

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

October 13, 2024

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

As we thank God for dry days of harvest, pray to him for rain to replenish the earth in due season.

Pray for our country's president and cabinet to be guided in paths of righteousness. Pray for our country's legislature, that every congressman and congresswoman might be kept healthy, but even become holy, if it be God's will. Pray for our country's Supreme Court to know righteousness and justice as God defines it from His word, and to make decisions in accord with it.

Give thanks for God's guidance for vacant churches of Classis Heartland to receive pastors. Pray for remaining churches to be led to competent preachers and pastors. Pray especially for Hawarden CRC, Hospers CRC, and Living Water.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - What it Means to be God's Chosen People - When we're through challenging times, we may find ourselves wondering: "Does my life matter? Am I making a difference?" Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 2:4-25 to see how Peter comforts Christians experiencing suffering by affirming their identities in Christ and their intrinsic value as God's chosen people. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com.

The OCCS Tiger Paws are very thankful for the response received so far for the pig-in-the-blanket fundraiser. We have sold half of the pigs we would like to sell. If you haven't ordered yet, you still have time. The online ordering will stay open through October 21 or until pigs are sold. The cost is \$15.00 per dozen. You can order online using the link on the OCCS website or stop by the school office to pay by cash or check. You can pick up your order at OCCS on Wednesday, October 30 from 5-7 p.m. Please take along a copy of your online order form. We will be making the pig-in-the-blankets on October 28 and 29. We welcome any associates (past parents, grandparents, or supporters of the school) who would like to join us.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, October 14

6:00 p.m. Common Thread will meet in the Calvary Cadet Room

Wednesday, October 16

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Isaiah, Lesson 5

Friday, October 18

7:00 p.m. The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series presents Alexander Meszler in a solo organ recital in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University. Dr. Meszler is an organist dedicated to interdisciplinary performance and research. His performances and research aim to inspire new perspectives on the organ and its capabilities both within and beyond the liturgy. He serves as College Organist and Assistant Professor of Music at Luther College. Dr. Meszler's performance at Dordt is part of the Ringerwole Organ Recital Series, which seeks to promote the organ and its repertoire for the musical education and enjoyment of students, alumni, and the community by bringing celebrated organists to Dordt University.

Advance Notices:

Unity Christian Fall Concert - the Unity music department will present their Fall Concert on Monday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Knight Center. This is a great opportunity to hear all of the large group ensembles: Chorale, Concert Choir, Orchestra, and Symphonic Band. A free-will offering will be received.

Join the Dordt University Music Department for an unforgettable afternoon of jazz as Dordt's 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band take the stage in the BJ Haan Auditorium on Friday, October 25 at 3:10 p.m. Music will include a jazzy setting of "His Eye Is on the Sparrow;" favorites by Bob Dylan, The Beatles, and Toto; and other standards. The concert will also be available on livestream at

<https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>. Parking near the BJ Haan Auditorium is limited due to construction; making plans to arrive early and/or arrange for drop-offs near the Campus Center are encouraged.

Please join the Dordt University Music Department for an exhilarating evening of music as the Dordt Wind Symphony, Chamber Orchestra, and Campus-Community Band perform on Friday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the BJ Haan Auditorium. Campus Community Band will open the concert and will perform three works, one of which is the vibrant and energetic “Fracas” by Randall Standbridge. The Chamber Orchestra will follow with music by Fasch, Ewazen, and Bohm. The Wind Symphony will perform a thrilling line up consisting of wind band staples “Tocatta Marziale” by Vaughn-Williams, Frank Ticheli’s heartfelt setting of “Amazing Grace,” and the contemporary and exciting masterpiece “Asphalt Cocktail” by John Mackey. The concert and the PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>. Parking near the BJ Haan Auditorium is limited due to construction; making plans to arrive early and/or arrange for drop-offs near the Campus Center are encouraged.

The second half of the Fall Music Festival at 8:30 p.m. on Friday October 25 in the BJ Haan Auditorium will feature four of the Dordt Choral Ensembles: Bella Voce (women’s chorus), Canons of Dordt (men’s chorus), Chorale, and Concert Choir. Repertoire will draw from a wide range of styles from the Renaissance to the 21st century and explore themes of joy, peace, praise, and community. Bella Voce is conducted by Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Canons of Dordt by Tim Van Voorst, and Chorale and Concert Choir by Dr. Ryan Smit. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>. Parking near the BJ Haan Auditorium is limited due to construction; making plans to arrive early and/or arrange for drop-offs near the Campus Center are encouraged.

Please join the Dordt Music Department for the Defender Days Hymn Festival: “Praise God in His Sanctuary: A Festival of Psalms and Hymns” on Saturday, October 26, at 10:30 a.m. in the BJ Haan Auditorium. A prelude offered by Dordt organ students will begin at 10:00 a.m. The Hymn Festival will feature Bella Voce, brass, organ, and poetry composed by Kendra Thompson. Come for a celebrative time of worship with timeless hymns! Parking near the BJ Haan Auditorium is limited due to construction; making plans to arrive early and/or arrange for drop-offs near the Campus Center are encouraged.

Men! "How Deep Is Your Bench"? is what Coach and Dad, Chris Yaw, will ask as he shares about his faith journey and his daughter Claire's fight with leukemia. You are invited to hear Chris at the Mendistry Area Men's Event at the MOC-FV High School East Gym on November 7 at 7 p.m.

--Announcements (2-week limit) for the Community Bulletin are due by Thursday at 1:00 p.m., email: office@firstercoc.org