

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

April 11, 2021

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

We give thanks to God for rain! What a blessing it has been to see rain come and nourish the ground as the farmers prepare to get into the fields very soon.

Pray for the Tulip Festival Committee as they prepare for the upcoming Tulip Festival (May 13, 14, 15). Pray that God will give them wisdom and guide their plans as they prepare for celebrating “80 years of tulips and traditions.”

Please pray for the anniversary committees of 1st CRC and Calvary CRC. As 1st CRC is planning their 150th anniversary celebration for July and Calvary is planning their 100th anniversary celebration in October, pray that these churches will find great ways to celebrate the faithfulness God has shown.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Unity Christian High School needs an Assistant Softball Coach for the 2021 season. Please contact Terry Schouten at tschouten@unitychristian.net if you are interested.

Unity Christian High School has an opening for a full time Art instructor for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are interested in learning more about the position and our hiring process, please contact Wayne Dykstra at wdykstra@unitychristian.net or 712-737-4114.

Justice for All will be working alongside Grace Reigns Ministry in Colorado City, AZ from April 30th – May 7th. We are inviting anyone interested going on this trip to contact JFA. During the week you will serve their community and learn about their culture through God’s redemptive eyes. Please call Nick LeLoux at Justice for All to sign up at (712) 476-2804. Deadline to sign up is April 20th.

Lord willing, First CRC will be celebrating our 150th anniversary this coming July! First CRC was organized on July 14, 1871. We are thankful for the many years of God’s faithfulness shown to our congregation! We expect to have some former ministers as well as sons of the congregation lead worship services in July. Our hope is to have a special celebration service on August 8 with the daughter churches of our congregation over the years. There are also other activities planned for the upcoming spring and summer, so watch for details!

GEMS: Please make note of the updated changes to our GEMS schedule: Wednesday, April 14, regular meeting at Immanuel at 6:45. Wednesday, April 21, final regular meeting at Immanuel at 6:45. Sunday, April 25 will be GEMS Sunday at First CRC at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 11

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

8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. *Groundwork – Know that God is Working* - When life has fallen apart, it can be difficult to know where or how to begin rebuilding. Join Groundwork as we study the rebuilding of Jerusalem in Ezra 1-2, Ezra 7:1-8, and Nehemiah 1:1-4 for biblical wisdom and guidance for rebuilding with confidence after life knocks us down. Tune in to KDCR 88.5 or listen online anytime at www.GroundworkOnline.com

Monday, April 12

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

Tuesday, April 13

6:00 p.m. Unity Christian Open House - All 8th grade students and potential upperclassmen are invited to spend the morning of Tuesday, April 13 with us, from 9:00 a.m. until 12 p.m.! Come learn about the student life and opportunities available at Unity. At night, we invite parents and potential students to return for a dinner, tour and presentation in the Knight Center. That runs from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC - Lesson 6 – *Power of Forgiveness*

6:45 p.m. GEMS will meet at Immanuel CRC

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

Saturday, April 17

7:30 p.m. Dordt University seniors Ashley Van Engen, organ, and Loyal Tillotson, piano, will present a joint recital in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Van Engen, of Sioux Center, Iowa, will perform a wide range of repertoire, including the piece *Fantasy for the Organ on Psalm 150*, written by Gerhard Krapf for the dedication of Dordt's Casavant organ 40 years ago. Tillotson, of Rapid City, South Dakota, will be joined by Dordt University senior Andrea Veldman of Hudson, South Dakota, for a piano duet. Tillotson's repertoire includes a sampling of different styles – a colorful assortment of pieces by some of his favorite composers. This recital is open to the public and will not be ticketed. Masks are required for those 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.

Next Sunday, April 18

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

Advance Notices:

All grandparents of freshmen students at Unity Christian High School are invited to attend Freshmen Grandparent Day on Tuesday, April 20 at the school. The event is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and will finish at lunch with your grandchild. Please call 737-4114 to make a lunch reservation.

The OCCS K-5 musical, "A Not So Terrible Parable", will be given on Thursday, April 22 at 7:00 pm and Friday, April 23 at 9:00 am in the OCCS gym. Join the K-5th graders for this production. A freewill offering will be taken.

Grandparents Day at OCCS is going to look a bit different this year. We will be hosting two different types of events. *In-Person Grandparents Day*: On Friday, April 23, we would like to invite Grandparents to watch the K-5 musical and visit classrooms. Masks are optional at these events. We will not be serving a meal, but students may leave school at 11:45am to eat lunch with their grandparents. All students will be dismissed at noon and no bussing will be provided. *Virtual Grandparents Day*: On Friday, April 23 we will release a virtual option for Grandparents Day including video footage from all classrooms in the school. Grandparents will be able to access this from our school's web page and may view this on or after April 23.

Dordt University's annual Ag Day will be held on campus on Friday, April 23 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Come join us for games, animals, machinery on display, and so much more! There will be fun for all ages! Lunch is served from 11:00 – 1:30, with part of the proceeds going towards *Growing Hope Globally*.

Mark your calendars on Saturday, April 24 for the 6th annual OCCS Tiger Toss. We are changing things up this year with a later date, moving it outside (weather permitting), and including bingo instead of Serenity Stage. There's still a great pulled pork supper, bean bag tournaments, concessions and childcare throughout the evening. The early tournament starts at 4:00 pm, supper at 5:00 and wraps up with the late tournament at 6:00. Grab your friends and family and come out to celebrate the completion of Phase 1 of Project Engage! There's a \$30 registration fee for bean bag teams and freewill donations will be asked to cover the evening expenses. Register teams of 2 online at OrangeCityChristian.net by April 21. Check out the school website for more details!

Justice for All is organizing a co-ed softball tournament on May 15 at the Sports Complex in Rock Valley. Cost to enter a team is \$200, Champions win a t-shirt. A concession stand will be available. Deadline to register is May 7. Register through JFA website or contact Joel 712.476.2804. Join JFA for a day of fellowship, softball and fun!

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