

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
December 10, 2017

Please turn in announcements by 10:30 on Wednesday mornings to the office of the First Christian Reformed Church: office@firstcrc.com or 722-0717.

Sunday, December 10: The bi-annual Chorale Service of Lessons and Carols will take place at 8:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This worship service will commemorate the Christmas story through a series of Scripture readings, carols sung by the Chorale, and hymns for congregation and choir.

Monday, December 11: The Western Music Department will present a Christmas Concert at 7:00pm at the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The concert will include the choirs, bands, and orchestra. We will have a bake sale at the concert to help support the music department.

Monday, December 11: Hope Haven Day Hab will be collecting items to donate to the Family Crisis Center on December 11-15. Any nonperishable food and/or hygiene items are welcome and can be brought to First CRC (upper east door entrance) in Sioux Center.

Tuesday, December 12: Sioux Center Christian School's Moms in Prayer group will meet at the First Christian Reformed Church at 9:00am in the Council Room. Childcare is provided. Contact Mel Klein with questions at 722-0668.

Tuesday, December 12: All grandmothers and great-grandmothers are invited to pray together for our grandchildren from 10-11am in Room 3 of First CRC.

Tuesday, December 12: All mothers and grandmothers are invited to join the College and Career Moms in Prayer group in praying for their college age and adult children from noon – 1pm in Room 3 of First CRC. New moms are always welcome!

Thursday, December 14: Unity Christian's FFA chapter will sponsor a soup supper with serving from 4:30-6:30pm (before the Christmas concert) in the Unity cafeteria. Free-will donation for FFA.

Thursday, December 14: Everyone is invited to a Free "Community Unity Meal" at New Life Reformed Church from 6-7:00pm. Meal host: Pella Corporation.

Thursday, December 14: Unity Christian High School's annual Christmas concert will be presented at 7:00pm at the Unity Christian Knight Center. All the school's music ensembles will participate. A free-will offering will be received for the Music Department. Come and celebrate the birth of the King!

Friday, December 15: Dordt College invites the community to attend the Instrumental Ensembles Concert at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The Campus-Community Band, Chamber Orchestra, Jazz Band, and Concert Band will perform a variety of seasonal works along with traditional repertoire.

Advance Announcements

Tuesday, December 19: Hope Haven International presents "Rejoice! The Gift of Mobility" featuring Nashville recording artist Jill Miller at 7pm at the Sioux Falls Orpheum Theater. Tickets are \$15, and a limited amount of VIP tickets are also available for \$25 which includes a meet/greet at 6pm in the Anne Zabel Studio Theater at the Orpheum with hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are on sale at the Washington Pavilion Box Office or through www.washingtonpavilion.org. This Christmas concert will also feature the Sioux Falls Christian School hand bell choir. Proceeds will go towards funding wheelchair sponsorships for an upcoming distribution trip to Vietnam in 2018.

Tuesday, January 16: Get ready for a new season of music making with the Sioux County Oratorio Chorus! We will be performing one of Joseph Haydn's most popular works--the *Mass in the Time of War*, or "*Paukenmesse*"-- as well as two shorter choral works by Rachmaninoff. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings 7:30-9:15 beginning January 16 and will be held at Northwestern College's DeWitt Music Hall. The performance will be Saturday, April 28. Email questions to Mike Ochsner at mkchsnr@gmail.com. Save the date! We'd love to sing with you!

Sunday, January 21: Engaged? Newly married? Center for Financial Education (CFE) is hosting a Financial Peace University (FPU) class for engaged & newlywed couples. The class will be held at 1:30-3:30pm on nine Sundays* at the Bridge of Hope Ministry Center (43 2nd Street NE, Sioux Center). Materials cost is \$109 per couple, payable to Center for Financial Education. Here is the class link to register: <http://www.fpu.com/1054182>. *If necessary, based on class membership, the schedule will be altered to accommodate spring breaks.

Requested Announcements

Unity Christian High School is holding a "Complete the Vision" campaign at this time. The Knight Center and Court Yard have been a vital addition to our school. As part of the campaign, a team of donors has issued a matching challenge for every dollar raised, another will be given up to a limit of \$250,000. As of December 4, a thank you to the constituents who have donated \$81,057.34 (not including matching funds). Please consider a gift to retire the Knight Center debt.

God's Creation 2018 Wall Calendars for Sale! Splendid professional photos, wire spiral binding and Scripture verses make these wall calendars useful and beautiful! The calendars are available for purchase for \$10 each. Ask your family and friends if they would like to purchase one or more as well. They also make great gifts! Proceeds will go towards the Faith Christian Reformed Church Christian Education Fund. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar or calendars, please contact Kristin De Jong (712-441-2520) or Brent Kooiman (712-441-3701).

JUSTICE FOR ALL is planning the 2018 *Service and Learning* Opportunities and would love to have you join one of the teams! These weeks are wonderful opportunities to serve others but also to experience and understand God's Kingdom in new and important ways! Dates and places are: Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, MX – January 19-26 (must have passport and be signed up by Dec 15); JVMP Foundation, Jackson MS – February 10-16; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS - February 17-23; Houston Flood Relief – February 24-March 3; Grace Reigns, Colorado City UT – March 11-17. For more information, please call JFA 712-476-2804 or email joevz@jfa-nwiowa.org. There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, 6:30pm, JFA Ministry Center.