

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
November 22, 2020

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Thanksgiving is just around the corner! It will look different than previous years, of course. Some things will be simpler, some things will be more difficult. The holiday itself may be downplayed without gatherings or rituals but this doesn't need to be all that we remember about Thanksgiving in 2020.

What if this is the year things are so stripped down that we stop looking at what we don't have and we look at what we do have? What if this is the year I am able to truly remember and recognize the gift of Jesus Christ, and that causes such thankfulness in my heart that nothing else matters? What if I hold on to Jesus Christ so tightly this year that I let the things of this world slip out of my hands? What if I seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness?

God, we have concerns and we have worries and we have doubts and we have disappointments. 2020 is a hard year to be thankful during because of those worries, concerns, and doubts. But with You, all things are possible.

With You, we can be thankful in the midst of a world that crumbles. So create a thankful heart in me, God! Allow me to look past what I don't have and look to what I do: You! And if I have You, then I have everything I need! Thank you for giving Your Son!

About those who don't know You, about those who aren't blessed with the knowledge of You...God we lift them to You. Will You please bless the feet of those who bring good news to them! May You make a path for hearing or re-hearing Your name and may You break down the human-made walls in the hearts that are hard and resistant to You. May Your love and Your mercy and Your grace overwhelm each of us during this season and may Your name be glorified here on earth as it is in heaven!

Meet our world's tangible needs, God...please. Grant a humble and loving heart to our decision makers. Give eyes to us who have our daily bread to see those who don't. Give us Your hands. Give us Your feet to bring that daily bread where it needs to go. May no child go hungry, may no heart be lonely. Put people in places that are able to serve. Bring names to minds in order to send a note or a word of encouragement. Help us to be as mindful of others as You are of us, faithful Father. Bless those who are apart from You, or from their families, or from their friends. Keep the demon of isolation out of hearts. Bless those who suffer, may they see Your kingdom here and now.

I believe You are coming again and so I leave my lamp burning, ready for the bridegroom. Keep the oil in our lamps, God. Keep us striving and hoping and waiting and ready. Keep preparing our rooms and keep us desiring of dwelling with You, forever! In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The 57th annual Community Chest Fund Drive ends on November 30. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and can be made by mail in the envelope provided with your utility bill, can be dropped off at one of the banks or city office, or can be made on-line at www.facebook.com/orangecitycommunitychest

From Dordt University: Due to capacity limits this season at home basketball games, Dordt Defender general admission tickets and seat reservations for season ticket holders must be made online by visiting <https://www.dordt.edu/athletics/tickets>. There will be not be any walk-up tickets available. Thank you for your understanding as we work through these unprecedented times and challenges.

Inspiration Hills is looking for a Full-Time year-round Buildings & Grounds Manager to supervise, coordinate and participate in maintenance and janitorial activities for the facilities and grounds. The applicant should be able to perform general electrical, construction, and have knowledge of basic tools and equipment. More details, benefits, and qualifications can be found at www.inspirationhills.org

Inspiration Hills is looking for a Part-Time year-round Housekeeping Manager to delegate and perform the upkeep of the campus facilities. We are looking for a responsible and organized person who can work independently, and well with others. This would be a great position for someone with school aged children. More details can be found at www.inspirationhills.org

From Orange City Christian School: We are in our final push to finish Phrase I of our building addition, Project Engage, with approximately \$75,000 left to raise. Mark November 30 on your calendars to check out all our crazy antics associated with our virtual fundraiser. Each set amount of money raised unlocks a new crazy task one of our OCCS faculty members have to do. You can check out information on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/orangecitychristianschool> for different levels of giving. You are welcome to mail or drop off any donations at the OCCS Office.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 22

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

8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. Groundwork – *Jesus Christ Restores* - Have you ever wondered if you're too broken or if you've sinned too much for Jesus to love you? Study John 21 with Groundwork and witness an interaction between Jesus and Peter that gives us the hope and courage to love Jesus despite our failings. Tune in to KDCR 88.5 or listen online anytime at www.GroundworkOnline.com

Monday, November 23

6:00 p.m. Common Thread will meet in the Calvary Coffeehouse/Cadet Room

Tuesday, November 24

7:30 p.m. The Dordt University Choral Department will present a Christmas Choral Concert. This concert will feature Bella Voce (women's chorus), Canons of Dordt (men's chorus), Chorale (85-voice mixed choir), and Concert Choir (55-voice advanced mixed choir). The concert is not open to the public but will be livestreamed at <https://livestream.com/dordtwebcast3>. Family members of the musicians will receive tickets for the live performance from their students. Masks are required for all family members attending and seating groups will be socially distanced. Dordt University continues to monitor how COVID-19 affects our campus and community. Please visit dordt.edu/updates on the day of the event to see if there are any restrictions or cancellations.

Wednesday, November 25

6:50 p.m. Cadet Fun Night at OCCS from 6:50-8:45 with pizza at 7:15. Drop off and pick up your son(s) at OCCS.

Next Sunday, November 29

7:00 a.m. *Kids Corner*

8:30 a.m. & 9:30 p.m. *Groundwork* - Tune in to KDCR 88.5 or listen online anytime at www.GroundworkOnline.com

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