

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
May 5, 2024

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Give thanks for the colleges in our area. As our college students travel home, graduate, and re-engage with families, ask for tender times of reunion. As they engage with summer jobs, internships, or new careers, pray for Godward faith and trust. And pray most of all that God will bring them as witnesses to the world for our King.

Give thanks for plenteous rain and pray that farmers will be able to return to planting the fields in expectation of harvest.

Give thanks that our Lord Jesus has ascended amid shouts of joy to intercede for us in the holiest place. May he send down His Holy Spirit to bless us with joy in our daily work, knowing the outcome of Jesus' work for us, is secure.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Spiritual Priorities in Haggai and Zechariah - In good times and bad, life is full of struggles and challenges. Even when God answers our prayers, the way forward isn't always straight. Join Groundwork as we study Haggai 1-2 and Zechariah 1-14 to glean biblical wisdom for navigating and enduring our own spiritual and physical challenges today and find courage to continue trusting God. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, May 6

11:30 a.m. Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon at Ireton Christian Reformed Church (301 Maple Street, Ireton IA). Please bring one salad for every four ladies in your group. The featured speaker is Lindsay Millard of Joie Floral Design in Orange City. She is a master gardener and will share ideas for growing your garden/plants. A freewill donation will be received for Bible League International; every \$5 raised puts a Bible in the hands of someone thirsty for God's Word!

Tuesday, May 7

7:00 p.m. Strings Night 2024!!! Featuring 89 4th-8th Orchestra students! The OCCS gym is the place to be for "On the Road Again." Join us for a little "stay"-cation right in NW Iowa and enjoy a fun evening of great strings music along with a few surprises! A freewill offering will be taken.

Wednesday, May 8

7:00 p.m. The Unity Christian Music Department will be presenting their Spring Concert in the Knight Center. The instrumental portion of the evening will begin at 7:00 with the Orchestra followed by the Symphonic Band. Following a brief intermission, the vocal portion of the evening will begin around 8:00 with Chorale, Bel Canto, Mannenkoor, Knightsounds, and Concert Choir performing.

Thursday, May 9

8:00 p.m. The Orange City Christian School Board is calling for a special society meeting to discuss and vote on an update to the current building project. There will be specific information about the updates available at the meeting. Please come and be part of the discussion and support Orange City Christian School.

Friday, May 10

3:45 p.m. The Unity Christian FFA Greenhouse Mother's Day Sale from 3:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Come and walk through our greenhouses, pick up some plants and enjoy seeing the work of our students! Freewill offering goes towards our FFA program.

Saturday, May 11

9:00 a.m. The Unity Christian FFA Greenhouse Mother's Day Sale from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Come and walk through our greenhouses, pick up some plants and enjoy seeing the word of our students! Freewill offering goes towards our FFA program.

Advance Notices:

Orange City Christian School will once again be offering soups, sandwiches, and Dutch treats at the big white tent during the Tulip Festival on May 16-18! Please join us for a delicious homemade meal that benefits Christian education! Didn't get enough to eat during the festival? Leftover food items will be available at 7:00pm on Saturday night for a freewill donation. Thank you for supporting OCCS in this way!

RiseFest June 7-8, 2024! A two-day family-friendly Christian music festival in Sheldon, Iowa. Performances by Skillet, Phil Wickham, Matthew West, Lecrae, We are Messengers, Ben Fuller and more to come! Experience the music, seminars, speakers, camping, and activities for all ages. Get tickets at riseministries.com.

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