

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

January 6, 2019

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Thank the Lord for the Christmas and New Year's break and for the time many could spend with family and friends. Pray that through those gatherings, relationships could be strengthened and enriched.

As school gets under way, once again, pray that God will bless our students, teachers, faculty and staff with a strong finish to the first semester and a great start to the second semester. Pray that through all that is taught, the students will grow closer in their relationship with God and in their knowledge of His plan for their lives.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Love INC is continuing to develop its Love & Learn classes which will be starting again on January 22, 2019! We will be offering four classes: Parenting (a faith based curriculum that centers on healthy parenting skills), Grief Share (help and encouragement after the death of a loved one). Faith & Finances (practical budgeting and money management with optional mentorship) and Affirming Potential (personal evaluation of physical, emotional, relational and spiritual areas of life while setting goals to live out God-given potential). If you or someone you know could benefit from these classes please call the Love INC office @ 476.5990 for more information or to register.

Volunteers Needed for Love INC classes: If you have a heart for helping others we have many opportunities for you to use your gifts and talents. Some of the opportunities to serve include child care, small group discussion leaders, financial mentors, prayer partners and so much more! Please call the Love INC office (476.5990) to find out more about ways to serve your neighbors right here in our community!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 6

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

8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. *Groundwork – All You Need* - If you spend any time watching TV or trolling the internet, you'll quickly discover there's a lot you just can't live without...at least according to advertisers. Join Groundwork as we study the Apostle Paul's reminder to early Christians and to us in 1 Thessalonians 1 that in Christ we have all we need in life. Tune in to KDCR 88.5 or listen online anytime at www.GroundworkOnline.com

Tuesday, January 8

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. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

Wednesday, January 9

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC - Genesis, Lesson 8

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 meets in the Iowa State Bank Basement-Lesson 1, We are the Church

Next Sunday, January 13

7:00 a.m.—*Kids Corner*

8:30 a.m. & 9:30 p.m.—*Groundwork*

Advance Notices:

The sophomore class of Unity Christian High School will hold their annual soup, sandwich and dessert supper on Friday, January 18 in the school cafeteria, serving from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Free-will donation at the door.

Selah Concert at Unity Christian is scheduled for January 19 (postponed from the snowstorm). If you purchased tickets prior to the concert being postponed, your tickets are still valid and you don't need to do anything else. If you want to purchase tickets, go to <https://www.itickets.com/events/402864.html>.

Unity Christian Catered Dinner: The Unity fundraiser dinner is also scheduled for January 19 prior to the Selah concert. If you made reservations prior to the postponement, PLEASE CONFIRM with the office that you are still planning to attend. We would love more friends to come! Call the office to reserve a table of eight or we will make tables of eight. This will be a catered meal by Triple Box that replaces the Hostess Supper fund-raiser. Free-will donation. Appetizers begin at 5:20, dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Northwestern College's Heritage Singers chamber choir will perform "A Night at the Opera" on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 25 and 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the England Proscenium Theatre of the DeWitt Theatre Arts Center. Admission is free, but tickets are required and should be reserved with Nora Verburg at the music office, 712-707-7062. Order tickets early to obtain the best seats. The hourlong comedy opens with the death of a wealthy landowner whose relatives have gathered in anticipation of their inheritance, only to learn that all the money has been willed to a local charity. The bulk of the opera tells of the relatives' scheming attempts to change the will to their own advantage.

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