

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
March 10, 2019

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Lent has begun! Please be in prayer for hearts around the world to become fertile soil to hear the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ! Pray for the feet of those who bring the good news in our communities and all around the world. Pray that each Christ follower would be refreshed and that the celebration of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday would not be just another set of days on the calendar but would be an opportunity to see the deep love of God.

Please God, let us hunger and thirst to hear the old, old story once again! Draw us together in You, make us one just as You and Your Son are one. Let us build our lives and our relationships on believing in Jesus Christ.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Rehoboth Christian High School Band from Rehoboth, New Mexico will be presenting a concert at First Christian Reformed Church in Orange City on Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. They are looking for overnight hosts for Thursday evening. If you are willing to host a group of 2-3 students or chaperones, please contact Becky Visser at 712-441-6366 or bckyvssr@hotmail.com.

Don't miss the spring play at Unity Christian, "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane" on March 14, 15 and 16 in the Knight Center at 7:30 p.m. Doors to the Center open at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the iTickets log-in on Unity's website or by calling 1-800-965-9324. There will also be general admission tickets available on each evening of the play for \$9.50 adults/\$6.50 students. Come and enjoy this lovely story for the entire family.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 10

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

8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. *Groundwork – Our Failures and God's Rescue*- Do you ever feel like you continually struggle with the same sins? Join *Groundwork* as we examine Judges 2:6-9 to study the pattern of Judges and from it draw encouragement for our faith and confidence God will rescue us if we cry out to him. Tune in to KDCR 88.5 or listen online anytime at www.GroundworkOnline.com

5:00 p.m. Combined Prayer Day Worship Service at Calvary CRC—Pastor Al Kuiper will use Jeremiah 32:17-26; 36-38 with the message *Is Prayer Possible?* The Sovereign Lord who graciously reveals his sovereign power in our daily life makes prayer possible – not useless or unnecessary. An offering will be received for Bethany Christian Services.

Monday, March 11

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

Wednesday, March 13

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC –1 John, Lesson 3

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

7:00 p.m. Friendship Bible Series meet in the Iowa State Bank Basement, Lesson 2, *Patience: the Story of the Farmer*

Friday, March 15

8:15 a.m. Orange City Christian School will be having Kindergarten Round Up for the class of 2019-20. Please contact the OCCS office for information if you have not signed up your child. A meeting for parents will be held at 4:00 p.m. in the music room.

Next Sunday, March 17

7:00 a.m.—*Kids Corner*

8:30 a.m. & 9:30 p.m.—*Groundwork*

Advance Notices:

Inspiration Hills Camp & Retreat Center invites you to attend the annual Ministry Vision Dinner on Monday, March 18. Doors open at 6 p.m., the meal served at 6:30 p.m., and a presentation to follow. The presentation will focus on the camp ministry and highlight Journey Camp. The meal is free, RSVP required. A freewill offering will be received for Journey Camp scholarships. Please RSVP by calling the office at 712-986-5193 or emailing ihills@inspirationhills.org.

Love INC's annual meeting will be held on March 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Rock Valley, IA. Please join us as we meet to discuss how the Lord has used the church to bless the people of Sioux County in 2018.

The Dordt College Concert Band and Chamber Orchestra invite you to a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 22, at the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This free concert is part of a spring tour with performances scheduled in South Dakota, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Iowa. Directed by Dr. Daniel Baldwin and Mrs. Susan De Jong, the ensembles will perform a wide variety of instrumental selections, ranging from orchestral works by Bizet, Glinka, Haydn, Mendelssohn, Perttu, Purcell, and Tchaikovsky, among others, to contemporary wind band pieces by Baldwin, Grainger, Holst, Karrick, Reed, Ticheli, and Turrin. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

Dordt College student Anna Blauw, harp, will present a junior recital at 7:30 pm on Saturday, March 23, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Highlights include a concert arrangement of the folksong "Colorado Trail" as well as a trumpet and harp duet by Dutch composer Henk Badings. The recital is free and open to the public.

Bethany Christian Services ASK Banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. Social hour with coffee and punch starting at 6 p.m. followed by a complimentary meal served at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center, Iowa. RSVP for meal by March 25: Call the Bethany Christian Services office at 712-737-4831 or email kjohnson@bethany.org May our cup overflow from all of your bountiful blessings!

Guiding Star Orange City is hosting a Red Carpet Event for the upcoming "UnPlanned" (the story of Abby Johnson - former Planned Parenthood director turned pro-life advocate) movie on March 28th. Tickets are \$10 and maybe purchased online at www.guidingstarorangecity.org/calendar Abby Johnson will also be our Keynote Speaker for the Tuesday, April 16th Guiding Star Gala. Sponsor Tables are now on sale at www.guidingstarorangecity.org/gala Join us for an exciting night of celebrating a Culture of Life!

Orange City Area Home Health & Hospice is hosting its 13th annual Hospice Memorial Service on Sunday, April 7 at 2 p.m. at First Christian Reformed Church in Orange City. This is a time for bereaved families, Hospice staff, and volunteers to come together to remember those who have died under Hospice care from March 2018 through March 2019. Family members, friends, caregivers, and the general public are invited to attend as a way to honor Hospice patients and connect with staff and volunteers.

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