

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 10/4/20

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

FROM THE PASTOR:

- In an effort to promote congregational unity during this time of Social Distancing, I would like to encourage you to remember those of our congregation who are shut-in, whether at home or in a care facility, with your letters and phone calls to let them know you are thinking about them.

FROM THE ELDERS:

- Just a reminder that regular seating is allowed on the whole North side. Socially distant seating will still be available on the South side.

FROM THE DEACONS:

- **Offering Schedule:** We would like the congregation to know that we are still following our regular offering schedule. You may give at anytime during the month to any of the causes we have scheduled. You DO NOT need to send separate checks each week, but one check with the offerings and other causes noted that you want the money to go towards would be fine.

October Offering Schedule:

| Date | AM | PM |
|-------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 10/4 | Many Hands for Haiti | Focus on the Family |
| 10/11 | Christian Education Fund | Christian Opportunity Center |
| 10/18 | Disability Concerns* | Christian Education Fund |
| 10/25 | Joshua Christian Academy | @ Bethel for Reformation Day |

- * Disability Concerns helps churches become healthier communities that embody the whole body of Christ. Together you are the body of Christ. Each one of you is part of His body. For more information, please go to www.crcna.org/disability.

FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND:

- CEF Pledge Forms were in your mailboxes last week. Please fill them out and turn in by today
Thanks - CEF Committee

IGNITE:

- Next week Wednesday, Oct. 7, we will assemble Care Packages for last year's seniors. We will be making seven boxes. Please help us fill these up!

NEWSLETTER:

- All articles for the November/December Newsletter are due by Sunday, Oct. 11.

FROM THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE:

- Just a reminder that we have a wonderful opportunity to help our community through *Mahaska Connect 2020!* Love, INC, area churches and local businesses will be reaching out to those who are homeless or on the verge of it on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Flyers are available on the Information Center Table.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES:

- “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.” Mark 16:15 -- Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan’s Purse is now underway. Tuesday Evening Coffee Break is putting several boxes together and encourage you to do the same. As Nehemiah was called to build a wall around Jerusalem, let’s build a wall of boxes symbolizing salvation for children.

~ **Why?** Every shoebox gift is excellent for evangelism and discipleship that leads to the multiplication of new believers and churches around the world. Local Christians share the Gospel, inviting children to trust in Jesus. The boys and girls receive a surprise that may be their first gift ever; they in turn share their gifts (material and spiritual) with those around them.

~ **How?** Information and boxes are available in the foyer or check out the website at www.samaritanspurse.org/occ. A donation of \$9 per box is suggested (preferably mailed or paid on-line). The fee covers shipping as well as book explaining the story of salvation. Boxes should be completed and back to church by Nov. 8. Questions? Call Deb 641.660.8290 or Dena 641.660.5671.

Note: Be reminded that you are NOT to include toothpaste, gum or candy in the boxes.

LADIES BIBLE HOUR:

- The Ladies Bible Hour will not be meeting until after the first of the year. Neither will they be hosting any holiday activities. The executive board will evaluate the Covid-19 situation in January.

TRANSPORTATION RELEASES:

- Just a reminder that Transportation Releases for all groups need to be turned into the office ASAP. Thanks!

ON-LINE ACCESS CONSENT FORMS:

- There are several of you who have an On-Line Access Consent Form in your mailboxes. In filing the new ones for this year's activities, I came across several that I needed for one of the following reasons:
 - 1) You have transferred into our church since we last did them,
 - 2) You have new family members/were married, or
 - 3) I never received one from you when we updated them the last time.
- Please fill them out and return them to the table in the office ASAP. Thank you!

INFORMATION CENTER REPORTS:

- Calvin Theological Seminary *Forum*

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Oct. 4 = Pat Bloodsworth, Cassia Boender, Ralph Van Donselaar
- Oct. 5 = Mat Van Donselaar
- Oct. 6 = Kate De Bruin (Kurtis), Leann (De Groot) McAdams
- Oct. 8 = Paul Groenenboom, Ty Lorentzen (Jeff)
- Oct. 9 = Gerrit Roozeboom, Gary Van Engelenhoven
- Oct. 10 = Andrea De Groot (Mrs. Leland), Loren Van Kooten
Paul & Dorothy Groenenboom

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FROM OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- **POP Can Drive:** OSCI will be having a Pop Can Drive Sept. 28 – Oct. 9! Bring your bottles and cans to the trailer in our parking lot at 726 North “E” Street during the hours of 7:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on any Monday through Saturday of these dates. Please bring your cans in large garbage bags rather than multiple small plastic shopping bags if possible, and remember to bag your glass bottles separately from the cans. THANK YOU!!
- **Scholastic Book Fair:** The Scholastic Bookfair is returning to Oskaloosa Christian School this fall! It will be open Oct. 15 and 16 in the school library. Hours are Thursday, Oct 15, from 1:00-8:00 p.m., and Friday, Oct 16, from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Come check out the great selection of books and get some Christmas shopping done early! We receive the biggest return from in-person sales, but you can also order books online by finding our school on the scholastic.com/fair website. All proceeds go towards new books in the library.

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From Back to God Ministries International:**
 - ~ *Welcome and Care:* Does Leviticus' theme of hospitality extend to Christians and the church today? Join Groundwork as we study Leviticus 19:33-34 and 1 Peter 2:9-10 to inform our thoughts and behaviors toward non-Christians and vulnerable people in our world today. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
 - ~ *A Star is Bored:* Check out our children's programs at www.kidscorner.net. In this week's episode “A Star is Bored,” Filmmaker Liz wants to direct a blockbuster, but he only has Morrie to act in it. Can Liz make Morrie into a star? Listen now at www.kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download this month's Kids Corner Bible Story Coloring Packet: The Story Begins. www.kidscorner.net/activities
- **At-home Faith Formation Tip:** The Practice of Gratitude – “*I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds*” (Psalm 9:1). Each day this week, look for one thing you're grateful for, and then tell someone about it. Write a note of thanks, make a phone call, say a prayer, or express your gratitude in another tangible way. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit www.crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)
- **Opportunity to Work with World Renew:** Compelled by God's deep passion for justice & mercy, we join communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation - and we have an opportunity for you to join us in this work! We currently have an RFP for a Planned Giving Video Project. More details can be found on our website: www.worldrenew.net/careers
- **Peer Learning Groups:** Focus on Worship - Peer Learning Groups are forming now! Learn more on the Network (www.network.crcna.org/worship/worship-ministries-peer-learning-book-groups-are-forming) and sign up to join. Worship Ministries is providing free books to leaders and participants. We encourage pastors, church staff, worship coordinators, and worship leaders to create a group. Or if you prefer, we'll connect you to a group. The two books offered have a missional and multicultural focus.