

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
October 16, 2022

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

This week the CRC observes disability awareness week. Pray for church members who face a greater challenge to participate at worship and ministry in our churches. Give thanks for disability advocates in each classis who champion, advise, and bear witness to the coming reality of God's kingdom in which every faithful member belongs and everybody serves.

Pray for good prices for crops harvested at this time of year so that those called to agricultural work will be able to receive the necessities of life by selling their products.

Give thanks to God for good health care and good educational opportunities in our community. Ask God to bless our health care workers with safety and that educational staff at primary, high, and secondary schools would enjoy good health as they bless our lives. Pray that the sick would find healing and the young would find godly wisdom.

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

Give thanks that Joan Bonnema is now recovering from a stroke and internal bleeding which led to hospitalization. Also give thanks that she has moved from an ICU room to a regular hospital room in Sioux Falls. Reports are that she may be able to be transferred back to Orange City Area Health soon. Pray for Joan's strength and health to return.

Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:

Our Christian sympathy is expressed to Courtney Schiebout and Stephanie Hall on the passing of their mother and grandmother, Ila Schiebout last Saturday, October 8. The funeral was held at Immanuel Friday morning. Pray that God will give his comfort to the Schiebout family during this time of loss.

Living Water Community Church Family Prayer Requests:

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - God Is Faithful, Consistent, and Keeps His Promises - Trusting in God's provision can be hard when life seems to constantly change. Join Groundwork as we study Judges 6:33-40, Exodus 34:1-10, Isaiah 53, and Ephesians 2:1-10 to be reminded of God's faithful and consistent character and discover why his covenant nature means we can be confident he will keep his promises. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

Biblical Study Tour to Italy (May 22 - June 2, 2023): Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral; the impressive monuments of ancient Rome; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; Assisi (home of St. Francis); Florence; Ravenna; and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at weimje@calvinseminary.edu or [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110).

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.

Due to some late inquiries, the registration deadline for the TLT training to be held Friday evening and Saturday, Oct. 28 & 29 at Calvary CRC has been extended until October 19th for the Heartland Classis churches of OC. If you would like to attend or have questions, please contact Del Walinga at 712-541-9403.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 18

7:00 p.m. The Unity Christian High School Music Department invites you to join them for an evening of music in the Knight Center. The concert will feature the choirs, symphonic band, and orchestra.

Wednesday, October 19

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break Day Away

Friday, October 21

7:30 p.m. The Dordt University Music Department presents guest pianist Mark Valenti in a recital in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. His recital at Dordt will include music that displays the evolution of piano styles from the elegant gracefulness of Classicism to the passionate lyricism of Romanticism through the atmospheric Impressionism of Debussy to the rhythmic percussiveness of Modernism.

Advance Notices:

Middle school students and parents, you're invited to join us for our Middle School Open House at Unity Christian on Monday, October 24th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. We will meet in the Knight Center and break out into sectionals to learn more about Unity Christian! We hope to see you there!

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!!

Dordt University hosts its Defender Days celebration with a wide range of events, including:

- the 4th Avenue Jazz Concert at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 28
- the Fall Festival: Instrumental Ensembles featuring Chamber Orchestra, Campus-Community Band, and Wind Symphony at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 28
- the Fall Festival: Choral Ensembles featuring Bella Voce, Canons of Dordt, Chorale, and Concert Choir at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, October 28
- a Hymn Festival titled "From Light into Light" on Saturday, October 29 at 10:30 a.m. The Hymn Festival will be led by the Dordt University organ students, and will feature Bella Voce and a brass quintet. The organ prelude, offered by organ students, will begin at 10:00 a.m.

All events will be in the B.J. Haan Auditorium and will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/livestream. Go to www.dordt.edu for more Defender Days weekend highlights.

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