



Cornerstone
Evangelical Presbyterian Church

January 15, 2017

Engage at Cornerstone

IN WORSHIP

Dr. Richard Alberta Preaching
"New Creations!"
2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

IN FOCUS

Congregational Meeting Today

Our Congregational Meeting is TODAY, immediately following the 11:30 service. The purposes of this meeting includes electing 5 Elders, approving the 2017 Slate of Deacons, electing the 2017/18 Nominating Committee, and approving the extension of the call for Pastor Richard Alberta for one year – from July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018. Please attend this important meeting if you are able.

Blood Drive Tomorrow

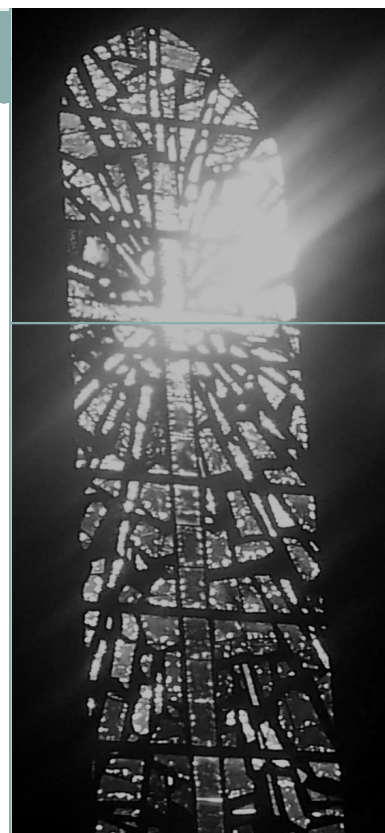
The Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive at Cornerstone tomorrow from 12-6 pm in Hess Hall. If you are able to give, please register online at www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation.

Storytime - Event for Women

Ladies, join us Thursday, January 26 at 7 pm as we share our stories for His glory! This is a great opportunity to hear the testimonies of some of your sisters, as well as see how God is shaping your own story for Him. For more information or to RSVP, please visit Events Registration today.

Community Connect

Community Connect is taking place on Saturday, February 4, at Parker Middle School. We are collecting personal hygiene items for this event through Sunday, January 29. Please place donations in the Community Connect bins located throughout the church. Thank you.



EVENTS REGISTRATION:

Women's Storytime Event

SAVE THE DATE

Gospel Beginnings

Jan 8 - Feb 5
11:30 in Room 110

Congregational Meeting

January 15 @ 1pm

Blood Drive

January 16: 12-6 pm
Hess Hall

Storytime Women's Event

January 26 @ 7 pm

Gospel Truth

Feb 12 - Mar 19

Missions Open House

February 18 & 19

Hearing assistance devices are available at the Sound Booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

If you need assistance, please ask an usher for help.

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Dr. Richard Alberta Preaching

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2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

¹⁶So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him who has no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

SERMON NOTES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Infant - Grade 4)

CALLING ALL KIDS!

Come, Learn, and Grow in your Faith!

From birth through grade 4 all children are welcome! We seek to nurture and equip children to know the heart of God in order that they might have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and serve Him.

FAITH Milestones

Attention parents (and grandparents) of children in Kindergarten or 1st grade! Gospel Beginnings continues today at 11:30 am in room 110. Come and be prepared to cultivate this phase of spiritual development in the life of your child.

FAMILY INPUT SURVEY

In an effort to better serve your family by providing special events, programs and classes, Children's Ministry invites families with children ages 3 through fourth grade to participate in a confidential online survey titled "Family Input Survey." Be sure to complete it as soon as possible.

STUDENTS (5TH - 12TH GRADES)



7up Sisters Winter Bible Study
Saturdays 9:30-11:30 am
at the Friday's
Beautiful Encounters
by Erin Davis

9 week study for 7th & 8th grade girls
January 14-March 25
Cost: \$10 (includes workbook)

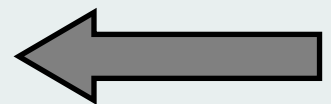
Sign up at the 7UP Welcome Table

180 STUDY: MAKE WAR

High School students, join us for a teaching series on *Spiritual Warfare*, running through January. Equip yourself for the battle. Check us out in the Student Center today!

Parents . . . a gentle reminder from your servants in Children's Ministry. . . If your child is not feeling well or shows symptoms of illness, he/she belongs at home or with you in the service. Thank you for helping make our nursery and classrooms a happy, healthy environment for everyone!

7th and 8th Grade Girls!
Check out our Winter Bible Study!



COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community is an essential element of the Christian life. Find a list of our Sunday morning Communities to the right, and join us on Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 11th at 5:15 pm for a fellowship dinner, followed by a variety of children, student and adult classes. RSVP for dinner through our website or App. You can find a listing and description of our classes on our website: cornerstoneforlife.com.

DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

Following each worship service there are Elders and Prayer Partners who will pray with you in the front of the Sanctuary. If you'd prefer, you may fill in a pink prayer card (in the church pew) and drop it in the offering plate or turn it in at the church office. It will be given to a pastor for prayer. If you choose to include your name and number, you will be contacted by Caring Ministries. Filling in a prayer card does not automatically add your request to the published prayer list, as some people prefer confidentiality. Addition to the Prayer List must be specifically requested. Feel alone? Request a Stephen Minister to walk with you through the hard or confusing times of life.

ADULTS

Class/Community	Topic	Location/time
Growing Together in Christ	Miracles - Signs of God's Glory	CC Classroom/8:30
Hunt Through the Bible	The Pastoral Epistles: Learning How God's People Should Behave in Church	CC Classroom/10:00
Crossroads	Evangelism	102/10:00
Merge	How to Read Difficult Passages	Room 113/10:00
Tapestry Community	I & II Peter	Room 101/10:00
F.A.I.T.H.	A Prophetic Journey - Exile and Exaltation	107/10:00
Side by Side	"iMarriage" by Andy Stanley	108/10:00
SNAP (Special Needs Adult Program)	Amazing New Testament Heroes	Room 109a/10:00
Rooted	Habits of Grace: Disciplines of the Christian Life	CC Classroom/11:30

NEW WOMEN'S STUDY TO BEGIN 1/24

All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you — unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life. A devoted, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you: your heart, your mind, your marriage, your children, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny. But his battle plan depends on catching you unaware and unarmed. If you're tired of being pushed around and caught with your guard down, this study is for you.

Come join Renee Kidder & Kim Kozal as they lead *The Armor of God* by Priscilla Shirer. The enemy of our souls always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. More than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory of spiritual armor, this study is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory!

The study runs 7 weeks on TUESDAY evenings, 7 - 9 pm in the Celebration Center classroom, beginning January 24. Books are \$12.99 through Lifeway. Please email Kim at kkozal@yahoo.com and indicate if you need a book.

CARE AND PRAYER

We extend our deepest sympathies to:

- Mark and Leslie Mechigian on the death of Mark's brother, Robert Mechigian
- Genise and Eric Horsley on the passing of Genise's mother, Crystal Jewell

Please pray God's peace and comfort surround them.

Thank You

Thank you Cornerstone for all of your prayers and support on the loss of my brother Gary Francis.

~Sincerely, Linda Gutting

Senior Pastor Search Committee Update

We wanted to give a quick update on where we are as your Senior Pastor Search/Transition Committee. In June we finished our Church Information Form (CIF) and posted the position online. We established a process by which to evaluate candidates and have been receiving applications since mid-June. As appropriate, we have been conducting our first and second round of interviews. Please **continue to be in prayer** for the committee, the applicants, and our church. Please pray for the committee's discernment and that we clearly hear the will of God in this process. At the January 15, 2017 Congregational Meeting, the congregation will be asked to consider an action to renew Pastor Alberta's call for one year beyond his 70th birthday. **This is consistent with the overall plan** that was outlined when the Senior Pastor Search/Transition Committee was put into place a year ago. This in no way impacts the process or timeline for selection of the next Senior Pastor at Cornerstone and provides the flexibility that had been envisioned for an orderly transition as further events unfold.

Right to Life - Pregnancy Help Clinic Supply Drive

As you know, January is Right to Life month. Pregnancy Help Clinic in Brighton needs our help! Items needed are: crib sheets, size 4, 5 & 6 diapers, single pack baby bottles, and 3-6 month onsies. Please place your items in the box by the Missions cabinet. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Rogge at 248.444.8061.

GIVE AND SERVE

Pew Crew Help Wanted

Looking for a way to help out your church community? Our Tuesday Pew Crew is in need of a few volunteers to replenish supplies for our pews, Tuesdays at 8:30 AM for approximately one hour. If interested, please contact the front desk at 810.227.9411.

Seeking Music Servants

Looking for a great way to love the Lord, build fellowship, and serve? Openings are available within the Cornerstone Choir & Orchestra. The choir rehearses Wednesdays at 7 pm. Questions? Contact Director of Worship and Music, Dr. Rose Stevens, through the church office or email: rstevens@cornerstoneforlife.com.

TRAIL LIFE FUNDRAISER

Trail Life Troop 4020 is selling split firewood as a fund raiser to help supply the troop with essential equipment for our campouts. We are selling the firewood for \$75.00 a face cord delivered. If you are interested in helping our troop acquire camping equipment and need fire wood for this winter please contact Steve Mahan:

stmahan4020@gmail.com,
248-760-3166

or Curt Kofahl:

cck3rd@comcast.com,
810-923-1168.

TEACHING AND RULING ELDERS

Sr. Pastor Dr. Richard Alberta

Budget & Finance

David Andrews, Steve Mahan

Clerk of Session Mark Smith

Buildings & Grounds

Eric Dunatchik

Caring Ministries

Rev. Brian Tweedie, Ken Foster

Children's Ministries

Jon Morgan

Cornerstone School

Dr. Arthur Hunt, Steve Johnson

Discipleship

Rev. Chris Winans, Dan Forster,

Bob Wheelock

Men's Ministries

Wally Schram

Missions Rev. Scott Larson,

Rob Russell, Mike Rumbarger,

Jay Chamberlin

Student Ministries

Bob Kozal

Young Adult Ministries

Rev. Chris Winans

Women in Ministry

Laura Muhleck

Worship - Mike Beck

Senior Pastor Search/

Transition Committee Chair

Ford Cotton

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8

Day	Time	Event	Room
Sunday	8:30, 10, 11:30am	Worship Services Adult Education Children's Classes/Care	Sanctuary Various Various
	9:30 am	Library Open	Library
	10:00 am	SNAP (Special Needs Adult Program)	109A
	1:00 pm 4:00-7:00 pm	Congregational Meeting Men's Basketball	Sanctuary Hess Hall
Monday	6:30 pm	Trail Life	Student Center
Tuesday	9:15 am	Steps to Serenity	Parlor
	7:00 pm	Parents of Hope	108
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Bread of Life	Celebration Center Classroom
	5:15 pm	Luau Community Dinner	Celebration Center
	6:45 pm	Classes/Worship Rehearsal	Various
	7:00 pm	Foster/Adoptive Sppt Grp	Parlor
Thursday	12:45 pm	Primetimers	Celebration Center
Friday	6:00 am	Men's Fraternity Class OFFICE CLOSED @ 12:30	Celebration Center
Saturday	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group	Parlor
	6:30-8:30 pm	Adult Drop-In Volleyball	Hess Hall

God's Faithfulness to Cornerstone

	12/25	1/1	1/8
Worship:	1714/740	760	1174
Offerings:	\$101,599	\$64,702	\$61,396
Year to Date Actual:	\$1,844,686	\$1,949,388	\$2,010,784
Year to Date Target:	\$1,850,004	\$1,921,158	\$1,992,312
Weekly Target: \$71,154			

5:7 PAY DOWN GOAL:

Total Indebtedness (as of Dec): \$2,006,210*

Giving for 5:7 to Date: \$1,017,673

Total 5:7 Project Cost: \$2,740,000

*Includes prior mortgage debt

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COMMUNITY CONNECT



Livingston County's 10th Annual
Saturday, February 4, 2017
Parker Middle School—Howell

Community Connect is a one-day community event to help the homeless—and others at risk of becoming homeless—easily connect to helpful information and services, such as housing assistance, health screenings, legal consultation, food services, government and faith-based agencies, medical insurance, resumé writing, clothing, and other personal needs.

**We anticipate about 1000 guests to attend!
As in year's past, Cornerstone will be providing and serving lunch,
distributing gift bags filled with personal need items.**

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED— BY SUNDAY JANUARY 29TH:

Women's Deodorant

Shaving Cream

Disposable Razors

(Please bring items to display in narthex – Regular size items please – NOT Trial or Travel Size or Jumbo)

VOLUNTEER BEFORE COMMUNITY CONNECT:

Food Preparation Friday, Feb. 3 4pm - 9pm *Hess Hall*

Set-up— Friday, Feb. 3 4pm - 8pm *Load truck at Cornerstone, transfer food & gift bags to Parker Middle School*

VOLUNTEER AT COMMUNITY CONNECT: Saturday, February 4 8:30am - 2pm

Guest Guides *Guides are needed to help guests navigate the large facility, answer their questions and direct them to services. Training provided**

Food Service *Starts at 7am with set-up, food prep, serve lunch, & bus dining room*

Distribute Love INC Gift Bags— *Pass out Love INC personal needs gift bags*

Tear Down— Saturday, 1pm - 5pm *Re-load truck and unload at Cornerstone*

***GUIDE ORIENTATION AT PARKER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Dates to be determined—Watch the Engage for details

TO SIGN UP TO HELP

Go to the www.cornerstoneforlife.com, Events, Current Events and Click onto Community Connect OR contact Karen Leaf 810.494.4013
email: kleaf@cornerstoneforlife.com

DIVORCED? SEPARATED?

WE CAN HELP

DivorceCare is a weekly seminar and support group that will help you heal from the hurt. It's a warm, caring environment led by people who understand what you are going through.

You'll learn practical information that will help you deal with the challenges of divorce. Best of all, you will gain hope for the future.

Is someone you know hurting? Tell him or her about DivorceCare, a weekly seminar/support group. DivorceCare features biblical principles for healing from a marriage breakup.

Tuesdays - 7-9pm

January 24 - April 24

Contact Person: Janine Fruehan 248.701.8689

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EXPERIENCE HEALING

Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church 9455 Hilton Road Brighton
Call 810.494.4013 Visit cornerstoneforlife.com/divorcecare or divorcecare.org

Women in Ministry warmly invites all grown up girls to

Storytime

Sharing Our Stories for His Glory!

Thursdays January 26 & March 23
7:00 - 9:30pm in the Celebration Center

- Wear comfy lounging clothes.
- Bring a snack to share.
- Connect with other women.
- Invite a girlfriend.
- Be blessed by the stories you'll hear!
- Learn how God can use YOUR story for HIS glory!

**Join us on Thursday January 26 to hear
our special Storytime presenters:**

Anne Lampert
Casey Somerville

**Meet two ordinary Cornerstone women with extraordinary callings from God
to use their lives and stories to share His grace and glory!**

"All believers, come here and listen, let me tell you what God did for me."

Psalm 66:16 (The Message)