

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for February 2, 2025

Today, our morning worship service will be led by **Dr. Jared Poulton**, and our evening worship service will be led by **Rev. Allen Petroelje** from Borculo CRC. **Next Sunday**, our morning worship service will be led by **Dr. Jared Poulton**, and our evening worship service will be led by **Rev. John Vermeer**.

From the Outreach Committee: We would like to invite anyone to join us witnessing at GVSU **THIS WEEK Thursday, February 6, from 12:00-3:00pm**. Please **sign up in the narthex**. If you have questions, please contact Leigh DeHuff.

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!**

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will meet this week, **February 4** beginning at 9:45am with coffee / refreshments. In preparation for our study, **please read Week 7: "Knowing and Growing" (II Peter 1:1-21) – 3) Peter's Passion and 4) Sure & True (pp. 97-99)** and **answer the corresponding questions**. A Nursery is provided. Coffee: **Von Gras and Irene Potgeter**.

Early Risers meet on **Wednesday at 6:30am at Arrows Restaurant**. We are on subheading "Reflect on the Character of God" in the booklet entitled, "How Can I Have Peace in Life's Storms." All are welcome to join us!

The Food Drive for Jehovah Jireh Ministries sponsored by our Deacons will go through **NEXT WEEK Sunday, February 9**. Place your donations on the table in the narthex. Specific food items needed include **canned fruits & vegetables, canned soups, rice, pasta, peanut butter, jelly/jam, and non-perishable food items**. Thank you!

TASC Committee meeting is scheduled **THIS WEEK Tuesday, February 4**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

FAMILY NIGHT is THIS WEEK Wednesday -- The Cadets will be hosting a "Summer BBQ in February" from 5:30-6:30pm, so bring your appetites and warm thoughts and join us!

Adult Class for Family Night: THIS WEEK Wednesday, February 5, the DeZwaan family will share their experiences of attending a mission / street evangelism trip last summer and the mission trip Dave and Natalie took to Peru. **SAVE THE DATES: On Wednesdays, February 19, March 5 and March 19**, Dr. Jared Poulton will lead the Adult class (topic to be announced). Please make plans to join us!!

CORNERSTONE SENIORS / HILLTOPPERS! Mark your calendars—our monthly Bible Study is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 12**. Join us for a time of fellowship beginning at 9:45am with our lesson beginning at 10:00am. Take time to read Chapter 11 in our study guide, THE BASICS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. We will view Chapter 11 titled "WALKING AS A CHRISTIAN WITNESS" and review the questions as found in our study guides.

CORNERSTONE SENIORS: Attention seniors, come and get to know our HSYG students at senior game night on **March 1st from 2-5!** Dinner will be included and bus pick up is available upon request.

Thanks to all who came to share the Bowling Night with our church family and friends. We had a blast! Congratulations to *Kurt Schuiteman* for bowling the winning score of 236.

Please sign up your family name and number coming to the Luau on **February 28th** on the sign-up sheets in the narthex. There may be a pinata for the little ones and a hula contest for the coordinated ones. Please consider adding your name also to a sign-up sheet for the BBQ sauce competition...we need your help for this part. Sponsored by the *Fun & Fellowship Committee*.

BRAVE BY FAITH YOUNG ADULTS: Our next meeting will be on Sunday, February 9 after the MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. Plan to head on over to the Ulberg's after church and prepare Lesson 4 in the PRAY BIG study.

Cornerstory deadline: Please submit your items for the Cornerstory by **February 12** at 9:00 p.m. Committees, Bible Study Groups, Youth and Young Adult Groups, we would love to hear from you! If you have something to share on the Did you know page, we'd love to have it! Send all items to Cornerstory@hotmail.com or place them in the mail slot in the tape room.

Casual Connections II: will meet this **Thursday, February 6** from 6 - 10. Come to chat with us even if you don't have a craft you're working on. If you want a ride, contact Irene VanDyk.

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 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.

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 **NEXT WEEK Sunday, February 9.** Thank you, the RTL Committee.

Right to Life ~ Project Hope Packages: Our Right to Life reps are **collecting items for first night bags for kids entering foster care.** Please help us show Christ's love and support for them by supplying the **following items needed for children sizes 14 and 16: PJ's, socks, underwear, small throw blanket, Teen body wash, Deodorant, African American hair care products, backpacks, or duffle bags & Diaper Bags.** These items will be collected through **NEXT WEEK Sunday, February 9**—place your items on the table in the narthex.

Reformed Mission Services

- **How does one share their faith well? How do we grow in confidence when defending what we believe?** The SEED trip to Daytona Beach provides biblical training, hands-on outreach, and intentional discipleship to help you boldly proclaim the gospel. Whether you are young or old, single or married, this experience is designed to strengthen your walk with God while making an eternal impact. Learn more and register today at rms.org/seed. Don't miss out on this exciting evangelism opportunity! To learn more visit rms.org/seed, for questions, contact Rob at rob@rms.org.
- **Individual TASC registration opens Saturday, February 8!** We are excited for another great year of TASC events and look forward to seeing how God will use them for His glory. Don't miss out on this opportunity to serve and grow in your faith. Questions? Contact Steve at steve@rms.org.
- **RMS is still in need of volunteers to assist at Ascension Reformed Church in Cincinnati, OH.** Each week, three to five people are needed to help with plaster repairs alongside the team. No experience is required—just a heart willing to serve! Visit rms.org/arc to learn more, see photos of the progress, and sign up. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve!

Reformed Youth Services ~ Lord willing, RYS will host the **High School Youth Group Grand Rapids Area All-nighter** on **February 7-8 at the Spartan Nash YMCA in Wyoming, MI**. Check-in will be at 10:00pm. Cost will be \$28.00 per person. We've updated our method of registration—we will be sending out a Google form. **Youth leaders**, please request a link by emailing Paul Van Dyke at rysdirector@gmail.com. **The deadline to register is February 3**. We are planning to have several gym activities including basketball, volleyball, and dodgeball. There will be a room to play board games and pool time set aside. Donuts, pizza, and pop will be provided during the night as well! We look forward to seeing you all!

Post-High Broomball Event: Join RYS for a *Post-High Broomball Event* (singles and married) on **Saturday, February 15**, at Griff's Georgetown in Hudsonville (8500 48th Ave). Arrive by 8:15 PM; ice time is 8:30–10:30 PM. Cost to play is \$15 (pay upon arrival); watching is free. Participation is limited to 50 players (first-come, first-served), and a \$25 fee applies for broken sticks. Register by **February 12** at reformedyouthservices.org/faith-and-fellowship.

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; **SPEAKERS**: Rev. Chad Vegas, Rev. Eric Watkins, Rev. Bil Pols, Rev. Paul Murphy. To register, please go to urcnamissions.org.

Cross Cultural Missions Training 2025. This month-long missions training program is for young adults 18+ and will take place from **May 17 to June 14, 2025**, in central Mexico. This year's CCMT will be divided into four weeks: **The first week** will be an intensive boot-camp on the Pacific coast with instruction in missions and personal evangelism by Rev. Paul Murphy. **The second week** will be in Tepic, Mexico, where participants will continue in classes and stay in Mexican homes. **The third and fourth weeks** will be internships with missionaries and pastors in different parts of Mexico. For more information write urcnamissions@gmail.com. Applications are being accepted but space is limited.

CADETS

- **Our Cadet fundraiser is this week Wednesday, February 5**. Cadets should be at church no later than 5:00, please wear complete uniforms. There will be no regular meeting activities and cadets are free to leave as soon as everyone is served and we have cleaned up.

GEMS

- **We meet THIS WEEK Wednesday, February 5, beginning at 6:40pm**. Please do your assigned lesson as follows:
 - **3rd and 4th Grades**: Lesson #21 – Seeking God
 - **5th Grade**: Lesson #33 – Psalms
 - **6th Grade**: Speak Truth: Chapter and Journal 12
 - **7th and 8th Grades**: PRC – Willing to Wait Class

JHYG

- **Save the Date** – On **Thursday, February 13**, we will be going to Tarry Hall Skating from 6:15-8:15pm.

HSYG

- **Our next meeting is TONIGHT, February 2**, after the evening service. **Food Responsibilities: Sijtsma and Overway**.
- **Reminder**, we have the senior game night coming up on **Saturday, March 1st from 2-5!**
- **RYS All-nighter on February 7-8** at the Spartan Nash YMCA in Wyoming, MI. Students will need to pay \$15, the remainder will be paid for by the HSYG. Contact Amanda Hodges for questions.

THIS WEEK AT CORNERSTONE

Today	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
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders
Tuesday	9:45 AM	Women's Bible Study (basement)
	7:00 PM	TASC Committee Meeting (Council Room)
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Early Risers (Arrows Restaurant in Hudsonville)
	9:00 AM	Women at Prayer (Council Room) until 10:00 AM
	5:30 PM	FAMILY NIGHT – Cadets BBQ
	6:40 PM	GEMS
	6:45 PM	Cadets
	6:45 PM	Adults (meet in the sanctuary)
Thursday	12:00 PM	Outreach at GVSU (until 3:00 PM)
	6:00 PM	Casual Connections II (until 10:00 PM)
	6:30 PM	VBS at Presidential Estates

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Offerings: **February 2 AM:** Mr. Joel Haan (seminarian intern at Immanuel Fellowship Church Kalamazoo)
 PM: Alpha Women's Center

February 9 AM: Pastor Moses – Church Building Fund
 PM: Reformed Mission Services (RMS)

Coffee Keepers: **February 2** – Deb Brinks & Nancy VanderWey
 February 9 – Dave & Sue Gift

Host Family: **February 2** – Kurt & Carissa Schuiteman
 February 9 – Jim & Martha Horjus

Nursery: **February 2 AM:** Tanya Sterk, Avery Sterk
 PM: Sue Gift, Ahnaleigh DeVries

February 9 AM: Lori DeVries, Mackenzie Stuiwe
 PM: Judy DeWitt, Rylee Wagner

Security: **February 2 AM:** Jeff Berens, Devin Berens **First Responder:** Carissa Schuiteman
 PM: Jayson Alsum, Mason Berens

February 9 AM: Dan Beute, Reece Alsum **First Responder:** Dan Deppe
 PM: Scott DenHerder, Dan Deppe

Sound: **February 2** – Bob Hulst **February 9** – Noah Beute

Ushers: **February AM:** Jason Sterk, Randy VanderKolk, Jared VanderKolk, Trent VanderKolk
 PM: Eric Stuiwe, Elijah Stuiwe, Malachi Stuiwe, Samuel Stuiwe

Valet Attendant: **February 2** – Eric Stuiwe **February 9** – Isaac Vroegindewey

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Unity Christian High School** is hosting **New Student Nights** on **February 3, 10, 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.
- **Zion's Information Night** has been postponed to **February 6 at 6:30 pm**. This night is designed for all new and inquiring families for the 25-26 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! Take advantage of this opportunity to meet the teachers, tour the school, and meet other prospective families.
- **On February 14, Zion Christian** will have an official designated visit day. On this day, we are hosting all new and prospective students. This is an opportunity for new students to see what a day at Zion looks like. In addition, lunch will be provided to all visiting students. Please call the school office (616-878-9472) to set up your visit!"
- **Hudsonville Christian School Auction - Help Needed** This year's live Auction will be on **Saturday, March 1, 2025**. With only half of the spots on the 2025 Auction Committee filled, we are all working overtime to secure enough items to make the auction a success. The 2025 Auction Committee is seeking donations of unique experiences (VIP tours, lessons, tickets, vacation spots, etc) to add to this year's Auction! If you know of anyone who may be interested in giving back to our school in this fun and memorable way, please reach out to auction@4hcs.org. If you are interested in purchasing an item to put in the auction and need ideas, take a look at our Amazon Wish List! Items purchased off the Amazon wish list can be shipped directly to the school for convenience. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Keith den Hollander, who is serving on the Auction Committee this year.