

# First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

## Bulletin Supplement for 10/10/21

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

#### A TIME FOR PRAYER:

- You are invited to a time of prayer before our worship service every Sunday morning from 9:00-9:10 a.m. in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to join us.

#### FROM THE COUNCIL:

- GNC General Board Meeting:** The General Board of the Good News Chapel is scheduled to meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 18, in our church sanctuary.

- Congregational Meeting:** Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 25, at 7:00 p.m.  
~ The following men have been nominated for the offices of Elder and Deacon:

**Elder:** Joel De Bruin, Rich De Bruin, Brent De Ronde, Eldon Louwsma,  
Steve Plate, Russ Sytsma, Paul Van Donselaar, Leon Van Kooten

**Deacon:** Kyle De Ronde, Trent Meyer, Josh Van Donselaar, Mitchel Veenstra

**Ballots:** Ballots will be available in the foyer on Sundays, Oct. 17 & 24. Just a reminder that there will be no balloting on the night of the Congregational Meeting.

~ The Budget for 2022 will also be presented for approval. (see Deacons "Budget" announcement)

#### FROM THE DEACONS:

- Monthly Offerings:** We would like the congregation to know that 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	P.M.
10/3	Vital Ministries	Youth for Christ
10/10	Christian Education Fund	Gideons
10/17	Therefore Go (Youth Unlimited)	Benevolence
10/24	Love, INC (In the Name of Christ)	Christian Education Fund
10/31	Calvin Theological Seminary	PC Special Education Fund

- 2021 Monthly Budget Report** (Local & Classical Church Budget)

	2021 Budget	Monthly Giving	Difference	Total Difference
January	\$ 22,307.11	\$ 18,486.00	- \$ 3,821.11	- \$ 3,821.11
February	\$ 22,307.11	\$ 19,020.00	- \$ 3,287.11	- \$ 7,108.22
March	\$ 22,307.11	\$ 15,076.00	- \$ 7,231.11	- \$ 14,339.33
April	\$ 22,307.11	\$ 19,435.00	- \$ 2,872.11	- \$ 17,211.44
May	\$ 22,307.11	\$ 20,850.00	- \$ 1,457.11	- \$ 18,668.54
June	\$ 22,307.11	\$ 13,610.00	- \$ 8,697.11	- \$ 27,365.65
July	\$ 22,307.11	\$ 23,217.95	\$ 910.84	- \$ 26,454.81
August	\$ 22,307.11	\$ 24,770.00	\$ 2,462.89	- \$ 23,991.92
September	\$ 22,307.11	\$ 12,128.50	- \$ 10,178.61	- \$ 34,170.53
Oct. – Dec.	\$ 179,456.87			
<b>Total for Year</b>	<b>\$ 267,685.30</b>	<b>\$ 166,593.45</b>		<b>- \$ 101,091.85</b>

- Denominational Ministry Shares:** Last year we budgeted a 30% Pledge for Denominational Ministry Shares. Our total pledged was \$ 25,304.00. We have currently paid \$ 6,317.00. Please prayerfully consider this in your giving.
- Budget:** The 2022 Proposed Budget will come this week via a separate attachment on the church email and hard copies will be in your mailboxes next week.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CDs::

- This week K-8<sup>th</sup> families will find a CD of songs for our Christmas program in their mailboxes. Please take time to listen so we can celebrate our Savior in our program during the morning service on December 19!

#### FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE:

- View Central's Chairs:** The congregation is kindly invited to Central Reformed Church, located at 815 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue E, to view their sanctuary which has recently changed from pews to padded chairs. Our Building

Committee members will be there as well to answer questions and to show this change which is now being proposed for our sanctuary. Please come today, Oct. 10, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

- **Sample Row:** Also, at the invitation from Central Reformed, we were able to bring over extra chairs from their church to form a pew on the South side of our sanctuary. Those will remain in place for the month of October. Anyone is invited to sit in them for our services today and the following weeks or just try them out and see how just by hooking them together they form a pew. Please keep in mind the minor changes being proposed for our church chairs to have the Curved Back, no pockets on the back, and slightly darker fabric (see sample on chairs set in the Foyer). Enjoy!

#### NEWSLETTER:

- All articles for the November/December Newsletter are due by Sunday, Oct. 17.

#### SUPPER & BOARD GAMES:

- Please reserve Friday, Oct. 22 for Supper and Board Games. Things will start after school and will conclude by 9:00 p.m. A potluck supper will be served at 6:00. Also, please bring snacks to enjoy throughout the afternoon and evening, as well as any Board Games you would like to share.

#### 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 encourages you to do the same.

~ **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](http://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. 7. 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.

#### GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS – SEASONS OF THANKSGIVING 2021:

- This Thanksgiving we would like you to share your photos displaying God’s faithfulness as displayed in the four seasons – summer and winter, springtime and harvest. Submit your digital photos of the wonder of each season to [1stCRCprojection@gmail.com](mailto:1stCRCprojection@gmail.com) by Monday, Nov. 15, so that we can all share witness to God’s great faithfulness, mercy and love throughout the year. The photos will be shown as part of our Thanksgiving service.

#### TRANSPORTATION RELEASES:

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

#### DIRECTORY UPDATE:

- Gerrit & Sis Roozeboom have both moved to Crystal Heights. Please update your directories with the following:  
Gerrit & Sis Roozeboom  
c/o Crystal Heights Care Center  
1514 High Avenue West  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

#### INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:

- Jared & Anna De Young

#### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Oct. 10 = Andrea De Groot (Mrs. Leland), Loren Van Kooten  
Paul & Dorothy Groenenboom
- Oct. 11 = Martha Bruxvoort, Matt Bruxvoort, Logan De Groot (Layton), Elizabeth Jabaay (Tim)
- Oct. 12 = Steve Roozeboom
- Oct. 13 = Ruth De Bruin, Jacey Pinegar (Colton)
- Oct. 14 = Brandon Strasser (Mark), Maggie McMahan (Brad)  
Chase & Caitlin Neff

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

- **Fall Choir Concert:** On Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 7:00 p.m., the PCHS Choral Department will premier its choirs who will be performing a variety of music in the school auditorium. Come and enjoy the musical gifts of our Pella Christian High School students.

- **PCHS Fall Musical:** Save the Date! The Pella Christian 2021-22 theatre season opens with Broadway's 2013's Best Musical Revival, *Pippin*. Winner of four Tony Awards, this updated circus-inspired version of *Pippin* continues to captivate audiences throughout the world. The musical is filled with special effects, dazzling lighting, lots of energetic choreography and aerials, and colorful costumes. Production dates are October 28, 29, and 30 with reserve tickets available for purchase on the PCHS website home page beginning October 18. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students (\$2 more at the door) which includes credit card and handling fees charged to the school. All sales will be final.

#### FROM LOVE, INC:

- **Thrift Shoppe:** The Love INC Thrift Shoppe is now accepting donations from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday at 200 High Avenue W. (Penn Central Mall). At this time, they **will not** be accepting TV's or large furniture. The store opening date has not been determined yet. We'd like to fill it first.
- **Shoppe Volunteers Needed:** As we are opening for donations from the public, we are in need of Warehouse volunteers to sort, hang, and tag the merchandise. We are hoping to have 6-8 volunteers during each shift. The morning shift is from 8:30 – noon and the afternoon shift is from 1:00-4:30 Monday - Friday as we continue to stock the store. Once the store is open in the month of October, we will also be needing volunteers on Saturday.
- **Mahaska Connect:** We are currently seeking volunteers for our Mahaska Connect event that will be held on Saturday, October 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteer training will again be at 6:30 a.m. Please sign up on our website ([loveincmahaska.org](http://loveincmahaska.org)) or email [loveincmahaskacounty@gmail.com](mailto:loveincmahaskacounty@gmail.com). We need guides, prayer team, intake team, runners, sanitation team, security team, drivers, etc. We are looking forward to what God will do through the Church and with our community partners this year at Mahaska Connect. To God be the glory! Please see the flyer attached to last week's supplement.

#### FROM OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- **Book Fair:** The Usborne Book Fair is returning to Oskaloosa Christian School this fall! It will be open Thursday, Oct 14, from 1:00- 8:00 p.m., and Friday, Oct 15, from 8:30 a.m. – noon, in the gym. Come check out the great selection of books and get some Christmas shopping done early! All proceeds will go toward new books in our school library.
- **Town Hall Meetings:** The Oskaloosa Christian School board has exciting news to share! The board would like to present the Society with plans to both update our current facility and to potentially expand our school. You are invited to two town hall meetings to share and discuss these endeavors. The meetings will be held on Tuesday, October 26, and Thursday, November 4, in the main sanctuary of Fellowship Bible Church from 6:30-7:45 p.m. The same information will be shared at both meetings, so please attend at least one of the two. Both meetings will be live streamed, and recordings will be made available as well. Please join us on October 26 and/or November 4 to discuss the future of Oskaloosa Christian School!

#### FROM LAKE VIEW CAMP:

- Middle School and High School Students mark your calendars! Lake View Camp is offering retreats this fall and winter! The Middle School Fall Retreat is Oct. 16-17, 2021. High School Winter Retreat is Jan. 22-23, 2022. Learn more about how following God changes everything and have lots of fun with friends! Please see the posters in the hallway for more information/cost. There are a limited number of registration forms on the Information Center table or you can visit our website ([www.lakeviewconference.com](http://www.lakeviewconference.com)) to register online.

#### FROM GENEVA CAMPUS MINISTRIES:

- Geneva Campus Ministry is excited to have Saleem Ghubril as our fall lecturer. Join us on Saturday, Oct. 23, at 7:00 p.m. as he discusses stories from his thirty years in Christian non-profit work in the city of Pittsburgh – *Forgotten Voices: Conversations with the Overlooked of Society*. Please join us at One Ancient Hope Presbyterian Church, 500 North Clinton Street, Iowa City, IA 52245. Please plan on wearing a mask and social distancing. Reception to follow. For more information, please see the flyer in the hallway.

#### FROM CRC NEWS:

- **ReFrame Ministries:**
  - ~ Groundwork: You Shall Not Covet: The desire to possess what God gave someone else reveals insufficient trust that God provides enough. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Exodus 20:17 so that we understand the spiritual and relational implications of coveting and learn how we can combat covetousness and enhance gratitude in our lives. Listen now at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
  - ~ The Lord's Prayer: Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Jesus taught his disciples how to pray. This week's devotion looks at what Jesus taught them. Listen now at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.
  - ~ Family Fire is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families,

and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [www.familyfire.com](http://www.familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

- **Pastor Restoration Grants:** Pastor Church Resources and Financial Shalom are awarding grants (funded by Lilly Endowment Inc.) to focus on pastors' wellbeing in the face of unprecedented reports of pastor burnout due to COVID related stresses. Each \$2,500 (US) grant will support pastors' wellbeing through peer learning and professional helpers, as well as supporting the churches of successful applicants with money for ministry support during their pastor's leave. All CRC pastors (Minister of the Word and Commissioned Pastor) are eligible to apply. Please visit [www.crcna.org/pcr/pastors](http://www.crcna.org/pcr/pastors) for more information.
- **From Resonate Global Mission: *The Restore Conference:*** The pandemic has taken a toll on the church and its leaders, no doubt. What better time to get together again in person to worship together, to be inspired, to pray and heal together, than right now? Join us for The Restore Conference ([www.restoreconference.ca](http://www.restoreconference.ca)) on Nov. 18-20 in Abbotsford, B.C., at New Life Church. Couples welcomed. Special room rates are available. Only \$169/person, which includes meals, transportation to and from the airport and conference, and a chance to refill your spiritual tank. It's time to revision and resend. Register online. Hurry; space is limited.
- **CRCNA is Hiring - Communication Liaison with Korean Churches:** If you are passionate about serving the denomination and supporting CRC Korean churches, please consider this full time job opportunity working either remotely or in the Grand Rapids or Burlington offices. The successful candidate will be a key data entry person for the Yearbook (updating information for ordained persons, churches, classes, including support for Korean churches and classes) and will provide synod planning and support. Additionally, this role will serve as a liaison for communication with and from Korean churches. Please apply online at: <https://crcna.pinpointhq.com/en/jobs/25167>.
- **A Celebration of Servant Leadership in Advancing Diversity:** Calvin Seminary invites you to join us for this event which celebrates a person or group who has shown servant leadership for people of color and women in navigating the CRCNA culture, church polity, journey toward ordination, and ministry. This year's honoree is Rev. Al Mulder of Grand Rapids. Rev. Mulder has been an encourager and advocate for numerous people of color and also for women in ministry in the CRCNA. This celebration will take place on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 during Calvin Seminary's Chapel Service at 10:00 a.m. as well as at a reception from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at the Prince Conference Center. Both events will be live streamed (go to <https://vimeo.com/event/1264894> for the 10:00 a.m. service, and to <https://vimeo.com/617933049> for the 3:00-4:00 p.m. celebration). This event is hosted by the Calvin Seminary DEI Discipleship Coaches: Pastors Dave Beelen and Denise Posie.
- **From Raise Up Global Ministries:** The Connect Conference is now a virtual experience. Join us virtually on November 12-13 at the Connect Conference. Join men and women from around the country online for this unique, two-day conference. Expect to drink deeply from God's Word, strengthening the roots of your faith as we learn how to stand firm together and face the future with confidence and hope. You'll be challenged and encouraged by speakers, breakout groups, and worship as we consider how to be connected in every area of life. \$25/person and \$100/church. For more information and to register visit [www.theconnectconference.org](http://www.theconnectconference.org).
- **At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip:** Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Gratitude: Read Luke 17:11-19 and ponder or discuss the following questions. How have you experienced healing in your life, whether physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual? How did you, or how might you, express your gratitude to God? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject))

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*You Shall Not Want*

*The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. Psalm 23:1*

To the lost sheep, *He is the seeking Shepherd;*  
To the needy sheep, *He is the providing Shepherd;*  
To the hurting sheep, *He is the comforting Shepherd;*  
To the bruised sheep, *He is the healing Shepherd;*  
To the anxious sheep, *He is the peaceful Shepherd;*  
To the wandering sheep, *He is the guiding Shepherd;*  
To the fearful sheep, *He is the protecting Shepherd;*  
To all His sheep, *He is the Good Shepherd.*

- Roy Lessin