

# First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

## Bulletin Supplement for 1/3/21

### 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 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.

#### January Offering Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
1/3	Bethany Christian Services	Child Evangelism Fellowship
1/10	Therefore Go Ministries (Youth Unlimited)	Pella Christian Special Educ. Fund
1/17	Christian Education Fund	Missionary Support
1/24	Mobility Worldwide	Calvin Seminary
1/31	Youth For Christ	Christian Education Fund

#### WINTER WORSHIP FOR 2020:

- **Schedule:** We will be starting our Winter Worship schedule today.
  - ~ Morning service – 9:30 a.m.
  - ~ Sunday School
  - ~ Potluck Lunch
  - ~ Afternoon Service – 12:45 p.m.
- **Morning worship and Sunday School** will continue as usual. We will then have a potluck lunch followed by the second service at 12:45 p.m. Single people of any age are encouraged to stay without commitment to bring food.
- **Paper Products:** The church will provide paper goods. Care Groups will take turns with set up, drinks (water and coffee), and clean up. A list of instructions is in the kitchen.
- **Care Groups:** Groups 1 & 2 are asked to help with set-up and clean-up today.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING:

- Since we just had a break, we are asking that the Sunday School offering be brought to class next Sunday, Jan. 10.

#### YEARBOOK:

- If you are interested in ordering a 2021 Yearbook of the CRC, please let Sue know by Sunday, Jan. 10. They are \$11 for regular and \$13 for spiral bound.

#### LADIES BIBLE HOUR:

- Due to the uncertainty of the Covid-19 situation, the Ladies Bible Hour will not be meeting until the fall of 2021. We are doing this out of precaution for our members and leaders. We pray that we will be able to resume our regular meeting schedule at that time.

#### “DISCOVERING HOPE IN THE PSALMS” – THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:

- A new year is a great time to start a new Bible Study. On Thursday, Jan. 14, we invite women of all ages to join us as we explore the hope of the Psalms. Part of the study will be unpacking the history and meaning of the Psalms, but this book also includes practical exercises to personally challenge us to experience these truths in daily life. The Study invites us to go deep – deep in understanding, worshipping, living, and applying God’s truths. “This book swells our hearts, delights our creativity, and engages our spirit for a full-adventure of faith through timeless treasures of hope, restoration, and peace found only in God’s Word.” We will explore the hope of God’s living Word in the church basement on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Questions? Contact Cheryl G. at 641-660-1152. Hope to see you there!

#### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- A **Church-Wide Birthday & Anniversary List** was in your mailbox last week. You will notice that there are a few that we do not have dates for. If you are one of those or if we inadvertently missed yours, would you please get the information to Sue and she will update the records accordingly. Thanks!

- Jan. 3 = Tony Kunz, Trinity Roozeboom (Steve)
- Jan. 4 = Pastor Jon & Keri Spronk
- Jan. 5 = Elaine Bandstra, Allison Boender (Mark), John Henry VI
- Jan. 8 = Tessa Brink (Dustin), Rose Van Woerkom, Ruth Vos
- Jan. 9 = Roger Fynaardt, Tristen (Meinders) Stravers

CARE GROUPS:

- The 2021 Care Group List was in your mailbox last week. Please look them over carefully as updates have been made. If you have questions or see changes that need to be made, please let your Care Group Elder know.

DIRECTORY:

- **Directory Pictures:** Just a reminder that if you would like to add/change your picture in the directory that you will need to email a copy to me by Jan. 5. I cannot accept hard copies. Thanks ☺
- **Directory Pages:** Directory pages are in the hallway. Please look them over carefully and if you need to make changes use the red pens provided. If your information is correct, please put “OK” by your name. The pages will be out through Jan. 5.

**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

FROM PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- Specific Facilitator Request: Peoria Christian School is looking for facilitators to serve in our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade classroom. This would be Monday-Friday, specifically from 10:45 until noon. We are looking for individuals who can commit to a regular schedule for any one of those days. If interested, please contact Jeremy Copenhaver at [principal@peoriachr.org](mailto:principal@peoriachr.org) or 641-625-4131.

PELLA PRO-LIFE COOKIE SALE:

- THANK YOU to all who have supported this cause in the past by baking, volunteering, or purchasing cookies. Due to the unusual circumstances of this year, we have postponed the Cookie Sale, but we really appreciate your continuous support for LIFE.

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From Back to God Ministries International:**
  - ~ *Commitment and Discipleship*: Following Jesus is not always easy. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 13:3-23, Luke 14:25-33, and Hebrews 12:1-3 to better understand the spiritual discipline of commitment and learn how we can cultivate the lifelong discipline of following Jesus Christ. Listen now at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.
  - ~ *Being God’s Copycat*: Check out the new kids’ devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). In Colossians 3:12, God shows us how we can do what He does by acting with “compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” Listen now at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC’s weekly emails for all the new content.
- **Calvin University January Series:** Each year Calvin University provides a publicly accessible series of speakers on various topics related to the Christian life and worldview. This year the January Series runs from Jan. 6 - 26, 2021 and because of COVID-19 is offered to us in the safety and comfort of our homes. They are offering an impressive lineup of speakers and topics. The series is free of charge, but you need to register to watch it. More information on the content, speakers list, and REGISTRATION details can be found at [www.calvin.edu/january](http://www.calvin.edu/january).
- **At-Home Faith Formation Tip – The Practice of Engaging Scripture:** Eugene Peterson says of Scripture engagement, “Reading is an immense gift, but only if the words are assimilated, taken into the soul—eaten, chewed, gnawed, received in unhurried delight.” Read your favorite Scripture passage that way today. Take time to savor and “gnaw” on it, noticing any new insights that come to mind. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [www.crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://www.crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)

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“What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year.” Vern McLellan