

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
December 11, 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.

Wednesday, December 14 – Thursday, December 15: Western Christian is in need of volunteers (male and female) to help with the Alumni Newsletter. 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 FFA is hosting a Soup Supper 5-7pm. The soup Supper will take place in the Unity cafeteria and the menu includes chili soup, chicken noodle soup, taverns, and cinnamon rolls. Free-will donations will be taken. Come and enjoy food and fellowship, while supporting future FFA projects!

Thursday, December 15: The Unity Christian High School Music Department invites you to join them for an evening of music focused on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ at 7:30pm (note time change) in the Knight Center. The concert will feature the choirs, symphonic band and orchestra, and ending with the singing and playing of the Hallelujah Chorus. Please join us for an evening filled with the musical joy recognized as part of the Christmas season.

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>.

Saturday, December 17: Piano/Cello Concert

Pianist Dr. Thomas Van Soelen and cellist Meghan McGuire will perform together at 2pm at Covenant CRC in Sioux Center. The concert will feature music from a variety of traditions, including special arrangements of Christmas carols. McGuire and Van Soelen have been partnering in concerts since 2013, mostly in Atlanta, Georgia. The concert is free and open to the public and will feature a freewill offering supporting The Family Crisis Center. For more information, contact Thomas Van Soelen at 678-793-5246 or tmvansoelen@gmail.com.

Advance Announcements

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

Christmas Packages - Help collect some needed items for students in Liberia at One Body One Hope and drop off at Unity Christian High School. All items can be rolled into a bundle with the towel, tied with a ribbon or some string by December 16. Please include a full body towel, wash cloths, bars of soap, toothbrush, toothpaste.
Girls- 2 finger nail polishes (put in sealed ziplock bag)
Boys- 1 bottle of AXE deodorant spray (put in sealed ziplock bag)
You may add a few hard candies (a favorite) to your bundle (no chocolates or liquids).

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).