

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
January 28, 2024

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Today let's pray for perseverance! In this season after the holidays, it can feel like we have a long way to go until spring. Perseverance is key, especially in thinking about staying ready and vigilant for Jesus to return! And as we persevere, it seems good to remember to also live eager lives, always looking for His return and never letting our lamps run out. Asking God for reason to hope, may we find in Him a confidence that doesn't come from this world!

Please God, give us hope in You! Please keep us ready, keep us patient, keep us aware, keep us confident. We need You to give us these characteristics. No hope in the things of this world, no anxiety from the things of this world-please bless us with fruit that comes only from You! In Your Son's name, Amen.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Generosity - Giving generously of our time, money, and ourselves does not always come naturally. Join Groundwork as we study Mark 6:35-44, Titus 3:3-7, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, and 1 Timothy 6:17-19 to discover why generosity is an important virtue for Christ's followers to cultivate, what it looks like to be generous people, and how we can nurture generosity in our everyday lives. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com

New Location Needed for Wheelchair Ministry - In 2019 Trinity Church and other volunteers from the community began partnering with Hope Haven International to build the padded parts of wheelchairs for children and adults around the world. This wheelchair ministry is now needing to find a new location. If you know of a 1,200-1,500 square foot space in Orange City that is at least half heated/cooled, please contact Dave Mars at [712-230-0176](tel:712-230-0176).

Unity Christian is looking to hire a Track Throws Coach. Please contact Terry Schouten at tschouten@unitychristian.net or 712-737-4114 for more information.

Justice for All is hiring! Full time warehouse/transportation manager. Join the staff at JFA to further the ministry. Coordinate shipments, organize donated items, and build relationships with volunteers and ministry partners. CDL encouraged, but not required. Join a ministry that has been providing opportunities, building relationships, and redistributing resources through caring and sharing in Christ's name for over 40 years. Discover the way God uses JFA to meet the needs of those in our area, around the country, and around the world. Send cover letter and resume to Joel De Wit at joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org or contact for more information and full job description at 712.739.0055

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 28

5:00 p.m. Combined Worship at Immanuel CRC for Cadet Sunday. Rev. Cody Statema will bring a message on Ephesians 3:14-19, *Wide, Long, High, and Deep*. An offering will be received for the Orange City Cadets.

Wednesday, January 31

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Prayer Study, Lesson 6

Thursday, February 1

4:30 p.m. The sophomore class of Unity Christian will be hosting their annual soup supper on Thursday, February 1 from 4:30-7:30 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 the sophomore class!

Friday, February 2

4:30 p.m. Join us for the annual Reach Out event sponsored by Unity Christian and MOC-FV on Friday, Feb 2. MOC-FV is hosting the event this year. Basketball games between MOC-FV and Unity begin at 4:30 starting with JV girls and boys followed by the varsity teams. All proceeds from this community event will benefit local families with high medical costs.

Advanced Notices:

The annual OCCS Tiger PAWS Soup Supper will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2023 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the OCCS gym. Soup, tavern, hot dogs/coneys, and homemade desserts and pies will be served. Please come out and support OCCS with this fundraiser!

Wee Blessings Preschool will be holding a Parent Information Night on Thursday, February 8 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Wee Blessings is located at First Reformed Church, 420 Central Ave. NW, Orange City. Please use the lower West entrance. Come visit and ask questions about our program! Registration will be held on Thursday, February 15 from 7:00-8:00 a.m. For further information, check out our website at www.ocweeblessingspreschool.com.

On Friday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium, the Dordt University Music Department will present a Music Faculty Recital. Performers include Carrie Groenewold on organ, Onsby Rose on trombone, Pam De Haan on alto saxophone and voice, accompanied by Carrie Groenewold, and Darren Van't Hul on voice, accompanied by Pam De Haan.

The Dordt University Concert Choir cordially invites you to come and enjoy an enchanting evening of Broadway tunes and sweet treats on Saturday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Campus Center on Dordt's campus. You'll hear solo songs and a few duets from several popular Broadway shows, and you'll be served delectable desserts by members of the choir while you listen! Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$5 for students. Kids 5 and under are free, and childcare is available on-site. Tickets must be purchased by Tuesday, February 6 from the Music Department Office (712-722-6222, anna.bartlett@dordt.edu) or from a Concert Choir student. Proceeds benefit the Concert Choir tour in March 2024 to the Northwest United States.

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