

**ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES**  
**COMMUNITY BULLETIN**  
**December 2, 2018**

**Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:**

This is the first Sunday of Advent, a season when we are called to prepare for our Lord's coming to us, once in Bethlehem and finally on the Last Day. Pray for the Lord's blessing as the Church again tells the story of God's gift to the world, that more may receive that gift.

Classis Heartland and Classis Iakota have begun exploring the creation of a jointly-supported Safe Church Team. This team would provide resources and education to churches about best practices with regard to promoting appropriate relationships in church settings, and providing resources in the event of abuse or misconduct. Pray for the Lord's wisdom to guide this venture.

Rev. Jason Van Wyk has concluded his service to Living Water Community Church. Pray for the Lord's blessing for Pastor Jason as he takes up new work at Peace RCA in Sioux City, and for Living Water Community Church as they consider how the Lord is leading them in the coming months.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

THANK YOU to our community for your generous support of the Thanksgiving Day COMMUNITY Meal held at Living Water Church! With your help, we were able to serve an abundant Thanksgiving meal to 580 people (including takeout and delivery).

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, December 2**

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

8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. *Groundwork – A Savior Foretold* - We find the first talk of a Savior and the first indicator of Christmas while Adam and Eve are still in the Garden of Eden. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 3:14-15 to allow the context from which God's promise of a Savior emerges to broaden our understanding of Christ's birth. Tune in to KDCR 88.5 or listen online anytime at

[www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com)

3:00 p.m. The Northwestern College music department will present its annual Christmas Vespers in Christ Chapel. The event is free and open to the public. The event will include performances by numerous musical ensembles and soloists as well as the Drama Ministries Ensemble.

4:00 p.m. Clyde Miller from Majestic View Ministries of Troy, Montana will be speaking at the Hull 1st Reformed Church fellowship hall.

**Monday, December 3**

6:30 p.m. Clyde Miller from Majestic View Ministries of Troy, Montana will be speaking at the Sioux Center Bethel CRC Lighthouse (across the street north of their parking lot). All are welcome!

**Tuesday, December 4**

7:00 p.m. The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 p.m. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

**Wednesday, December 5**

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC—Genesis, Lesson 7

6:00 p.m. GEMS Christmas Party at OCCS

7:00 p.m. Friendship Bible Series will meet at Iowa State Bank Basement—Lesson 4, *Paul is*

*Shipwrecked*

**Friday, December 7**

7:30 p.m. The Dordt College Campus-Community Band, Chamber Orchestra, and Concert Band will present a concert in the B.J. Haan Auditorium in Sioux Center. This concert of praise and celebration will feature a variety of musical selections.

7:30 p.m. Northwestern College chamber ensembles will present a concert in Christ Chapel. The event is free and open the public. The concert will include performances by a brass quintet, woodwind ensembles and three string ensembles. The event will feature a variety of music.

## **Saturday, December 8**

1:00 p.m. Join us for the annual Reach Out event sponsored by Unity Christian/MOC-Floyd Valley! MOC/FV is hosting the event this year. Basketball games between MOC/FV and Unity begin at 1:00 (JV girls and boys and Varsity girls and boys). A silent auction will run from 1:00 through half time of the varsity boys' game. Per-orders of reach out t-shirts is closed, but extras will be available on a first come first serve basis. All proceeds from this community event will benefit local families with high medical costs.

3:00 p.m. The Northwest Iowa Symphony Youth Orchestra, led by conductor Dr. Angela Holt, will present its Fall Concert in the B.J. Haan Auditorium on the campus of Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa. Consisting of talented middle school and high school string players, NISYO will perform works by Dvorak, Bohm, Plante and Stamitz. The concert is free and open to the public.

5:30-8:30 p.m. The senior high youth group of Maurice Reformed Church invites you to their Traveling Nativity. A horse drawn wagon will lead you down a lit path to events leading to the birth of Christ. Enjoy warm refreshments in the church's Family Life Center before or after you ride. Freewill donations will go toward the senior high school youth group at MRC.

## **Next Sunday, December 9**

7:00 a.m.—*Kids Corner*

8:30 a.m. & 9:30 p.m.—*Groundwork*

## **Advance Notices:**

'Christmas Jazz Night' at Dordt College will take place on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:30 pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium and will feature the Kantorei (a 16 voice jazz choir) and Jazz Band. The Kantorei will be celebrating the birth of Christ in unique and intricate ways with a cappella renditions of *Mary Did You Know* by Pentatonix, familiar carols like *Silent Night* and the Coventry Carol approached from a jazz perspective, and songs performed in collaboration with the Jazz Band. The Dordt Jazz Band will be swinging to some holiday classics like, *Here Comes Santa Claus*, *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*, and *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*. Come in out of the cold for a night of light, bright jazz music.

Unity Christian High School's annual Christmas concert will be presented on Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Unity Christian Knight Center. All of the school's music ensembles will participate. A free will offering will be received for the Music Department. Come and celebrate the birth of the King! Unity's FFA chapter will sponsor a chicken/chili soup/cinnamon roll supper on the 13<sup>th</sup> before the Christmas Concert. Serving will be from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Unity Cafeteria. Free-will donation will be received for FFA.

The Dordt College Christmas Choral Concert will take place on Friday, December 14, at 7:30 pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium and will feature Bella Voce (women's chorus), Chorale, and Concert Choir - over 160 singers. The choirs will explore a wide range of repertoire for Christmas to commemorate and marvel at the great mystery and wondrous gift of the birth of Christ. Stunning a cappella compositions will be side by side with several forms of accompaniment that will bring a deep texture to the program, including piano, cello, guitar, flute, harp, percussion, and handbells.

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