

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
January 22, 2023

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

There are many heavy circumstances in our community. With groans that words cannot express, join me in a prayer from David's Psalm 62:

*Let all that I am wait quietly before God,
for my hope is in Him.
He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress where I will not be shaken.
My victory and honor come from God alone.
He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me.
O my people, trust in Him at all times.
Pour out your heart to Him,
for God is our refuge.*

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - God's Unconventional Ways - When we expect God to work in conventional ways, we may often find ourselves disappointed. Join Groundwork as we study the fall of Jericho in Joshua 6-7 and discuss the unconventional ways God works in our lives. Together, we'll discuss what this truth means for our faith and what happens when we begin to depend on ourselves instead of on God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

From Unity Christian: Unity family - January 30 through February 2, we have been asked to clean the beams, walls and floors of the new gym. This is to prepare for the installation of the wood floor the following week. We are looking to host 4 cleaning nights from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, January 30; Tuesday, January 31; Wednesday, February 1; and Thursday February 2. Please RSVP to Wayne Dykstra at wdykstra@unitychristian.net if you can assist.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, January 23

6:00 p.m. Common Thread will meet at Calvary CRC

Wednesday, January 25

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Lesson 5 – *Joshua Studies*

6:45 p.m. GEMS will meet at Immanuel CRC – Please wear your GEMS shirt and take your Bible and badge book.

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

Friday, January 27

4:30 p.m. Homecoming 2023 will be held at Unity Christian High School. The Homecoming Court will be presented after chapel. Evening activities, beginning at 4:30 p.m., will include three basketball games vs. Trinity Christian, presentation of the 1992 Track Team, presentation of the Homecoming Royalty, and Dance Team performances. Alumni and friends of UCHS are invited to all the activities.

Sunday, January 29

6:00 p.m. Combined worship at Living Water for Cadet Sunday. An offering will be received for the Orange City Cadets. Following the service, refreshments will be served by the Cadets.

Advance Notices:

The annual OCCS Tiger PAWS Soup Supper will be held on Thursday, February 9 from 5:00-7:00 pm in the OCCS gym. Soup, tavern, hot dogs/coneys, and homemade desserts and pies will be served. Please come out and support OCCS with this fundraiser! Any extra food will be sold from 7-7:30 pm that evening. No food will be available for purchase the next day.

The Guiding Star Cycle Show for girls aged 9-13 is back! We have two great dates available - February 11th and August 5 in Sioux Center This workshop was developed to give young girls the knowledge of what is going on inside their bodies in relation to puberty. Knowing the true beauty of their creation supports and prepares them in a positive way for the wonderful changes they will experience within their bodies over the coming years. Today, it is more important than ever for young girls to have high self-esteem regarding their bodies, not just when they are in the middle of puberty, but before the onset; "we can only protect what we value and respect"! Participation in the Cycle Show Workshop helps the girls value and respect their bodies as they move into their teenage years. Sign up by going to the website and choosing Sioux Center as your desired location ~ <https://guidingstarproject.com/cycle-show/>

Ireton Christian School's Annual Bluegrass Gospel Concert will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at the BJ Haan Auditorium on the Dordt University Campus in Sioux Center. The two groups performing are The Anderegg Family and The Baker Family. Show times are 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 at the door or can be purchased from the Ireton Christian School. Children ages 15 and under are free.

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