

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
September 25, 2022

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

The Christian Reformed Church denomination has designated September 25 as a Sunday to acknowledge the effects of abuse and to detail preventative measures that can be taken to keep abuse from happening. It seems appropriate in this season to ask God to forgive, to ask God for healing mercies, and to ask God to give us eyes to see what changes are needed in our churches.

As bodies of Christ, our churches seek to be safe, trusted places-but we cannot do that alone. Let's ask today for God to keep us knowledgeable of the hurts that have existed in our places of worship and ask Him today to bless our paths forward as we seek His Kingdom come, on earth as it is in Heaven!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Jesus Teaches about Entering God's Kingdom, False Prophets, and Strong Foundations - As we conclude our study of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, let's examine his warnings and encouragement for our faith. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 7:13-29 to hear what Jesus says we should be aware of to keep our eyes and hearts rooted in him. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

Orange City Christian School has been blessed with outstanding generational support over the years. We are looking to keep this tradition alive. For the month of November, we will be running an Alumni Giving Competition with all proceeds going to Project Engage: Phase 23! We are looking for one or two contacts from each OCCS graduating class to help us get the word out. If you are interested or know of someone who would be interested, please contact Travis De Jong at tdejong@occhristian.pvt.k12.ia.us. We will supply you with information to be sent out to your fellow classmates and assist you in any way necessary.

The OCCS Fall Pig-in-the-Blanket committee would like to thank you for ordering pigs this year! We had another successful year thanks to generous support we received.

Homeownership Opportunity! Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, decent and affordable place to live? Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for our homeownership program for a 2023 home build in Sioux Center. Application forms are available online at <https://www.siouxlandhabitat.org/own-a-home/application-process.html> or call 712-255-6244 to receive one. The application period ends October 31.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, September 26

7:00 p.m. Seeing Christ in the Old Testament – The Tri-State Bible Conference welcomes Dr. Michael Barrett to Dordt University on September 26 and 27 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. For more information go to www.tristatebibleconference.com

Tuesday, September 27

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Wednesday, September 28

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Revelation, Lesson 2

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

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

Friday, September 30

3:00 p.m. The annual Dordt University Honors Recital will take place 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.

Saturday, October 1

7:30 p.m. Dordt University student Emma DeVries will present a senior voice recital 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.

Advance Notices:

The Andreas Center at Dordt University is pleased to announce the following speaker for our 2022-2023 First Monday Speaker Series. One of the themes we hope to explore this year is how we might, following the words of Wendell Berry, “practice virtue with skill”. The community is welcome to attend this free event at 11am in the BJ Haan on Dordt’s campus. We look forward to welcoming Stephanie Summers, CEO of *The Center for Public Justice*, on October 3 and hearing her lecture titled: “Loving Your Neighbor Through Politics”.

Justice for All invites you to join us at the combined Annual Meeting/Fall Auction on Thursday evening, Oct. 27 at the Parkview Events Center of Rock Valley, IA. A great evening is being planned! A delicious meal will be served from 5:00-6:30 p.m. (A Freewill Gift will be taken for the meal). At 6:15 there will be a business meeting which will include celebrating JFA ministry from the past year and looking at opportunities ahead, as well as presenting a new budget and new board members. Then at 6:30 p.m. our fall auction will begin with Mark Zomer and company. There will also be auction items online from October 13-31 that you can bid on at zomerbid.com. We hope you can join us for this very important fund-raiser for JFA ministry efforts!!

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