

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

December 8, 2024

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

“The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations will be his.” Gen. 49:10. May the promise of our Lord’s coming inspire joy, for Christ brings the blessing of God’s rule to us. As we move further into this Advent season, pray that the Holy Spirit awakens in our hearts a longing for the return of Jesus Christ. As He came, He will come again.

Pray also for college students as they prepare for and take final exams. Pray that the Lord helps college students give a good account of what they have learned, for safety for all who will be traveling, and for a refreshing winter break for them and their professors.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Jesus: Our Mighty God - The prophet Isaiah next calls the coming Messiah “Mighty God.” Join Groundwork as we explore Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 10:21, Acts 1:6-8, and Revelation 5:6,11-14 to discover what this title communicates to us about Jesus. Together, we’ll discuss how his presence as a helpless baby displays the awesomeness of God’s power and gives us hope as we anticipate his return. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, December 9

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

Tuesday, December 10

7:00 p.m. The Light Has Come! Orange City Christian School invites you to a special Christmas program at Northwestern College’s Christ Chapel. A freewill offering will be taken. Featuring performances by OCCS 2nd-8th grade students, orchestras, and bands, this is a night you won’t want to miss. Celebrate the season with us through music and joy! Celebrate the Gift, the Life, the Love. The Light has come!

Wednesday, December 11

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Isaiah, Lesson 12

6:00 p.m. GEMS Christmas Party at the OCCS gym from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

6:50 p.m. Cadets will meet at Calvary

Friday, December 13

7:00 p.m. The Dordt University music department will present a 4th Avenue Jazz concert on Friday Dec. 13 at 7:00 pm in the BJ 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. Featured will be vocal arrangements by Pentatonix and Straight No Chaser, along with band arrangements of Hark! The, O, Little Herald Town of Bethlehem, Feliz Navidad, and We Wish you a Merry Christmas. The concert will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/live-events.

Advanced Notices:

The Unity Christian FFA is hosting their annual soup supper on December 16 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. prior to the Unity Christmas Concert. The soup supper will take place in the Unity cafeteria. Freewill 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 Monday, December 16, 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.

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