ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
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Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

This week we give thanks to God for his goodness, including in so many small ways we take for granted. We thank him for life, family, community, health, strength, freedom, opportunity, and good work to do.

We thank God for homes and businesses and schools and stores and the infrastructure to live so comfortably: for gas and electricity, for water and sewers, for smooth roads and stoplights, for local government and civil servants, for police and firefighters and paramedics, for hospitals and doctors and nurses, for teachers and coaches. We thank God most of all for his love and the salvation offered in Jesus Christ. We thank God for faith, for our church communities, for Christian fellowship, for opportunities to grow and opportunities to serve, for the weekly worship of his people, and for the fruit and gifts of the Spirit seen in such abundance. May we be truly thankful this week for his countless benefits to us.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Prayer and Community - It is common to pray together as Christians. We pray in church, before meals, and with our Bible study groups. Why do we pray together and what difference does it make? Join Groundwork as we study Acts 2:42-47, Acts 4:23-31, Ephesians 6:18, Psalm 13:1-6, James 5:13-16, and Revelation 8:1-5 to why we pray communally and how corporate prayer can powerfully impact our faith. Listen at GroundworkOnline.com.

The Unity Christian Board of Trustees is now accepting nominations for the new at-large Board Trustee position. While supporting churches will continue to nominate Trustee candidates for two Board positions each year, the third position will be filled through the new at-large nomination process. This position is designed to identify individuals whose gifts, experience, and perspective can strengthen the Board's work. As the Board considers its current needs, we are particularly interested in individuals with experience in construction or facilities management, institutional advancement, executive leadership, and strategic planning. We invite members of the Unity Christian Society to prayerfully nominate individuals who are committed to Christian education and who may bring strengths in these or other areas. To receive information about the nominations process and a link to the nomination form, please email secretary@unitychristian.net. Due to the limited number of nominations received, the deadline has been extended to Monday, November 30. Thank you for helping identify individuals who can provide faithful leadership and support Unity Christian's mission for years to come.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, November 23

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

7:00 p.m. Dordt University will present a small ensembles recital in the Jim and Marilyn Dean Recital Hall. The recital will feature performances by two student-led ensembles: a woodwind quintet, supervised by Dr. Beverly Gibson, and a saxophone quintet, supervised by Pam De Haan. Selections will include music by August Klughardt, Kurousa-P and David Maslanka. The concert will also be available on livestream.

Wednesday, November 25

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary – *Gift of Christmas*, chapter 3

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

Advanced Notices:

Celebrate the glory and majesty of the birth of Christ with beautiful choral and orchestral music on Saturday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the BJ Haan Auditorium! This event is a re-imagining of Dordt's traditional Christmas concerts: it will feature music performed by the 250+ student musicians of the Dordt choirs, Chamber Orchestra, and bands separately and together, from the stage and around the auditorium; dramatic readings by Teresa Ter Haar, Jason Vande Brake, and other Dordt professors, staff, and theatre students; lighting enhancements and projections; and opportunities for the audience to join in singing. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at https://www.dordt.edu/live-events.

Hope of Heaven Christmas concert – A benefit concert for the Gospel Mission. Join on Sunday, December 6 at 3:00 p.m. for a special Christmas celebration featuring singer/songwriter, speaker, author, and Christian artist Jill Miller and special guest Aria Stiles and the ministry of The Gospel Mission. "Hope of Heaven Christmas Concert" will be at the Eppley Auditorium on the campus of Morningside University, 3635 Garretson Ave. Sioux City. Tickets are $25, tickets for groups of 10+ are $20 each. Tickets are available at https://thegospelmission.org/hope-of-heaven-christmas-concert-with-jill-miller or at the Gospel mission | 500 Bluff Street. Together we will celebrate the hope of heaven and the life-changing power of God's love.

--Announcements (2-week limit) for the Community Bulletin are due by **Wednesday (for this week only)** at 12:00 p.m., email: office@firstcrcoc.org