

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
December 4, 2022

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

This advent, let us anticipate our Lord's return to judge wickedness and set the world right by his authority and power.

Let us also pray for Him to bring peace between Ukraine and Russia so that a path for the gospel is formed again. Pray that warships and military will be pulled back and diplomacy will be renewed.

Let us also pray for righteousness to prevail in our executive, judicial, and legislative branches of government. Pray also that we citizens of the United States would experience a nationwide repentance from greed and violence to godliness. Ask God for his Spirit to bring this kingdom work today.

First CRC Family Prayer Requests: (First CRC Prayer Line 737-3119)

Nothing to report.

Calvary CRC Family Prayer Requests: (Calvary CRC Prayer Line 737-3959)

Janelle Phinney expects to undergo cancer surgery this week, December 8. Please uphold the Phinney family in prayer.

Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:

Nothing to report.

Living Water Community Church Family Prayer Requests:

Nothing to report.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John the Baptist: Preparing the Way for Jesus - Just like we prepare for Christmas, God prepared the world for salvation. Join Groundwork as we study Luke 1:5-25, 57-66 to witness how Zechariah, Elizabeth, and their son, John the Baptist, prepare the way for Jesus' birth and allow their message to prepare our hearts again for Jesus' second coming. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, December 5

6:00 p.m. Common Thread will meet in the Cadet Room at Calvary CRC.

Wednesday, December 7

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

Friday, December 9

7:30 p.m. The Dordt University Chorale, Canons of Dordt, Bella Voce, and Concert Choir will present a program of sounds of the season from around the world. The program will be held in the B.J. Haan Auditorium and will feature familiar and not-so-familiar sacred texts and tunes from Handel and Mendelssohn to currently living composers, as well as popular favorites and even a song entitled *Fruitcake*. Please join us for a delightful evening of music as we celebrate the coming Messiah! The concert will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

Saturday, December 10

7:30 p.m. Join the Dordt Music Department for the final concert of the semester by the Dordt Instrumental Ensembles in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This concert will feature the music of Mozart, Kalinikov, Ticheli, and more! The DU Wind Symphony will bring the sounds of jazz to the B.J. Haan with Frank Ticheli's *Blue Shades*, featuring a Benny Goodman-type solo performed by freshman clarinetist Courtney Joiner. The Wind Symphony will also welcome the Canons of Dordt as they feature the male vocal ensemble in Clifton Williams's *The Ramparts*. In addition, the Chamber Orchestra will perform Mozart's very recognizable *Symphony No. 40*, alongside the Campus-Community Band bringing the sounds of the Christmas season to their portion of the performance. We also will invite all attendees to join us in a Christmas Sing-along to close our concert and to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas season! The concert will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

Advance Notices:

Unity Christian High School FFA will be sponsoring a Soup Supper Fundraiser on Thursday, December 15 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. The Soup Supper will be held in the UCHS cafeteria and free-will donations will be accepted.

On December 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium, Dordt University's 4th Avenue Singers will present a concert in conjunction with the 4th Avenue Band, presenting some selections from *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* and old favorites such as *White Christmas* and local composer Amy Linder's jazzy setting of *Deck the Halls*. Please join us for a fun evening of music! The concert will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

Justice for All is having a meeting with information about Service & Learning Trips at Justice for All ministry center on Tuesday January 10, 2023 at 6:30pm. Address is for the ministry center is 1335 Valley Drive Rock Valley, IA 51247. There will be light refreshments available. With questions please contact Nick at Justice for All 712.476.2804. Consider going on a trip this year to work alongside others in a different community.

Justice for All is planning a Kentucky Bus Tour, focusing on our 4 major ministry partners: Grace Covenant Ministries, Anville, KY; Helping Hands, Hyden KY, Appalachia Reach Out Inez, KY; and Appalachian Mission of Hope, Berea, KY. The dates are April 12-18, 2023. Join us, learn, and see how God is using beautiful ministries to share HIS love and hope to those who live in very poor communities throughout Kentucky. We'll be exploring the rich history, culture and stories of the mountain 'hollers', coal, and horses! And God's amazing creation will also be on display! If you are interested or want more information, please contact Pat Vander Pol at JFA (patvp@jfa-nwiowa.org – 712-476-2804).

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