring goodies, a fruit platter, a vegie platter, cheese & crackers, etc. Please check out the signup sheet in the narthex and see how you can help! Thank you!

On December 18, The Family Night Dinner will be our favorite meal—Marco’s Pizza and salad bar. After dinner, all who want to will go **Christmas caroling.** After caroling we will meet back at church for hot chocolate and cookies. The GEMS and CADETS are joining in the fun! There will be signups for the caroling in the narthex so if you plan to go, please sign up!

Please SAVE THE DATE of January 24 from 7:00-9:00pm for our annual **Cornerstone Bowling Event** at Hudsonville Lanes!

Save these important Christmas dates:

December 4 – Family Night Christmas Dinner (5:45 p.m.)

December 15 – Sunday School Christmas program prior to the 2nd service and refreshments after the service.

December 18 – Family Night Pizza Dinner, then Christmas caroling (signups required).

December 25 – Christmas Day Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Registration is open for the Cornerstone Women’s Conference – March 14 & 15, 2025! Women of all ages are invited to our 28th conference entitled “Unquenchable Faith” with guest speaker, Carol Kent, author of “When I Lay My Isaac Down”. **A brochure is in your mailbox** with all the details. Registrations can be made online or by turning in your form from the brochure. A payment box is in the narthex. **Register early – seating is limited!!** Invite your friends and family. This is a unique opportunity to meet with our sisters in Christ and grow your faith. Visit our website: cornerstonewomensconference.com or scan this code with your smartphone.



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 and plan to meet with your group for dinner approximately four times a year. If you participated last year, please sign up again. It is not a large time commitment. There is a detailed description in your mailbox explaining the program. If you have questions, please contact Beth Kramer at 616-690-1355 or Sandi Verwolf at 616-896-3155. Check it out and sign up. Do not miss out!

We are scheduled to volunteer at Sus Manos Gleaners on Wednesday, December 18, from 9:00-11:00am and January 22 from 8:30-10:30am. Hope to see you there !

Dear Congregation: For Christmas this year, the Bible Club leaders would like to give ESV youth study Bibles to all the children (ages 5 - 12) who attend the Bible Club at Presidential Estates on Thursday evenings. If you would be willing to purchase one or two of these Bibles, it would be very helpful to us, and much appreciated. Please give your donations to Elena Overway or Ashlyn Spoelma. Thank you very much for your prayers, and for your assistance with this important endeavor.

Reformed Mission Services

- **Interior demolition at Ascension Reformed Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, is wrapping up this week—** please keep our volunteers in your prayers! Work will resume in January, and we are looking for more volunteers to assist with various projects. Whether you can help for a day, a weekend, or longer, your time would be a tremendous blessing to this congregation. To learn more and sign up, visit rms.org/arc. For questions, contact Rob at rob@rms.org.
- **Reformed Mission Services is preparing to send teams to Western North Carolina** in January to assist with disaster response efforts following Hurricane Helene. If you're interested in joining us or want to learn more, please email DisasterResponse@rms.org. Additional details will be shared at rms.org as they become available.
- **Volunteers needed for a trip to the Dominican Republic, January 7–15, 2025!** The team from Reformed Mission Services will be building a new church for Iglesia de la Grúa, as the current building is leaning onto a neighbor's structure. To learn more or sign up, visit rms.org/dominican-republic.

CADETS

- **Cadets will not meet this week Wednesday, November 27.** Our next meeting will be **December 4** which will be our **gym night**—more details next week.

GEMS

- **Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 4, beginning at 6:40pm.** Please do your assigned lesson as follows:
 - **3rd and 4th Grades:** Lesson #18 – John
 - **5th Grade:** Lesson #30 – Biblical Worldview
 - **6th Grade:** Speak Truth: Chapter and Journal 8
 - **7th and 8th Grades:** Bright Lights, Set 7 – Lesson 3

JHYG

- **JHYG Activity – Our Service Project at Sus Manos Gleaners is scheduled on Saturday, December 14.** **Meet at Sus Manos Gleaners at 8:30am and pick up at 11:00am** (2464 Wilshire Drive, Jenison 49428). Contact Kendra Stuiwe if you have any questions.

HSYG

- **Reminder of our Serve Project TOMORROW!!—Meet at Sus Manos Gleaners at 3:30pm!**
- **Our next meeting will be Sunday, December 1,** following the evening service. **Food responsibility: Leaders.**

YOUNG ADULTS

27 David Hondred, Vice-Chairman
25 Larry Huttinga
26 Dave VanBeek
25 Jeff Berens
26 Kurt Schuiteman, Vice-Clerk

DEACONS

27 Gary Veldhof, Treasurer
25 Jake Lengkeek
27 Mitchell Wagner
27 Eric Renkema
25 Bob Hulst, Benevolent Treasurer
26 Mitch Stuive, Vice-Chairman
25 Scott DenHerder, Chairman
26 Isaac Vroegindewey, Secretary

R. Mast – S. Poelman
R. Potgeter – E. Spoelma
G. Steenwyk – T. VanderKolk
D. VanderMeer – G. Veldhof
G. Veldink – T. Zondervan

Deacon Districts

J. Alsum – R. Deemter
E. DeGraaf, Jr. – S. Dykstra
M. Eefsting – J. Horjus
E. Hulst – M. Leighliter
J. Lengkeek – W. Renkema
T. Rickers – M. Swartz
B. Telman – P. VanDyke
T. VanDyken – T. Zondervan