

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
November 19, 2023

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Why wait until Thanksgiving to give thanks? Take today to start cultivating a life of giving thanks! What has God blessed you with that you are thankful for? Go further than the obvious things. What has He done, what has He taken away, what has He not done, what has He challenged you with? Let's learn thankfulness as lifestyle, as a default mindset, as something that every conversation with God includes!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Transformed Living - The apostle Paul continued to unpack the new realities of their life in Jesus Christ for the Roman Christians; he challenged them to live transformed lives. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Romans 12-13 to learn how to we too should live in light of the Gospel and what it means to renew our minds and be living sacrifices for God. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com

The 60th annual Community Chest Fund Drive has begun and ends on November 30. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and can be made by mail in the envelope provided with your utility bill, can be dropped off at one of the banks or city office, or can be made on-line at www.facebook.com/orangecitycommunity chest.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, November 20

7:00 p.m. The middle school students at Orange City Christian School will be performing in a concert in the OCCS gym. The 5th-8th graders have been working hard and are excited to share what they have been doing in band, orchestra, and choir.

Wednesday, November 22

6:50 p.m. Cadet Fun Night at OCCS

Advance Notices:

Advent Reflections Holiday Piano Concert with Janelle Phinney! Please join us at Calvary CRC on Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. What better way to start the season of Advent than with Chopin, Ravel and other Christmas favorites.

The Dordt University Music Department will present a Small Ensembles Recital at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 1, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will feature Dordt University's Saxophone Ensemble and Clarinet Choir. The Saxophone Ensemble will perform *Senbonzakura*, a fast, syncopated song depicting the Japanese Meiji revolution; an arrangement of "Merry-Go-Round of Life" from the film *Howl's Moving Castle*; an arrangement of Vivaldi's "Winter" from *Four Seasons* featuring a soprano saxophone soloist; and an arrangement of *Nearer My God to Thee*. The Dordt Clarinet Choir will perform tangos from Warsaw, Poland; a Peruvian waltz; a Habanera composed in the style of Ravel; and arrangements of Dvorak's *American String Quartet* and Mendelssohn's *Songs without Words*.

Whispers of Love, Hope & Joy Inc. presents, 'A December to Remember', featuring Grammy and Dove award winning artist, Nicole C. Mullen. The concert is at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, and will be held at the BJ Haan Auditorium on the campus of Dordt University in, Sioux Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. General admission tickets are \$50. VIP tickets are \$125 and include a meet and greet with Nicole C. Mullen. Tickets can be purchased online at www.whispersoflhj.com. Funds raised from this event will be used to support Talitha Koum, the healing campus for WLHJ.

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