

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
February 11, 2024

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Society focuses on love this Valentines' week. Pray that God's people would particularly 'love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind.' Pray that we will reach out in Christian love to our neighbors. Pray for compassion for the hurting and lost. Pray for opportunities to exhibit random acts of kindness in light of Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Pray also for Christian homes. Ask God to strengthen Christian marriages in such a way that love and respect replace petty grievances. Pray that children in covenant homes would honor their parents and that parents will express patience and kindness toward each unique life entrusted to them.

Pray for the gospel to impact lives affected by the ongoing warfare in Israel and in Turkey.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Forgiveness - Most people would agree that true forgiveness can be quite difficult and often takes a lot of time and work. Join Groundwork as we study Colossians 3:13, Matthew 6:9-15, Matthew 18:21-22, and Ephesians 4:31-32 to better understand what it means to forgive, why we forgive, the importance of recognizing forgiveness as a process, and useful steps for cultivating the virtue of forgiveness in our lives. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, February 12

6:00 p.m. Common Thread will meet in the Cadet room of Calvary CRC.

Tuesday, February 13

7:00 p.m. The music department from Unity Christian High School will present, "Stage and Screen: Music from Movies and Musicals". All music groups will perform in the Knight Center. A free-will donation will be received.

Wednesday, February 14

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – We will start a new study on the book of Ephesians.

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

Saturday, February 17

1:00 p.m. The Dordt University Music Department will present a concert by the ensembles that are part of the 3rd Annual Dordt Honor Band and Orchestra Weekend! This year our attendance has grown to include a string orchestra and three bands, made up of 250 high school musicians from Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, Washington, California, and Manitoba, Canada. The ensembles will be conducted by Dr. Onsby Rose (Honors Wind Symphony), Dr. Allegra Fisher (Honors Symphonic Band), Dr. Christopher Cicconi (Honors Concert Band), and Mrs. Susan De Jong (Honors Chamber Orchestra). This is our largest honors ensemble weekend yet, and we hope many can join to witness the efforts of these students!

Advanced Notices:

Save the Date: OCCS is holding a Registration and Parent Meeting for Covenant Kids Preschool students for the 24-25 school year on Wednesday, February 21 from 4:30-6:00. This event is for parents only, stay tuned for a future date where you will be able to bring in your future preschool student to check out their future classroom!

The Dordt University Music Department will present a 4th Avenue Jazz concert on Monday, February 26 at 8:00 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. (This date and time are different from what has been previously publicized.) Featured on the concert will be the 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band. Come for a relaxed evening of big band standards, pop tune covers, and newer works. The concert will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/livestream.

Unity Christian invites you to join them for the musical "Little House on the Prairie". While the story will be very familiar, the musical is not. We hope you will join us for this new experience! Tickets can be purchased through Bound either online or through the app. Tickets go on sale on Monday, February 19. The show will be March 14 & 15 at 7:00 p.m. and a matinee Saturday, March 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the Knight Center.

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