

**ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES**  
**COMMUNITY BULLETIN**  
**January 14, 2018**

**Denominational, Classis, or Community Prayer Requests:**

Pray for the students at Orange City Christian School as they take their Iowa Assessments this week. Pray that God will give them clarity of mind and may they give a good account of what they have learned and what they know.

Pray for all our college students as the new semester begins. Pray that the new semester gets off to a great start. Pray especially for the seniors who are anticipating entering the work force after graduation. May God open doors for employment opportunities.

Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. day, a day set aside to remember a man who fought for the rights and freedoms of all people. As we remember this day, may we be promoters of justice and seek to stop injustice from happening in this world.

Spiritual Renewal Week at Unity Christian High School is the week of January 15. Pastor Tim Breen (alumnus of UCHS class of 1998 and pastor of OC 1<sup>st</sup> Reformed Church), will be leading Unity staff and students in a week-long journey and emphasis on “What We’re Wired For: Four Considerations about Faith and Technology). One of his text verses will be Colossians 1:17 – “He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” Guests are always welcome at the chapels at 9:55 on Tuesday-Friday. Please pray for a week of growing in faith.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Keep denominational ministries in prayer. Call the toll free number: 1-888-CRC-PRAY (272-7729).

Day of Encouragement (DOE) Scholarships—DOE takes place at Dordt College on Saturday, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. Toward equipping classical leaders, Heartland’s Classical Education Committee (CEC) offers a limited number of scholarships to cover registration costs. Application deadline—Friday, Jan 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact Heartland’s CEC for details: (712) 463-2576 or [mklompien@gmail.com](mailto:mklompien@gmail.com).

Jim Prichard of the Barnabas Foundation is planning to be in the NW IA, SD & SW MN areas etc. from January 16-18, 2018 and will be available to meet with your contributors who wish to work on their estate plan or explore planned giving options. Just call Barnabas Foundation toll-free at [888-448-3040](tel:888-448-3040) if you have anyone who would like to schedule a conversation with Jim.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, January 14**

7:00 a.m. *Kids’ Corner* on KDCR Radio 88.5.

8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. *Groundwork – Beyond Jerusalem* - True excitement about something that has changed our lives is hard to keep to ourselves. That’s exactly how the first believers began spreading the gospel message. Join *Groundwork* as we study Acts 8 to discover how God’s plan unfolds even as violence and oppression try to smother the message. Tune in to KDCR 88.5 or listen online anytime at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com).

**Tuesday, January 16**

7:30 p.m. Sioux County Oratorio Chorus rehearsals begin in the choir room of DeWitt Music Hall on Northwestern College's campus, and all are welcome! Our season will culminate in a performance of Haydn's *Mass in Time of War* in Northwestern's Christ Chapel on Saturday, April 28 at 7:30pm. Please join us Tuesday nights 7:30-9:15 for music making and fellowship!

**Wednesday, January 17**

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC—Genesis Lesson 4.

7:00 p.m. Friendship Bible Series will meet at Iowa State Bank basement—Lesson 2-Walking on Water.

**Thursday, January 18**

7:00 p.m. Ladies, do you want to deepen your relationship with God, discover more about Him, and learn to pray powerfully for children and schools? Grab a friend and come hear stories of how God is at work as moms, grandmas, and other caring women gather weekly to pray for schools and for children near to their hearts (even grown ones). Moms in Prayer groups in NW Iowa are experiencing exciting answers to prayer. Ladies are finding encouragement and hope as others join with them in prayer. Come January 18, 7-9 p.m. to Trinity Reformed Church (201 St. Paul Ave., Orange City) to hear stories, pray, and learn more about the ministry of Moms in Prayer International ([www.MomsInPrayer.org](http://www.MomsInPrayer.org)). For more information, email [samantha\\_winn@hotmail.com](mailto:samantha_winn@hotmail.com) or call 712-395-3014. Women of all ages and stages are welcome.

### **Friday, January 19**

7:30 p.m. Dan Laaveg, a 2007 graduate of Northwestern College who is pursuing a doctorate in organ performance at the University of Iowa, will present a guest recital in Christ Chapel. The event is free and open to the public.

### **Next Sunday, January 21**

7:00 a.m.—*Kids Corner*

8:30 a.m. & 9:30 p.m.—*Groundwork*

### **Advance Notices:**

On Monday, January 22 support the Dordt College Concert Band in raising funds for their European Tour by attending their Tip Night at the Sioux Center Pizza Ranch. 10% of all sales from 5-8 pm that evening, including dine-in, to-go, and carry-out orders, as well as all donated tips will go toward their fundraising goal. Take the night off from preparing dinner and enjoy some great food while contributing to a worthy cause.

The Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra will present its popular Winter Pops Concert: *Romancing the Violin*, January 27, at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium on the campus of Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa. Violinist Jessica Mathaes will be joining the orchestra as guest artist for the evening. NISO's Celebrity Conductor Contest will be held in conjunction with this Concert. Advance tickets are available at Evie's Hallmark in Sioux Center and Jubon Juweelen in Orange City. Tickets are also available at the door the night of the concert. For more information, contact the NISO office at 712-722-6230 or [niso@dordt.edu](mailto:niso@dordt.edu).

--Announcements (2-week limit) for the Community Bulletin for are due by Thursday at 1 p.m., email: [office@firstercoc.org](mailto:office@firstercoc.org).