

# CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

## Bulletin Announcements for January 5, 2025

Today, our morning worship service will be led by **Dr. Jared Poulton**, and our evening worship service will be led by **Rev. Steve Postma** from Bethel United Reformed Church.

This morning, the sacrament of baptism will be administered to **Lainey Mae Sterk**, infant daughter of Jason and Tanya Sterk, who was born on October 17, 2024; and to **Cyrus Scott Bonzelaar**, infant son of Kevin and Kayleigh Bonzelaar, who was born on December 4, 2024. The display in the center of the narthex with the roses is there both as a reminder for our Cornerstone family to celebrate the births of Lainey and Cyrus, and as a visible recognition and proclamation of the sanctity of life. We praise and thank God with these families that they have honored God's command to defend, protect and preserve life in the womb. Let us all be mindful that ALL life is precious in the sight of God; the unborn, the disabled, the handicapped and the very aged. "For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well." (Psalm 139:13-14). Continue to pray that the Lord will deliver us as a nation from the heinous evil of abortion.

Next Sunday, our morning worship service will be led by **Dr. Jared Poulton**, and our evening worship service will be led by **Mr. Logan Pitsenberger**, seminary student at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary.

From the DEACONS: 2025 Budget Envelopes were recently placed in your mailboxes—going forward, please DO NOT use any envelopes from 2024. Please note that all **unmarked** envelopes, **regardless of which collection they are placed in**, will be distributed as follows:

- **90% un-allocated funds** (to be distributed by the deacons to the General, Building, Mission, and Christian Education funds **as needed**)
- **5% AM special offering**
- **5% PM special offering**

Please see one of the Deacons if you have any questions. Thank you.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School, Catechism and Adult classes WILL NOT meet today. Classes will resume next week Sunday, **January 12, 2025**.

CHRISTIAN RENEWAL and OUTLOOK subscriptions expire with the **February 2025** 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 will be Sunday, January 26.**

Copies of the URCNA Missionary Prayer Requests for the month of JANUARY 2025 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.

Recommended Reading: *Ultimate Frontier* is by Christo Heiberg, a PCA (former URC) pastor who was born in South Africa. He makes frequent teaching trips to Africa to teach pastors. This book explains how Islam wants to take over the world through a strategy known as DAWA. It is an insightful book that all Christians should be aware of what we are facing with Islam. I (Dave VanderMeer) can also testify to some of the stories as I have met some of these people. The book is located on the table under Bulletin Board #1. Check out the other Library books located in the narthex.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will meet this week, **January 7**, beginning at 9:45am with coffee / refreshments. In preparation for our study, **please read Week 6: "The Way Home" -- 1) The Walk of Godly Shepherds and 2) The Walk of Humility (p. 79 through the 2<sup>nd</sup> question on page 84) and answer the**

**corresponding questions.** A Nursery is provided. **Coffee: Laura DeWitt and Vonda VanBeek.**

**Early Risers will resume meeting this week Wednesday, January 8.** We are currently going through a small booklet entitled, “How Can I Have Peace in Life’s Storms.” All are welcome to join us at 6:30am at Arrows Restaurant.

**CORNERSTONE SENIORS – HILLTOPPERS** ~ Our Bible Study will meet **THIS WEEK Wednesday January 8, 2025**, at our regular time of 9:45am for snacks and fellowship. Our study will begin at 10:00am, viewing Lesson 10, *Enduring Hardships*, from the series titled “The Basics of the Christian Life” by Sinclair Ferguson. Please **read pages 71-74** in preparation for our discussion following the video.

**Saturday Morning Men’s Bible Study** – We look forward to a **new opportunity for fellowship among the men of Cornerstone** beginning **THIS WEEK Saturday, January 11**. Join us for a **men’s Bible study and breakfast meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 7:30-9:00am**. Come join the fellowship as we hear from elders and Pastor Jared and discuss the book *Gospel Culture: Life Together in Christ* written by Ray Orlund and Sam Allberry. Please **sign up TODAY on the sheet located under Bulletin Board #3**.

**Attention Young Adults!** Our next *Brave by Faith* meeting is **NEXT SUNDAY, January 12**, at 7:00 p.m. at Doug & Sheryl Ulberg’s house. We are doing **Lesson 3: Pray for Focus** in the *Pray Big* book by Alistair Begg. All Young Adults are welcome and encouraged to come! If you haven’t come before and you want to join this wonderful group of young adults, contact Pastor Vos for a book.

**Brave by Faith Young Adult Group** will be meeting **next Sunday, January 11**, at the Ulberg’s. We are on Lesson 3: Pray for Focus in our “Pray Big” book.

**Please sign up** if you plan to come to the **Family Night Potluck on Wednesday, January 15**, at 5:45 p.m. If you are able, **please bring a large hot dish, a large salad, or a large appetizer**. If you are short on time, pick up a pizza on your way in! **Signups** are available **in the narthex or online!** Please **sign up by next Sunday, January 12**. <https://signup.com/go/KiiBGSm>

**If you plan to sign up for the Cornerstone Bowling Night on January 24 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**, please do so **by January 19!** Reminder, we will not be serving pizza, but we will be serving dessert! If possible, please pay Jessica (Eric) Stuive by the 19th, or plan to pay when you arrive at the bowling alley on the 24th. Flyers were in all of the mailboxes and in the recent Cornerstory. Check it out for more information.

**We are scheduled to volunteer** again at **Sus Manos Gleaners** on Wednesday, **January 22**, from **8:30-10:30am**. Mark your calendars—see you there!

**Have you signed up for the Cornerstone Women’s Conference** scheduled for **March 14 & 15?** This year’s conference, entitled “Unquenchable Faith,” features guest speaker Carol Kent, author of “When I Lay My Isaac Down.” Register online at [cornerstonewomensconference.com](http://cornerstonewomensconference.com) or turn in your form from the brochure by placing it in the box on the center table in the narthex. Invite your friends and family! This is a unique opportunity to meet with our sisters in Christ and grow your faith.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** The **Cadets will be hosting a “Summer BBQ in February”** so bring your appetites and warm thoughts and join us on **February 5**. Watch your mailboxes for more details.

### **Reformed Mission Services**

- **Please join us in prayer for our team that leaves for the Dominican Republic this week.** They plan to construct a new church for Iglesia de la Grua, as the current building is leaning onto a neighbor’s structure. Visit [rms.org/dominican-republic](http://rms.org/dominican-republic) for more information and photos during the week!
- **Join us for one of two upcoming SEED trips in Daytona Beach, Florida: February 24 – March 3 or March 3 – 10.** SEED (Serve • Engage • Evangelize • Disciple) provides a practical opportunity to grow in your knowledge of evangelism and discipleship while being challenged to live out your faith. Led by Dr. Eric Watkins, an experienced church-planting pastor, the program includes biblical training in evangelism during

the day and hands-on outreach in the afternoons and evenings. Contact Rob at [rob@rms.org](mailto:rob@rms.org) for more information or with any questions.

- **Volunteers needed in Cincinnati during the week of January 20-25** as we work on projects at Ascension Reformed Church in Cincinnati, Ohio! Whether you can help for a day or stay the whole time, we'd love to have you join us! To sign up, visit [rms.org/arc](http://rms.org/arc) or email Rob at [rob@rms.org](mailto:rob@rms.org) for more information.
- **Do you know a teenager who is looking for meaningful ways to serve Christ?** Teens Actively Serving Christ (TASC) is a fantastic opportunity! Explore the seven locations and dates for our summer 2025 trips at [rms.org/tasc](http://rms.org/tasc). Youth Leaders: Are you ready for the reservation and registration process? If you have any questions, contact Steve at [steve@rms.org](mailto:steve@rms.org).

**SAVE THE DATE:** All URCNA members and their families are invited to share in a time of refreshment and encouragement at the **2025 URCNA Missions and Pastors' Conference**. Come and enjoy challenging messages, sweet fellowship, and amazing food as we look at the theme, "Joy in the Harvest." **WHEN:** March 17-20, 2025; **WHERE:** Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, North Carolina; **MAIN SPEAKERS** include: Rev. Paul Murphy, Rev. Eric Watkins, and Rev. Chad Vegas.

### **CADETS**

- **Cadets will meet this week Wednesday, January 8.** The Bible lesson this week, B Lesson 6, "Living the Integral Life". Don't forget to bring your Bible, wear complete uniforms, and bring your Guide book if you are working on merit badges.
- **Save the date: January 31 – February 1 is our Indoor Winter Campout.** See your cadet news email for more details. **The sign-up deadline is January 22 in person or January 26 by email.**

### **GEMS**

- **Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 15, 2025, beginning at 6:40pm.** Please do your assigned lesson as follows:
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Lesson #19 – Luke
  - **5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Lesson #31 – Genesis
  - **6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Speak Truth: Chapter and Journal 9 & 10
  - **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades:** PRC – Willing to Wait Class

### **JHYG**

- **Our next regular meeting** will be on **Sunday, January 12**, after the evening worship service. **Food Responsibilities: Main Dish—DenHollander; Sides—DeWitt; Drinks & Dessert—Sijtsma.**

### **HSYG**

- **Our next meeting** will be **January 19** after the evening service. **Food responsibility: DeZwaan.**
- We plan to go to **Georgetown Ice Arena** on **Saturday, January 25, at 2:45pm** with Bethany URC! More details will be posted in the band app.

### **THIS WEEK AT CORNERSTONE**

<b>Today</b>	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service NO CLASSES – New Year's Break
	4:50 PM	Song Service



**THIS WEEK Friday, January 10**, from 10:00am to 3:45pm. (Please note the time change for this date's blood drive!) Your donation is critical in replenishing the blood supply! You may schedule an appointment by calling 1-800REDCROSS or go online to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org). Thank you for giving!

- **Grace Fellowship OPC** invites you to their Women's Conference, "The God Who Hears" on **Friday-Saturday, January 17-18, 2025**. Our special guest is author and speaker Sarah Ivill. She has written many books and Bible studies including the book "The God Who Hears." It is our prayer that this conference would encourage us into a deeper relationship with God through prayer as we look at God's redemptive work throughout the Bible. Registration includes a copy of Sarah's book as well as breakfast and lunch on Saturday. For more details or to register, go to [gracefellowshipopc.com/womens-ministry](http://gracefellowshipopc.com/womens-ministry). (**\$45.00 until January 5**)

## **Cornerstone United Reformed Church Elder and Deacon Districts 2024-2025**

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26 Lee DeWitt  
25 Tom VanDyken  
27 Tom Kerkstra  
27 Randy Moorman  
27 Jayson Alsum  
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  
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T. VanDyken – T. Zondervan