

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for March 9, 2025

Today, our morning worship service will be led by **Rev. Austin Reifel** from Indy Reformed Church, and our evening worship service will be led by **Mr. Anthony Sato**, a student at Mid-America Reformed Seminary. **Next Sunday**, our morning worship service will be led by **Dr. Jared Poulton**, and our evening worship service will be led by **Dr. Mark Kelderman** from Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated during our morning worship service today. Visitors who are professing members of other evangelical churches may partake with us by seeing an Elder in the narthex **prior to the service**.

From the Missions Committee ~ **Rev. Austin Reifel**, from Indy Reformed Church in Westfield, Indiana, will be giving a presentation during the Sunday School hour **TODAY—All 3rd graders through adults are encouraged to attend**. Following the presentation, **all are invited** to stay for a **POTLUCK LUNCH** in the basement to give everyone an opportunity to get to know Rev. Reifel better. **Please join us!**

Profession of Faith: **Natalie DeZwaan** appeared before the Consistory last Monday night and made profession of her faith which the Consistory received with joy and thankfulness. We look forward to witnessing her public profession in the near future.

Classis Michigan will meet this week Tuesday, **March 11**, at Dutton URC beginning at 9:00am. Delegates from Cornerstone URC are **Elders Rob Brinks** and **David Hondred**.

From the Outreach Committee: We would like to invite anyone to **join us at GVSU THIS WEEK Friday, March 14, from 12:00-3:00pm** as we witness to students on the Allendale campus. Please **sign up in the narthex**. If you have any questions, please contact Leigh DeHuff.

From the Outreach Committee: Please **join us for a FREE Pancake Breakfast here at church on Saturday, March 22, from 7:30-9:30am**. Help us get to know our community better by bringing a friend or neighbor.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School classes meet immediately following the morning worship service. **The 3rd & 4th Grade Sunday School class, Catechism classes, and the Adult Sunday School class** will meet in the sanctuary to hear the presentation by Rev. Austin Reifel.

Young Adults ~ Brave by Faith meets **TONIGHT at the Ulberg's house**. Read Lesson 5, and we will see you at 7:00pm (or before)!!!

Cornerstone URC's Women's Conference will be held **THIS WEEK Friday-Saturday, March 14 and 15**. Please be in prayer for our main speaker, **Carol Kent**, who will speak on "Unquenchable Faith," and for **Pastor Bob VanManen** who will lead our workshop on Saturday morning. **TODAY is the last day to register!** Forms can be found on the table in the narthex along with the box in which you put your completed registration with payment, or you can **register and pay online--scan the QR code** on the front of the brochure or go to **cornerstonewomensconference.com**. Come and fellowship with sisters in the faith as we glorify God together and learn from His Word.

There is a signup sheet under Bulletin Board #3 for all those who want to **join others at Arrows Restaurant** for a time of **fellowship and/or lunch at noon THIS WEEK Saturday, March 15**. All are welcome. Please **sign up TODAY** so that Arrows can be notified how many are coming. If you have any questions, contact Dennis Haveman at 206-200-3921.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will meet this week, **March 11**, beginning at 9:45am with coffee / refreshments. In preparation for our study, **please read Week 10: "The Day Will Come! (II Peter 3:1-18)—**

1) Hidden in Plain Sight and **2) The Patience of God** (pp. 115-119) and **answer the corresponding questions.** A Nursery is provided. **Coffee: Norma Mulder and Kris Wilson.**

Early Risers meet on **Wednesday at 6:30am at Arrows Restaurant.** We are currently studying the **book of Acts.** All are welcome to join us!

Volunteer at Sus Manos Gleaners THIS WEEK Wednesday, March 12, from **8:30-10:30am.** Mark your calendars for our next opportunity to volunteer—**Wednesday, April 9,** from **8:30-10:30am.**

CORNERSTONE SENIORS – HILLTOPPERS! Our March meeting (and last meeting of the season) is scheduled **THIS WEEK Wednesday, March 12.** Fellowship and snacks at 9:45am, with our lesson starting at 10:00am. We will view the video from the series **THE BASICS of the CHRISTIAN LIFE** by Sinclair Ferguson; Lesson 12 titled “Persevering to the End.” **Please make every effort to come!**

The last Family Night of the season will be on March 19, and we are going out with a bang! Please join us for our “last hurrah” as we have our favorite meal—Marco’s Pizza and salad bar. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you **sign up by Sunday, March 16** either online or in the narthex if you plan to come. Friends are welcome, but make sure you sign them up (<https://signup.com/go/qadDsWw>). **If you would like to sign up to bring some of our delicious salad bar toppings, please check out the sign-up sheet in the narthex.**

RESCHEDULED: Senior Game Night will be on **Saturday, March 29,** from **2:00 - 5:00pm.** Join the HSYG for fellowship, games, and supper. **Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.**

Ladies, did you see the announcement about the Spring Bible Study in the Cornerstore? If you are interested in being in a 6-week study from **April 16 – May 21,** please sign up in the narthex or call Brenda Vos 616.307.2831 to sign up.

BABY SHOWER – Ladies! **Save the date of Thursday, APRIL 17,** for an evening baby shower honoring Julia Winebrenner!!! Ladies of all ages are invited.

Reformed Mission Services

- **Reformed Mission Services is heading to Western North Carolina from March 24–29 to assist communities devastated by hurricane damage.** We urgently need volunteers to help with cleanup, chainsaw work, and early reconstruction efforts. If you are able to serve, please visit rms.org/hurricane for more details and to sign up.
- **Ascension Reformed Church in Cincinnati is excited to worship in their building on March 30!** Before then, they need volunteers during the last two weeks of March for cleanup and final preparations. Even if you can help for just a day or two, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. To volunteer or support this project, visit rms.org/arc or contact Rob at rob@rms.org.
- **Trinity URC in Lethbridge, Alberta, is hosting a TASC event from July 26 – August 2!** This is a great opportunity for 14 to 19-year-olds to serve and make a difference in the community. Spots are still available! To learn more and sign up, visit rms.org/tasc. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Poll at steve@rms.org.
- **RMS is gearing up for several Ministry Development Trips,** and you’re invited to join! In **Mexico (April 8–16),** volunteers will help build a home for a pastor. In **Costa Rica (April 22–May 1),** participants will support Rev. Bill Green in his ongoing ministry work. Then, in **Peru (May 12–21),** teams will assist with constructing a church building. For more details or to get involved, visit rms.org/trips or reach out to Steve at steve@rms.org.

CADETS

- **Cadets will meet this week Wednesday, March 12.** The Bible lesson this week, B lesson 13, “Our Father.” Don’t forget to bring your Bible, wear complete uniforms, and bring your Guide Book if you are working on

merit badges.

GEMS

- **Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 19.**
 ➤ **Points Auction for 3rd – 6th grades; Activity for 7th – 8th grades.**
- **Advance Notice: GEMS Overnighter** at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds is scheduled on **March 28-29**. More details to come.

JHYG

- **We meet TONIGHT!** Food Responsibilities: Main Dish—Knott; Sides—DenHerder; Drinks & Dessert—Stuive.
- **SAVE THE DATE** for the **Reformed Youth Services Annual Midwest Middle School Retreat** on **April 25-26** at the CranHill Ranch in Rodney, MI. The retreat is open to students in 6th – 8th grade and their leaders. Rev. Rodney Kleyn, pastor of Covenant URC in Byron Center, MI, will guide us through the theme, “Our Internal Struggles.”

HSYG

- **Our next meeting** will be **March 16** after the evening service. **Food responsibility: Deppe and DeLeon.**

THIS WEEK AT CORNERSTONE

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School classes
	11:00 AM	Presentation by Rev. Austin Reifel (sanctuary) (3 rd grade – Adults)
	12:00 PM	All-Church Potluck (basement Fellowship Room)
	4:50 PM	Song Service
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
	6:30 PM	JHYG
	7:00 PM	“Brave by Faith” Young Adults – Lesson 5 in “Pray BIG” book
Monday	6:30 PM	Deacons
	7:00 PM	Council
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Classis Michigan Meeting at Dutton URC
	9:45 AM	Women’s Bible Study (basement Fellowship Room)
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Early Risers (Arrows Restaurant in Hudsonville)
	8:30 AM	Volunteer at Sus Manos Gleaners (until 10:30 AM)
	9:45 AM	Hilltoppers
	6:45 PM	Women’s Bible Study—Ezekiel (Bible Study Room in church basement)
	6:45 PM	Cadets
Thursday	7:00 PM	Young Adults Bible Study
	6:30 PM	VBS at Presidential Estates
Friday	12:00 PM	Outreach Committee witness opportunity at GVSU (until 3:00PM)
	6:30 PM	Women’s Conference (Registration / Book Table Open)
Saturday	8:00 AM	Women’s Conference (until 2:30 PM)

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Offerings: March 9 AM: Benevolent Fund **PM:** Indy Reformed Church – Rev. Austin Reifel

March 16 AM: Building Fund **PM:** Mission Fund

Coffee Keepers: **March 9** – Dan & Bonnie Bratt
 March 16 – Tom & Bev VanDyken

Host Family: **March 9** – Scott & Shannon DenHerder / Missions Potluck (basement Fellowship Room)
 March 16 – Tod & Sarah Moelker

Nursery: **March 9 AM:** Sarah Moelker, Alice DenHerder
 PM: Tammy Kerkstra, Ciara Gil

 March 16 AM: Carol Huttinga, Brooke Hodges
 PM: Carissa Schuiteman, Emma Moelker

Security: **March 9 AM:** Jeff Berens, Reece Alsum **First Responder:** Sara Beute
 PM: Walt Decker, Devin Berens

 March 16 AM: Dan Beute, Mason Berens **First Responder:** Jamie Sijtsma
 PM: Scott DenHerder, Noah Beute

Sound: **March 9** – Bob Hulst **March 16** – Larry Huttinga

Ushers: **March AM:** Grahame Veldhof, Dave VanderMeer, Josh VanderMeer, Tyler VanderWood
 PM: Jacob VanderWall, Paul VanDyke, Dylan Wagner, Landon Wagner

Valet Attendant: **March 9** – David Moelker **March 16** – Nick Bratt

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Everyone is invited to a **Soup Supper at Zion Christian School** (7555 Byron Center Ave) **THIS WEEK Tuesday, March 11, from 5:00-7:00pm**. Members of the Junior class are eager to serve you a delicious variety of soups. All proceeds benefit the Junior-Senior Banquet and the class trip the current Juniors will go on during their senior year.
- On **March 20, at 7:00pm**, **Zion Christian School** will host a panel discussion on the challenges and opportunities of college admissions today and what happens next. The panel will consist of admissions representatives from three local colleges, and one talent acquisition expert from one of the largest companies in Michigan, and will be moderated by Mrs. Edouard, ZCS Guidance Counselor. It is open to all high school students (grades 9-12) and their parents, as well as to all elementary grades. There will be Q&A and refreshments afterwards. Attendance is free of charge, but seating is on a FCFS basis.
- **Zion Christian School** is looking for a **Boy’s Middle School Baseball Coach**, as well as **Girls JV Volleyball and Girls Varsity Volleyball Coaches**. If you are interested, please fill out an application form and contact Joel Bont (616-878-9472; ext. 120).
- **Community Event: Unity Christian** welcomes community members and parents of all ages to join us on **Thursday, March 20, from 7:00-8:30pm** at Unity Christian for a special presentation, “Tell Me About My Kid!” Dan Landstra, Unity’s Director for Spiritual Life, will give a “front row” look at the world of grade school, middle school, and high school students. Based on actual questions from parents within our community, we will learn how our students navigate life and faith, what cultural forces influence them most, and what parents can do to guide students through a complex world. Topics include: Parenting children in 2025; Phones, social media, AI, and how to manage it all; Mental health crisis; Pornography’s impact on young people; Sexuality and Individualism; A Biblical worldview from which to navigate a path forward.

MISCELLANEOUS REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Bethany URC High School Youth Group** invites you to dinner at the **Byron Center Culver's** on **March 18 from 5:00-8:00pm**. A portion of the proceeds will help our Youth Group raise funds for TASC and the RYS Convention. **If you attend, mention as you order that you are there to support Bethany URC.** Thank you!
- **You are invited to an event entitled "Our Three Forms of Unity"** – An event to encourage and instruct local church leaders in the confessional standards of our Reformed faith: The Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism, the Canons of Dort. The event will be held at Hillcrest CRC (3617 Hillcrest Road, Hudsonville) **THIS WEEK Saturday, March 15**, from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Speakers include Dr. Chad VanDixhoorn (Reformed Theological Seminary) and Rev. CJ den Dulk (Trinity CRC, Sparta). Tickets are \$35.00. See the posters on the Bulletin Boards.
- **Please donate! There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive** at Hillcrest CRC (3617 Hillcrest Road) **THIS WEEK Friday, March 14**, from 11:00am to 4:45pm. Your donation is critical in replenishing the blood supply! You may schedule an appointment by calling 1-800REDCROSS or go online to RedCrossBlood.org. Thank you for giving!
- **You are invited to the "O Church Arise" Conference to be held on March 21-22**, at Bethany URC (5401 Byron Center Avenue, Wyoming). **"Fighting Fear with Faith"** is a Friday night and Saturday morning conference hosted by *The Shepherd's Way Biblical Counseling Center* of Bethany United Reformed Church. We invite Reformed believers ages high school and up to come together for a short time of encouragement, instruction, fellowship, and growth. **"Leading Faithfully in the Face of Fear" is our pre-conference**, available to current and retired office bearers and their wives. We invite pastors, elders, deacons, and their wives on Friday at 1:00pm. New this year, we are pleased to offer an on-site, complimentary dinner to all our pre-conference attendees at the conclusion of the pre-conference. Join us for a delicious meal and sweet fellowship until the main conference begins. Our conference also includes a Youth Portion, where high school students (free registration) enjoy the keynote speeches and then attend unique sectionals planned especially for them. All the details of the conference, including keynote and sectional speakers and registration information can be found on their website: ochurcharise.com.
- **There is no greater privilege than to be a disciple of Christ**, though it's a task that is increasingly difficult in our culture. What does it look like to follow Jesus faithfully? Come and learn from **Drs. Alan Strange and Harrison Perkins** at the **2025 Faith and Life Conference**, "Be My Disciple: Called, Equipped, and Commissioned by Christ" on **Saturday, March 29**, from 9:00AM–2:00PM at Immanuel Fellowship Church (6015 W H Ave, Kalamazoo). Register at: www.kalamazoocpc.org/faithandlife.
- **Choir Camp at Messiah's IRC in Holland** is happening **June 16-20, 2025**. This is a fun, free opportunity for kids in grades 1-8 to learn choral skills and sing scripture-based songs to our Lord. Check out this year's theme, register, and get more info at messiahs-irc.org. Registration opens March 24. Space is limited, so tell your friends, sign up soon, and come sing with us!

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