

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
May 13, 2018

Denominational, Classis, or Community Prayer Requests:

This past Thursday was Ascension Day, where we celebrate Christ's ascension to heaven. As you pray this week, approach the throne of grace with confidence knowing that Christ is interceding for you at the Father's right hand.

As we celebrate Mother's Day today, thank the Lord for the mothers that He has blessed us with and the mothers who are expecting babies. Pray also for those who struggle with Mother's Day because of infertility, difficult relationships with their mothers or sadness because this is the first year without their mom around. Pray that God will give strength in each of these situations.

This is Tulip Festival Week. Pray for those who will be traveling this week to visit Orange City to celebrate Tulip Festival. Pray that God will give safety to all and may we have a great time celebrating "*where flowers bloom, so does hope*".

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Tulip Festival is quickly approaching and the preparations for the OCCS Monica Food Tent are getting finalized. We'd appreciate your prayers and support of this fundraiser and invite you to stop by the Tent during the festival days. If you are interested in our extra soup/pies/food items, they will be available at the Tent on Saturday night, May 19, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and at OCCS on Monday, May 21, from 3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A donation is requested and appreciated at the time of pick up. First come, first served. Please do not call the school office or kitchen to reserve items, as the Tent Committee will be handling this. We look forward to a great festival weekend of being the hands and feet of Jesus in the community!

From the Pioneer Memorial Home: Due to the upcoming retirement of present management, the Pioneer Memorial Home Board is seeking replacements for the positions of Administrator and Maintenance. The administrator is in charge of the well-being of elderly residents and staff, in charge of finances, (computer knowledge in running payroll, paying monthly billings), hiring and scheduling staff, planning and implementing menus for all meals, and numerous other responsibilities. The maintenance person is in charge of building and grounds, carpentry repairs, electrical, mechanical, plumbing and heating/AC knowledge is helpful. Willing to train for both positions. These two positions could work well for a married Christian couple in a team effort or two individuals that could complement each other. The Pioneer Home is a Christian non-profit corporation that provides affordable, independent retirement living. If you feel the Lord leading you in this direction, please contact Verlyn at 712-737-2206 Monday-Friday from 8-5. There will be no online applications.

Summer office hours - Orange City Christian School summer hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. TRIP will be available for purchase only during these hours. Summer hours begin Tuesday, May 29. The entire building will be closed and locked up from July 16-27 for cleaning. No TRIP sales will take place during these two weeks.

Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, decent and affordable place to live? Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for our homeownership program for a future home in Hull. Application forms are available at the Hull City Office, Hull Library and online at <http://siouxlandhabitat.org/our-programs/home-ownership/>. Completed applications are due by May 16. IF you are interested, please contact Kurt Franje, 712-476-2804 or email kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org.

Homestays are needed for Kyiv Chorus: The Kyiv Symphony Orchestra Chorus, in association with Music Mission Kiev (Ukraine), will be touring the Midwestern United States and making a stop in Sioux County for a concert at Dordt College on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018. This will be the 14th tour to the U.S. for this fine ensemble. Their mission is to transform lives through music, and to share a message of what is currently happening in Ukraine. Homestays for that same evening are needed for the approximately 50 adult musicians in this ensemble. If you are willing to contribute to this effort, please contact Sanneke Kok at sanneke.c.kok@gmail.com or 712-722-2254 by Friday, June 1.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 13

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

8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. *Groundwork – The Fruit of Joy* - In light of the sadness and tragedy in our world, being joyful can seem challenging, if not impossible. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 1:3-9 to discover where true joy is found and how Christians can experience this fruit of the Spirit in daily life. Tune in to KDCR 88.5 or listen online anytime at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

Next Sunday, May 20

7:00 a.m.—*Kids Corner*

8:30 a.m. & 9:30 p.m.—*Groundwork*

11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to a Community Worship Service to be held at Windmill Park in downtown OC. Please take a blanket or a lawn chair for seating. (Rain location is OC First Reformed Church on Central Avenue). Worship will be led by Grace Reformed Church and Rev. Ryan Perz from Cornerstone Baptist will bring the message. An offering will be received for various ministries in Orange City.

Advance Notices:

Orange City Christian School is having their annual Hymn of the Month Program on Monday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. at First Reformed Church. Everyone is encouraged to attend and take a friend!

Unity Christian's spring music concert will be a split instrumental/vocal concert and held on Tuesday evening, May 22nd. The instrumental portion will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will feature Symphonic Band, String Orchestra, and Instruments of Praise. The choirs will start at approximately 8:00 p.m. and will feature Chorale, Concert Choir, Bel Canto, and Knightsounds. There will be an intermission to reset the stage from 7:45-8:00 p.m. The music ensembles are eager to share their concert music with you. Come for both or one of these end-of-the-year concerts. A free will donation will be received for the music department.

Graduation 2018 at Unity Christian High School will be held on Thursday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Knight Center. Overflow seating will be available in the Courtyard.

Graduation exercises will be held for the eighth grade students attending Orange City Christian School on Friday evening, May 25, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the First Christian Reformed Church. Everyone is invited.

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