

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
October 7, 2018

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Give thanks for a plentiful rain and a good crop in the area. Pray that drying days would allow that crop to be harvested. Pray also for safety for those who involved in this work.

September 30 was International Translation Day. Pray that translators would be especially effective in promoting truth and understanding between nations and people groups.

Pray also that ministries like Resonate Global Mission and the radio broadcasts of Back to God Ministries would impact many who need the truest sense of reconciliation available only in Christ.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OCCS Has Talent is coming Friday, November 2! OCCS will be presenting a talent show. Right now we are looking for talent from you - vocal or instrumental music, skits, whatever you'd like to share. OCCS students, staff, parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends are invited. Church groups are also welcome. Contact Dixie Wielenga (Dwielenga@occhristian.pvt.k12.ia.us) Kim Huizenga (Khuizenga@occhristian.pvt.k12.ia.us) or Dawn Steggerda (dawnsteg@gmail.com) to enter.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 7

7:00 a.m. *Kids' Corner* on KDCR Radio 88.5.

8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. *Groundwork— The Fall* - Adam and Eve, a snake, and a tree—the most recognizable elements in the biblical story depicting the origin of sin. Join *Groundwork* as we study Genesis 3 to explore the Bible's explanation for humanity's ugly side and the world's brokenness; together we'll discover proof of God's love through it all. Tune in to KDCR 88.5 or listen online anytime at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

Monday, October 8

7:00 p.m. Common Thread will meet in the Calvary CRC Cadet/Coffeehouse Room

Wednesday, October 10

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC—Genesis, Lesson 3

6:45 p.m. GEMS will meet at Immanuel CRC

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

7:00 p.m. Friendship Bible Series will meet in the Iowa State Bank basement—Lesson 1, *Peter and the Man Who Couldn't Walk*

Friday, October 12

7:30 p.m. Guest artist Jennifer Youngs, soprano, will present a vocal recital at Dordt College in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Youngs is currently serving on the voice faculty and is Director of Opera at Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas. The recital is free and open to the public.

Next Sunday, October 14

7:00 a.m.—*Kids Corner*

8:30 a.m. & 9:30 p.m.—*Groundwork*

Advance Notices:

Justice For All invites you to join them for an informational meeting about upcoming Service & Learning Trips on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 7 p.m. at the JFA Ministry Center, 1335 Valley Drive. Hear details and experiences of what Service & Learning trips are about, as well as answering any questions about dates, times, and locations. Come check the possibility of where God may be leading you. If you can't make

the meeting but would like more information, please call Luke Grooters at JFA, 712-476-2804 or lukeg@jfa-nwiowa.org.

Unity Christian High School will be hosting the Orchestra Festival on Wednesday, October 17, 2018. The six orchestras from the surrounding area who will be performing are: Orange City Christian, Sioux Center Christian, Western Christian, Rock Valley Christian, Hull Christian, and Unity Christian. The concert will showcase 5 mass pieces and will begin at 4:30p.m. It is sure to be an enjoyable evening of instrumental music!

Friday, October 19 and Saturday, October 20: Dordt College hosts its Defender Days celebration with a wide range of events, including the Small Music Festival with Jazz Band, Kantorei, and Bella Voce at 3 p.m. on Friday, the Fall Music Festival with Campus-Community Band, Chamber Orchestra, Concert Band, Chorale, and Concert Choir at 7 p.m. on Friday, and the Organ Showcase at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Go to www.dordt.edu for more Defender Days weekend highlights.

Freedom Conference at Inspiration Hills October 19-20. Join us for a journey into joy with Jill Miller and Rachel Arrentine. “Be Free from False Identity, Bitterness, Fear and Striving and lean on the Savior that cares for you. Join the ladies for a weekend of uplifting sessions and time to connect with the gals!” Register at www.inspirationhills.org

Northwestern College invites parents, youth pastors and church leaders to a session titled “Following Christ in our Digital Lives: The Moral Economies in the Digital Domains of Internet Porn and Grand Theft Auto.” The free event will be presented at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, in the Vogel Community Room of the DeWitt Learning Commons and will include a lecture, Q-and-A, and refreshments. The speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Rob Rhea, chaplain at Trinity Western University in Langley, British Columbia. He has dedicated his dissertation studies as well as much of his life and ministry to seeing young people walk with fullness and freedom in following Christ in the digital domains of their lives.

Register for a high school experience of a lifetime! Crossroads & Northwest Iowa Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) are accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the First Reformed Church in Maurice, Iowa. TEC is an interdenominational three day Christian retreat/lock in designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is Friday November 16 through Sunday November 18, 2018. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit www.CrossroadsTEC.com/apply or email CrossroadsTEC@gmail.com. The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt, meals & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

To all friends of Unity Christian--on December 1 at 7:00 p.m. we invite you to join us at Unity Christian for a night of celebration, fellowship and worship. Recording artists *Selah* will be performing live in our Knight Center. Tickets are on sale now for this event. Click here to order online and reserve your seats today: <https://www.itickets.com/events/402864.html>. Prior to the concert, we are hosting a dinner in the gymnasium from 5:20-6:40 p.m. This dinner requires an RSVP to the school office (737-4114). It is a catered meal with an opportunity to give a free-will donation. This dinner is replacing the Hostess Supper that has taken place in the past. In addition, we will be auctioning off delicious desserts at the end of the meal to each table. You may bid on the desserts as a second way to support the mission of Unity Christian High School that evening.

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