

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

October 7, 2018

Please turn in announcements by 10:30 on Wednesday mornings to the office of the First Christian Reformed Church: office@firstcrc.com or 712-722-0717.

Tuesday, October 9: The Grandmother's Moms in Prayer group will be meeting in Room 3 of First CRC at 10am. New women are always welcome.

Tuesday, October 9: The College and Career Moms in Prayer group will be meeting in Room 3 of First CRC at noon. New women are always welcome.

Tuesday, October 9: Sioux Center Christian School's Moms in Prayer group will meet at First CRC at 1:30-2:30pm in the Council Room. Childcare is provided. Contact Mel Klein (712-541-8694) with questions.

Thursday, October 11: All are invited to the Friends of Western Banquet to be held at 5:30pm with the cost per meal of \$10. Orlin Te Slaa, an attorney from Minneapolis, a 1976 graduate of Western Christian, will share some of his thoughts about Christian education. Attendees will also be treated to a recital by Mary Lou Wielenga on the new Steinway grand piano that was recently donated to Western Christian. Please RSVP by calling the school, 712-439-1013, or emailing wes.fopma@westernchristianhs.com before October 8 to make your reservation.

Thursday, October 11: October's adoption and foster family support meeting hosted by Katelyn's Fund will be held from 7-9pm at First Reformed Church (Fireside Room). Our topic this month is "Understanding is Everything" led by Darcie Van Voorst, social worker. She will help develop an understanding of how complex developmental trauma has impacted our children's brains and bodies; and explore how to combat the effects of this trauma. All are welcome for a time of support, prayer, and education. Contact Kir (712-360-1017) for more questions.

Friday, October 12: Guest artist Jennifer Youngs, soprano, will present a vocal recital at Dordt College at 7:30 pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Youngs is currently serving on the voice faculty and is Director of Opera at Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas. The recital is free and open to the public.

Advance Announcements

Sunday, October 14: ETM – Early Teen Ministry for 7th and 8th graders will meet at Dordt College at 7:30pm for a Scavenger Hunt.

Wednesday, October 17: Unity Christian High School will be hosting an Orchestra Festival at 4:30pm. The six orchestras from the surrounding area who will be performing are: Orange City Christian, Sioux Center Christian, Western Christian, Rock Valley Christian, Hull Christian, and Unity Christian. The concert will showcase five mass pieces and will begin at 4:30pm. It is sure to be an enjoyable evening of instrumental music!

Thursday, October 18: Promise Community Health Center of Sioux Center will host its 10th annual "An Evening of Promise" Celebration and Fundraiser at 6pm at Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center. The celebration will feature entertainment of comedy mentalist Arthur Fratelli, a dinner catered by The Triple Box, presentation of the Addink Community Service Award to Judy Hauswald and a silent auction. Tickets will be on sale through Oct. 10 online at promiseevent2018.eventbrite.com or download a ticket form from Promise CHC's website at www.promisechc.org. For more information, contact Derrick Vander Waal at 712-722-1700 or derrick@promisechc.org.

Friday, October 19: The Sioux Center Christian School Fall Soup Supper will be held from 5:00-7:00pm at school. Senior citizens are welcome to come at 4:45pm. A variety of delicious soups, sandwiches, and desserts will be served. There will be an opportunity to give a free-will donation.

Friday, October 19 & Saturday, October 20: Dordt College hosts its Defender Days celebration with a wide range of events, including the Small Music Festival with Jazz Band, Kantorei, and Bella Voce at 3pm on Friday, the Fall Music Festival with Campus-Community Band, Chamber Orchestra, Concert Band, Chorale, and Concert Choir at 7pm on Friday, and the Organ Showcase at 11am on Saturday. Go to www.dordt.edu for more Defender Days weekend highlights.

Friday, October 26: The Science & Faith Club at Dordt College is hosting an Origins conversation this fall by Todd Wood (a Young-Earth Creationist) and Darrel Falk (an Evolutionary-Creationist), Christian brothers who hold much different positions about our understanding of creation. However, despite their differences they have built an enduring friendship and have developed ways to demonstrate the pursuit of truth in love through uplifting Christian conversation on topics like the age of the Earth and the genesis of humankind. The Science & Faith Club invites you to join them at 7pm in the Science & Technology Building (Room 1606) at Dordt College. This event is free, but seating is limited. To register, please visit: originsconversations.eventbrite.com.

Sunday, October 28: The annual, combined Reformation Day Service will be held at Covenant CRC at 6pm. We hope to pack the house and raise the roof as we worship, pray, and hear God's Word together. This year Covenant and Bridge of Hope are in charge of the service. Please join us as we celebrate and confess that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, and in Christ alone.

Friday, November 2 & Saturday, November 3: Speakers Rev. Walt & Valerie Shepard (daughter of Jim & Elisabeth Elliot) will be at the Unity Knight Center on Friday 7-8:30pm; no registration required on Friday; freewill offering. Register online by Oct. 22 at www.shepards.eventbrite.com for Saturday's Men's Leadership Breakfast at 9-10:30am at The Triple Box or the Women's Conference from 9-2pm (lunch included) at the Unity Knight Center. May also purchase discounted tickets at Radio Shack in Sheldon, Rock Valley, or Orange City.

Saturday, December 1: All friends of Unity Christian are invited to join us at Unity Christian for a night of celebration, fellowship and worship. Recording artists *Selah* will be performing live at 7:00pm in our Knight Center. Tickets are on sale now for this event at the online link below to reserve your seats today: <https://www.itickets.com/events/402864.html>. Prior to the concert, we are hosting a dinner in the gymnasium from 5:20-6:40pm. This dinner requires an RSVP to the school office (712-737-4114). It is a catered meal with an opportunity to give a free-will donation and is replacing the Hostess Supper that has taken place in the past. In addition, we will be auctioning off delicious desserts at the end of the meal to each table. You may bid on the desserts as a second way to support the mission of Unity Christian High School that evening.

Requested Announcements

The Community Unity Meal on Thursday, October 11, is cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control. –The Community Unity Planning Committee

The Bethel & First CRC GEMS are selling boxed cards, gifts items, and napkins until Wednesday, October 10. Please contact any GEM to place an order. Call Becky Groeneweg (712-540-1400) for more information.