

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
December 3, 2023

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

This advent, let us anticipate our Lord's return to judge wickedness and set the world right by his authority and power.

Let us pray for Him to bring peace between Israel and its neighbors and Ukraine and Russia so that a path for the gospel is formed. Pray that hostages would be released, justice served, and diplomacy renewed.

Let us also pray for righteousness to prevail within our borders as renewed attention to God's law, integrity in highest levels of government, and new vigor in the worship of our churches returns.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Jesus: Our Wonderful Counselor - The prophet Isaiah calls the coming Messiah a 'Wonderful Counselor.' Join Groundwork as we explore Isaiah 9:6, Proverbs 1:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:18-24, and Colossians 1:15-19 to discover what this title communicates to us about Jesus and its connection to the biblical wisdom tradition. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com

Sing the Mozart Requiem in 2024 - The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus will kick off its 2024 season in January, and you are invited to sing with us! This season, we will be returning to perennial favorite, Mozart's *Requiem*, performing with orchestra and professional soloists on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at Northwestern College's Christ Chapel. Rehearsals are held Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 in DeWitt Music Hall on Northwestern's campus, beginning January 9. Singers of all ages and experience are welcome! Please contact Mike Ochsner mkchsnr@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to making music with you in the new year!

The First CRC Guatemala Mission Team is wrapping holiday gifts for a fundraiser. Drop off your Christmas gifts at Stadscentrum – 101 2nd St. NE, from 9am-1pm on December 9 or 6-8pm on December 20. They will wrap your gifts for a freewill donation. All proceeds will go to the First CRC Guatemala Mission Trip.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 5

7:00 p.m. The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 p.m. Video: "Schizophrenia: The Worst Symptoms." Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

Wednesday, December 6

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Study on Prayer – Lesson 1

5:00 p.m. Calvary YU Soup Supper from 5:00-7:00 p.m. It will be held in the lower-level fellowship hall of Calvary. Come & enjoy good food and fellowship with the YU.

Saturday, December 9

5:30-8:30 The Sr. High Youth Group of Maurice Reformed Church invites you to their Live Traveling Nativity event held in Maurice, Iowa from 5:30-8:30 p.m. A team of horses will lead wagons down a lit path, along with a narrator sharing the Christmas story, as their high school students present the events leading to the birth of Christ. Enjoy a warm supper and refreshments in our Family Life Center before or after you ride. This event is a freewill donation, with all proceeds going to support the MRC Sr. High students and their summer mission trip to the Appalachia region in June of 2024.

Advance Notices:

The Unity Christian FFA is hosting a Soup Supper on December 14 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The soup supper will take place in the Unity cafeteria. Free-will donations will be taken. Come and enjoy food and fellowship, while supporting future FFA projects!

The Unity Christian High School Music Department invites you to join them for an evening of music focused on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Knight Center. The concert will feature the choirs, symphonic band and orchestra, and ending with the singing and playing of the Hallelujah Chorus. Please join us for an evening filled with the musical joy recognized as part of the Christmas season.

The Dordt University Music Department will present a 4th Avenue Jazz concert on Friday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Featured on the concert will be the 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band. Come for a relaxed evening of jazzy Christmas songs and carols, big band standards, and a variety of collaborations between singers and instruments. The concert will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/live-events.

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