

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

December 4, 2022

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.

Sunday, December 4: Early Teen Ministry (ETM) will meet at First CRC at 7:30pm in the upper level of their ministry building for their Christmas party.

Wednesday, December 7: Please consider attending the Western Christian Foundation Luncheon which will begin at 12:30pm in the Western Christian Event Center. Please RSVP by contacting Brad Vis - brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or 605-359-5704.

Friday, December 9: Chorale, Canons of Dordt, Bella Voce, and Concert Choir will present a program of sounds of the season from around the world at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University. The program 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: Join the Dordt Music Department for the final concert of the semester by the Dordt Instrumental Ensembles at 7:30pm 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 Announcements

Wednesday, December 14 – Thursday, December 15: Western Christian is in need of volunteers (male and female) to help with the Alumni Newsletter. We plan on working December 14, beginning at 6:30pm and December 15, at 9:00am here at Western. Please contact Mr. Brad Vis at brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or 605-359-5704 if you are available to help.

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

Friday, December 16: At 7:30pm 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>.

Tuesday, January 10: Justice for All is having a meeting with information about Service & Learning Trips at the Justice for All ministry center (1335 Valley Drive, Rock Valley, IA 51247) at 6:30pm. There will be light refreshments available. For questions, contact Nick at Justice for All at 712-476-2804. Consider going on a trip this year to work alongside others in a different community.

Requested Announcements

EGG ROLLS are again available from Siouxland Unity CRC in Sioux City: \$15/dozen; \$5 for sweet chili sauce. Order from Henry Kraayenbrink at 712-540-8617 or svvinc@mtcnet.net by Friday, December 9. Pick them up at Faith CRC at 10:00AM on Saturday, December 17.

Unity Christian High School is seeking applications for a full time Science instructor for the 23-24 school year. To learn more about the position, contact Mr. Wayne Dykstra at 712-737-4114 or at wdykstra@unitychristian.net. Applications can be found on our website: <https://www.unitychristian.net/employment>

Justice For All is planning a KENTUCKY BUS TOUR, focusing on our 4 major ministry partners: Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, 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).