

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
September 18, 2022

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Today we have the opportunity to remember that we live in a world plagued by sin. We saw an example of that in 2001 when many lives were lost and many people were hurt. We have seen recent examples, too, of the ripple effects of tragic events and it's not hard to realize the pain and grief in our families, our nation, and our world.

It would be easy for us to be stuck in the loop of questioning "why?" But through the power of the Holy Spirit, we do not grieve as those without hope. With the knowledge of the risen Savior Jesus Christ, we are able to accept our limited view of the big picture, and even while questioning we are able to hold on to the goodness of God. He has stayed true-and He will stay true-to the promise that He will not leave and will not forsake. He will continue to be good and will continue to be God, no matter the nature of the world around us!

God, You are the King of kings and the Lord of lords. You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Remind us again of Your presence and Your power and Your goodness. Remind us again of Your promises. We easily remember the pain and the heartache this world has experienced and is experiencing. We grieve with all of mankind and we ask You to help us see all as fellow bearers of Your image. And we don't grieve without hope. We acknowledge the sacrifice of Your Son whom You have offered and we rejoice that for those who believe in Him as the way and the truth, there is more than just this life.

Thank You, Father, for providing a path to exist with You in eternity! We look forward to that day and until then, we seek to live in a way worthy of Your calling. Give us hope, give us thankful hearts, give us empathetic souls. Help us exist as shining lights in a dark world.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Jesus Teaches about Money, Worry, and Judging People - Jesus continues to teach us what it means to live as his redeemed followers. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:19-7:5 to learn what it means to have a kingdom perspective on our money and how this kingdom perspective influences how we think about our security and about other people. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, September 19

5:30 p.m. Orange City Christian School will be making the pig-in-the-blankets. The process will be taking place from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the school gym. We welcome any associates (past parents, grandparents, or supporters of the school) who would like to join us.

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Wednesday, September 21

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

5:00 p.m. You can pick up your pig in the blanket order at OCCS from 5-7 p.m. There will be a drive thru line starting in front of the school and proceeding around the gym. Please take along a copy of your online order form, if you have one. All pigs were paid for when you ordered, so you won't need to take money along for pick-up!

Friday, September 23

7:30 p.m. The Dordt University Music Department presents guest artist Barrett Radziun in a vocal recital in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Tenor Barrett Radziun has performed widely throughout the United States, meriting critical acclaim for his performances in opera, oratorio, art song, and early music. Radziun currently teaches voice and diction at Texas A&M University - Commerce. He holds degrees from the University of North Texas (DMA), Bard College Conservatory of Music (MM), and University of Northwestern – St. Paul (BM). The recital will include songs and arias by Britten, Faure, Schubert, Bolcom, Ives, Dring, and Poulenc.

Advance Notices:

Seeing Christ in the Old Testament – The Tri-State Bible Conference welcomes Dr. Michael Barrett to Dordt University on September 26 and 27 at 7:00 pm to speak from God’s word on the topic of Seeing Christ in the Old Testament. The goal of this conference is to strengthen and encourage the people of God. There is no charge although there will be a free will offering to defray the cost of the event. There will be an office bearer luncheon with Dr. Barret (for pastors, elders, and deacons) at the Pizza Ranch in Sioux Center at noon on September 27. We will hear more about how we can reveal Christ's work to our people.

For more information go to www.tristatebibleconference.com

The annual Dordt University Honors Recital will take place on Friday, September 30, at 3:00 p.m., in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Performers in the honors recital have all received named music scholarships made possible by Dordt University donors. All are welcome to a reception honoring the performers in the lobby of the auditorium following the recital.

Dordt University student Emma DeVries will present a senior voice recital at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 1, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Highlights of the recital include sacred pieces by Michael Head such as “Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord” and opera selections “Mon cœur s’ouvre à ta voix” from *Samson et Delila* by Saint-Saëns and the vocal trio “Soave sia il vento” from *Così fan tutte* by Mozart. All are welcome to a reception following the recital.

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