

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
January 21, 2018

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, January 21: Engaged? Newly married? The Center for Financial Education (CFE) is hosting a Financial Peace University (FPU) class for engaged & newlywed couples. The classes 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.

Monday, January 22 - Tuesday, January 23: You are invited to the Calvin College January Series which continues weekdays at Covenant CRC in Sioux Center. Each lecture will be shown through live feed from Calvin College from 11:30am-12:30pm and will cover various topics. For information on the speakers and topics, visit the January Series website at www.calvin.edu/january. The lectures are free and open to the public.

Monday, January 22: Support the Dordt College Concert Band in raising funds for their European Tour by attending their Tip Night at the Sioux Center Pizza Ranch. 10% of all sales from 5-8 pm that evening, including dine-in, to-go, and carry-out orders, as well as all donated tips will go toward their fundraising goal. Take the night off from preparing dinner and enjoy some great food while contributing to a worthy cause.

Tuesday, January 23: 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 712-541-8694.

Tuesday, January 23: The Grandmother's Moms in Prayer group will meet from 10-11am in Room 3 of First CRC. All grandmothers and great-grandmothers are invited to come.

Tuesday, January 23: The College and Career Moms in Prayer group will meet from noon – 1pm in Room 3 of First CRC. Moms and grandmothers are invited to join us in praying for our college age and adult children.

Thursday, January 25: Join us for Center for Financial Education's 18th Anniversary Celebration at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center, with punch at 6pm and meal at 6:30pm. Enjoy a prime rib dinner, fellowship, give praise to God and honor CFE founder, Jan Henryson, as she steps back from serving as executive director. Plan to participate in the silent auction again this year. Email info@cfeministries.org or call 722-3527.

Friday, January 26: The Dordt College Music Department will present a faculty recital featuring compositions by Dordt composition instructor Dr. Daniel Baldwin at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium.

Saturday, January 27: The Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra will present its popular WINTER POPS CONCERT: *Romancing the Violin* at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium on the campus of Dordt College in Sioux Center. Violinist Jessica Mathaes will be joining the orchestra as guest artist for the evening. NISO's Celebrity Conductor Contest will be held in conjunction with this Concert. Advance tickets are available at Evie's Hallmark in Sioux Center and Jubon Juweelen in Orange City. Tickets are also available at the door the night of the concert. For more information, contact the NISO office at 712-722-6230 or niso@dordt.edu.

Advance Announcements

Monday, January 29: Dordt College will host the group TriOmaha at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The trio consists of three members of the Omaha Symphony: Alyssa Griggs on flute, Christi Zuniga on piano, and Dordt oboe instructor Heather Baxter on oboe. TriOmaha will present a recital and talk about the importance of music and music education.

Saturday, February 3: Day of Encouragement at Dordt College has something that interests you. Perhaps it's how to set boundaries in your family, prevent child abuse in your church, or how to monitor your child's technology. You can get tips on how to make difficult visits to the sick or grieving; learn how to involve youth in worship or how to better teach the gospels. Are you interested in racial diversity? You'll want to hear keynote speaker Rev. Reggie Smith share his story of guiding change in transitional urban communities. Whether you are a worship planner, council member, church administrator, or person in the pew, this conference is designed to inspire, encourage and equip God's people to be salt and light in our homes, churches and communities. Go to www.dordt.edu/doe for the complete listing of times and sessions as well as registration options. Include specific instructions for group registration (register 10 or more and get a discount rate of \$45 each) at your church.

Saturday, February 3: Dr. Gary Cobb will present an organ recital at Dordt College at 7:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Cobb is a Professor of Music at Seaver College at Pepperdine in Malibu, California.

Tuesday, February 20: Please join us at 7:00am for Center For Financial Education's Annual Meeting at 313 N Main Ave. in Sioux Center. All involved with CFE are invited for progress information, review the new budget, election of officers, an introduction of staff and the new executive director. Light refreshments will be served.

Friday, February 23: Dordt College is hosting a simulcast Work as Worship Conference at the Dordt West Commons, 7:30am-2:30pm with speakers like New York Times Best-Selling Author Patrick Lencioni. This conference champions a biblical and holistic viewpoint of work and faith. Whether you are the CEO or a new employee, we all have an enormous opportunity to give people a picture of God by the way we do our work. Plan to attend with a group from your workplace. Go to www.workasworshipretreat.org to register. Cost is \$25/person and includes a continental breakfast, snacks and lunch. Contact Dianne De Wit at 712.722.6029 or Dianne.dewit@dordt.edu for more information. This conference is sponsored by RightNow Media.

Requested Announcements

We are thankful for the 36 years of Bible instruction that Larry Wielenga has given to Unity Christian! He is retiring at the end of the 2017-18 school year. As a result of this retirement, we are beginning the search for a replacement: Unity Christian High School is seeking to hire a full time Bible Instructor and Spiritual Life Coordinator for the 2018-19 school year. Duties to include a blend of teaching Bible courses and leading the growth of the spiritual culture of Unity. The candidate must have either a degree in secondary education or a ministry degree. To learn more about this position and how to apply, contact Wayne Dykstra, Head of School, at wdykstra@unitychristian.net or at 712-737-4114.

Sioux Center Christian School has an opening for a full-time physical education teacher for grades 2-8. For more information and application materials, please visit our website at www.siouxcenterchristian.com or contact Mr. Josh Bowar at jbowar@siouxcenterchristian.com.

Western Christian is seeking part-time custodial/cleaning help. We have need of someone to work approximately six hours per day from Monday through Friday. Work can be completed in the early mornings or after school/evenings. It can also be divided between two or more persons. If you have any interest, please contact Dan Barkel, Principal, at 439-1013 or e-mail dan.barkel@westernchristianhs.com.

Sioux Center Christian School is seeking to fill the position of junior high language arts (writing, grammar) teacher. The candidate should have a valid Iowa teaching license that includes either the 5-12 Teacher Secondary Classroom or the 5-8 Middle School Generalist endorsement. For more information and an application, please visit our website at www.siouxcenterchristian.com.

Stan Wynia and another F2F board member will be traveling to Nicaragua for the Farmer-to-Farmer program April 7-14. Anyone interested in experiencing firsthand the work of Farmer-to-Farmer is welcome to join them on this trip. For more information, contact Stan at 712-441-1308 or stanwynia@gmail.com by February 24.

Recently Western Christian High School acquired the building that housed the bowling alley in Hull. The Board of Directors' intent is to eventually open a thrift store in that location. Many Christian schools around the country have made this a successful enterprise that supports the school. To begin the process, the pin setting equipment and kitchen equipment must be removed and other demolition activities must be completed. We are asking for volunteers to help us with that process on Thursday-Saturday January 18, 19, and 20 from 9-3. Volunteers are asked to bring socket sets, circular saws, stepladders, impact tools with sockets, and assorted tools needed for demolition. If you can help, would you please email wes.fopma@westernchristianhs.com or call the school office at [712-439-1013](tel:712-439-1013). Even if you can only help for an hour or two, we could sure use the help. The coffee pot will be on and lunch will be provided.

We at Unity Christian High School have Completed the Vision! In 2013 we opened the doors to the Knight Center and Courtyard. The total project cost us \$5.6 million. Just recently we have reached the point of being debt free! Praise God for all of you. So many people gave, and gave again! Thanks for helping us cross the finish line!

The Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra (NISO) is once again holding their annual Celebrity conductor Fundraiser! Each year they offer 6 scholarships to aspiring musicians to help keep the tradition of professional orchestral music alive in our beloved community. Nathan Frens, Plant Manager of Smithfield, Sioux Center and husband of Jennifer (Van Den Hul) Frens, is a candidate this year and is asking for your help and support! For every dollar donated, he has pledged to match it up to the first \$5,000 raised. Further, anyone who donates \$5 or more will be placed into a drawing for a free pouch of 150 slices of bacon, with 25 total pouches being given away. For the top 5 donators, a year's supply of bacon will be given – one pouch a month for a year. If you would like to donate, please go to www.youcaring.com and search for NISO. If you would prefer to pay by cash or check, please mail them to: Nathan J. Frens, 1580 Sunrise Trl, Sioux Center, IA 51250 by January 25, 2018.