

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for April 27, 2025

Today, our morning worship service will be led by **Dr. Jared Poulton**, and our evening worship service will be led by **Mr. Joseph Sato**, a student at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. **Next Sunday**, both of our worship services will be led by **Rev. David Overway**.

This morning, we formally welcome **Corban Anderson** (married to Karlie VanderKolk) into the Cornerstone church family. Corban comes to us from Covenant Presbyterian Church in Holland. Corban and Karlie's contact information is listed in both of the church directories.

This evening, we have the privilege of hearing the public profession of faith of **Brooke Hodges**.

National Day of Prayer – May 1st: The Elders have decided to skip this year. **We do invite the congregation to attend our monthly prayer time** led by our Outreach Committee. **Our next prayer time is TONIGHT** immediately after the evening service. **Prayer topics will include prayers for our nation, crops & industry, missions, and Christ's church.**

Update from the Elders: The Elders thank the congregation for your support and faithfulness during this time of uncertainty. Here are a few items that the Elders have been working on. These matters have not been decided yet, but we felt the congregation should be aware of these things. If you have additional questions, please contact your district Elder.

Pastor Vos: Pastor Vos continues his 6-month leave of absence and has been actively seeking care to address his medical conditions. Please continue in prayer for Pastor Vos and Brenda as the recovery process has been difficult, slow and uneven. The Elders are committed to fully honor Pastor Vos's 6-month leave. But without jumping to conclusions, the Elders are preparing for the possibility that Pastor Vos would not be able to return as Senior Pastor at the end of his leave of absence, which is June 2, 2025. If Pastor Vos is not able to return as Senior Pastor, he has agreed that the best option is to file for long-term disability insurance coverage. Then, if Pastor Vos is not able to return as Senior Pastor, the Elders will immediately form a Search Committee to look for a suitable man to call as Senior Pastor of Cornerstone URC. Pastor Vos has graciously acknowledged that this would be the most prudent course of action for the good of the church, rather than waiting longer for his recovery.

Dr. Jared Poulton: Dr. Poulton has been appointed to be Director of IRBC starting on August 1, 2025. The Elders are having discussions with Dr. Poulton and IRBC so that he may serve this congregation in a limited part-time capacity starting August 1. We are grateful for Dr. Poulton's desire to minister in this way.

Pre-Profession of Faith classes will be held after the morning worship service starting on **May 18**. The **deadline for signing up** for the class is **May 11**. All of those interested in attending the class please sign up in the Narthex or let Dave Vander Meer know (269) 760-0771.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHOIR will practice THIS MORNING after the Sunday School children have finished singing. We plan to sing on Sunday, May 18.

The Cornerstone URC MAY 2025 Events & Prayer Calendars are available on the table in the narthex.

The Cornerstory is in the members' mailboxes today! Thank you to all who contributed for this LARGE newsy issue! If you need help carrying it to your car, please contact one of the deacons.

This Saturday is the Ladies' Spring Brunch! Please **sign up TODAY** if you plan to come. Don't worry if you do not have anyone to sit with, just sign up and we will put you at a wonderful table! If you are willing to bring some of the food items for the brunch, please sign up on that sheet in the narthex too.

The Agape Freezer has been defrosted and is ready to be re-stocked. Please consider making a little extra when preparing your meals and put some of it in single-serving containers for the freezer. It will be appreciated by those who can use it!

Dear congregation, would you be willing to drive the church bus every 4 - 6 weeks? It is not a difficult job, and truly, it is a blessing to serve in this way. No special licensing is required, as our bus is classified the same as a large van. **Please talk to Randy Moorman for more information.**

The Women's Conference Committee will meet **tomorrow night, April 28, at 7:00pm** in the Council Room.

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!

Casual Connections II will meet **THIS WEEK Thursday, May 1**, (since there will not be a special service for National Day of Prayer). Join us from 6:00-9:00pm in the downstairs Bible Study room.

Walk For Life ~ Beth Kramer and some of her children and grandchildren will be participating in this important walk. Please join them **THIS WEEK Saturday, May 3rd**. We will be starting from **City on the Hill in Zeeland at 10:00 AM**. If you are unable to participate, please **pledge your support by signing up under Bulletin Board #3**. An envelope to return your support will be in your mailbox after the walk. Thank you for your supporting life from conception to natural death.

Save the Date: Word & Deed Coast-to-Coast Bike-a-Thon ~ It's that time of year again! We're gearing up for this year's Coast-to-Coast Bike-a-thon to be held on **Saturday, June 7, D.V.** Gather your friends and family, choose a route to bike, and raise funds for Word & Deed's projects in South Africa. We already have 9 teams registered! For more details and to register your team, go to wordanddeed.org/bikeathon. We're looking forward to having many of you participate in this year's event!

Reformed Mission Services

- **Please keep the RMS team in your prayers as they return home this week from Costa Rica.** We're thankful for the time they were able to spend working alongside Rev. Bill Green at CLIR, the school, and local churches. View photos from the trip at rms.org/costa-rica!
- **Interested in helping in Cincinnati?** Ascension Reformed Church is making great progress restoring a historic church building in the heart of the city, but some critical repairs are still needed before the space can be safely occupied and used for ministry. These final steps are essential for creating a place of worship and outreach. Please keep this project in your prayers. To learn more or make a donation, visit rms.org/arc. If you'd like to join a team and help in person, contact Rob at rob@rms.org.

HSYG

- **Next Sunday, May 4**, is our **Senior Send-off and final meeting** before summer break. We will be **meeting at Doug and Sheryl Ulberg's house** after the evening service. **Meal: Leaders.** Please **check the BAND app** for more details.

THIS WEEK AT CORNERSTONE

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	11:00AM	Sunday School & Catechism Classes

	11:15 AM	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
	4:50 PM	Song Service
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
	6:15 PM	Time of Prayer (Sanctuary)
Monday	6:30 PM	Deacons
	7:00 PM	Women's Conference Committee (Council Room)
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Education Committee Meeting (Council Room)
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Early Risers (Arrows Restaurant in Hudsonville)
	7:00 PM	Ladies' Spring Bible Study – Lesson 3 at the Vos's house
Thursday	6:00 PM	Casual Connections II (downstairs Bible Study room)
	6:30 PM	VBS at Presidential Estates
Saturday	9:30 AM	Ladies' Spring Brunch in the church basement— sign up today!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Offerings: **April 27 AM:** Mid-America Reformed Seminary (Special Collection—Campus Expansion)
PM: Reformed Youth Services (RYS)

May 4 AM: Ascension Reformed Church (Cincinnati, OH)
PM: Alliance Defending Freedom

Coffee Keepers: **April 27** – Dorothy VandenBosch & Deanne Carbone
May 4 – Deb Brinks & Nancy VanderWey

Host Family: **April 27** – Kurt & Carissa Schuiteman
May 4 – Rol & Mary Lou Mast

Nursery: **April 27 AM:** Nancy VanderWey, Mackenzie Stuiwe
PM: Shannon DenHerder, Alice DenHerder

May 4 AM: Amanda Deppe, Alayna Moelker
PM: Carissa Schuiteman, Ahnaleigh DeVries

Security: **April 27 AM:** Dan Deppe, Bob Hop **First Responder:** Jamie Sijtsma
PM: Eric Stuiwe, Elijah Stuiwe

May 4 AM: Rod Westveer, Randy VanderKolk **First Responder:** Carissa Schuiteman
PM: Jayson Alsum, Jake Alsum

Sound: **April 27** – Landon Vos **May 4** – Bob Hulst

Ushers: **April AM:** Kevin Bonzelaar, Corban Anderson, Jake Alsum, Reece Alsum
PM: Devin Berens, Mason Berens, Aaron Beute, Benjamin Winebrenner

May AM: Kevin Bonzelaar, Nick Bratt, Ryan Deemter, Kevin DeHuff
PM: Dan DeVries, Joe DeWitt, Jacob DeWitt, Logan DeWitt

Valet Attendant: **April 27** – Patrick Carbone **May 4** – Tod Moelker

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A Scrap Metal Drive will be held **THIS WEEK Friday and Saturday, May 2 and May 3**, to benefit the Christian education foundations of **Unity Christian High School** and **Hudsonville Christian School**. The

drive will be held at the **Arrowaste Storage Lot** (1600 Chicago Dr., Jenison) from **1:00-8:00pm on Friday** and **8:00am-2:00pm on Saturday**. Call Bill Brouwer 616.822.4512 if you have any questions. We can accept appliances, used batteries, vehicles, or metal (steel, aluminum, copper, brass, etc.).

- **Zion Christian School** will present its Spring Music Concerts in May. The **Bands** will have their concert in **Zion's Gym THIS WEEK Thursday, May 1**. The **JH/HS Choir Concert** will be held on **Thursday, May 8**, at **First Byron CRC**. The **Elementary Choir Concert** will take place on **Friday, May 16**, at **First Byron CRC**. All concerts will begin at **7:00pm**. Please join us for these wonderful nights of worship and music.
- **Plan on joining us at Zion Christian School's Sporting Clay Shoot THIS WEEK Saturday, May 3**, at the Caledonia Sportsman's Club. Registration starts at 2:30pm. 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** still has a few open positions for the 2025-2026 school year. There is a faculty opening for **High School Science, High School History, part-time / temporary Maintenance Assistance, one day a week Hot-Lunch Lead, and a part-time Counselor**. More 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.

MISCELLANEOUS REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The King's Choraliars** invite you to join them **TONIGHT at 7:30 PM** at **Trinity United Reformed Church** (7350 Kalamazoo Ave. SE, Caledonia, MI) for their Annual Spring Concert, "O Worship the King." This West Michigan men's choir has been dedicated to the singing of sacred music for 75 years! They are always welcoming new members to sing with them, and they rehearse on Thursday evenings in GR. A free will offering to support their ministry will be received at the concert.
- **Pregnancy Resource Center's Walk for Life** is scheduled on **Saturday, June 14**. There are 3 ways you can walk—**1) Walk Downtown PRC** (415 Cherry Street, SE, Grand Rapids – registration at 8:00am, walk at 9:00am); **2) Walk in Middleville at Paul Henry Trail** (100 E. Main Street, Middleville – registration at 8:30am, walk at 9:00am); or **3) Walk where you are** (visit prcforlife.org for information). We are excited to walk side-by-side together, uniting in fellowship, praying as believers, and encouraging all who stand for the sanctity of human life. Pledge forms and a poster can also be found on Bulletin Board #3. Contact Pregnancy Resource Center at 616-259-1518 or events@prcgr.org with any questions.
- **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 is open, but space is limited so tell your friends, sign up soon, and come sing with us!

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