

# First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

## Bulletin Supplement for 11/21/21

### 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 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.

#### November Offering Schedule:

Date	AM	P.M.
11/7	Child Evangelism Fellowship	Crossroad Prison Ministries
11/14	Christian Education Fund	ReFrame Ministries (Back to God Hour)
11/21	Rehoboth Christian School	Benevolence
11/25	Envelopes	
11/28	Denominational Ministries	Christian Education Fund

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

	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>Monthly Giving</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Total Difference</u>
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
October	\$ 22,307.11	\$ 30,439.68	\$ 8,132.57	- \$ 26,037.95
Nov. – Dec.	\$ 66,921.33			
<b>Total for Year</b>	<b>\$ 267,685.30</b>	<b>\$ 197,033.133</b>		<b>- \$ 70,652.17</b>

#### HOMESTEAD SCHEDULE:

- The Evangelism committee has been contacted by Homestead and while they still want us to come once a month, they are requesting no more than 5 people. With that in mind, if you are listed on the Homestead schedule for November or December you DO NOT need to go unless you are contacted by someone to appear. If you have questions, please contact Mark Boender.

#### THANKSGIVING DAY OFFERING:

- Our Thanksgiving Day offering on Nov. 25 will be brought forward as usual to baskets located within the Thanksgiving display. In addition to any monetary gifts, you and your families are again encouraged to also bring some non-perishable items such as canned/boxed items to benefit our local Ecumenical Cupboard. The most useful items to them would be cereals, tuna, canned fruit and vegetables. Thank you for sharing your thankfulness and love to our community.

#### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PIANO PRELUDE:

- K- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who would like to play a Christmas song for the prelude the morning of December 19 please email Deann at [deann.degroot@gmail.com](mailto:deann.degroot@gmail.com) or text 641.295.3766 as soon as possible. Thanks.

#### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

- PowerPoint:** Involves putting together and running the PowerPoint one Sunday per month and the occasional special service. Please talk to Lisa DB or Cyndi F if you are interested or have questions.
- Blood Drive Bars:** I could use more people to supply 2 dozen bars/cookies approximately once a year. I have a wonderful core group of ladies that help, but I don't want to overwhelm them. ☺ There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Center Table if you would be willing to help out. If you have questions, please talk to Sue DB.

#### LOST & FOUND:

- The following have been turned into the office:  
~ A box-cutter found in the South Parking Lot



### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING GONCERT:

- Please join us at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 24, at Omega Church (203 Hope St, Osky) for a Thanksgiving Concert by Don Shire and his trumpet. A freewill offering will be taken for Missions. See the poster in the hallway for more information.

### FROM OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- The board of Oskaloosa Christian School would like to invite all Society members to a special Society meeting on Thursday, Dec. 2, at 6:30 p.m. at Bethel Christian Reformed Church. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on a motion to raise money for a capital campaign to address interior and exterior building needs for our current school building. A letter from Mr. Mitchell with more information can be found in your church mailboxes today. We look forward to seeing you on December 2<sup>nd</sup>!

### FROM PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- PCS is seeking a full-time 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher. This position is available immediately. We are also seeking a 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for the 2022/2023 school year. Anyone interested in these positions, should contact Jeremy Copenhaver ([principal@peoriachr.org](mailto:principal@peoriachr.org)) for more detail. Please continue to pray for the right individuals to come forward and fill these positions.

### ADVENT MEANS HOPE

- With World Renew's 2021-2022 Gift Catalog, you can help a family with a filter for clean water to drink, give a child get the food they need to grow with a nutrition kit, or provide shelter to a disaster survivor. Choose a gift that gives someone who is poor and hungry the opportunity for a better life today and hope for the future. Gift Catalogs are available on the Information Center Table, you may give at [www.worldrenew.net/gifts](http://www.worldrenew.net/gifts) or call 800-552-7972 to order.

### FROM CRC NEWS:

- **Free Advent Devotion:** You Shall Call His Name Jesus - Is your soul weary? Take heart in the names of Jesus that remind us of God's character, presence, and work in the world. Sign up for this free Advent devotion from World Renew, Resonate, and the CRC Office of Social Justice at [www.crcna.org/advent](http://www.crcna.org/advent).
- **ReFrame Ministries:**
  - ~ *Groundwork: Jonah – Discovering God's Heart:* Do you want to know and understand the heart of God? Join Groundwork as we study Jonah 4 to conclude our study of Jonah and witness the stark contrast between our human tendencies and his sovereignty. Together, we'll discuss how we can respond to God's relentless love and abundant mercy in our own lives today. Listen now at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
  - ~ *Supplication Prayers:* Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Asking God to supply our needs is completely different than making a wish on a birthday candle or writing a letter to Santa. God is much bigger and much better than that! Listen now at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content, including The Gifts of Kindness Advent Calendar and the KC parent blog too.
- **From CRCNA:**
  - ~ *Join Us at Inspire 2022!:* You're invited to be part of a denomination-wide gathering in Chicago next summer. We'll engage in worship, fellowship, and learning as we come together on the theme, Inspired to Be One! Plan to join us August 4-6 at the Tinley Park Convention Center. Registration opens in January. Learn more and sign up for email updates at [www.crcna.org/inspire](http://www.crcna.org/inspire).
  - ~ *CRCNA Senior Leadership Search:* The Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) is searching for senior leaders to fill two new positions: a General Secretary and a Chief Administrative Officer. It is hoped that these positions will be filled during Synod 2022, pending approval of the Structure and Leadership Team's report. A search for a third position, Executive Director - Canada, also will begin soon. Please pray for those involved in these searches. Pray for wisdom and the Holy Spirit's leading. Please also pray for the persons that God is preparing to fill these roles, that they may be equipped for leadership of the church during this time and into the future. For more information, or to apply, visit [www.crcna.org/ExecutiveSearch](http://www.crcna.org/ExecutiveSearch).
- **From World Renew:**
  - ~ *16 Days of Activism:* Join World Renew, Safe Church and the CRCNA for the live launch of the campaign against Gender Based Violence (GBV). Hear from Dr. Elaine Storkey ([elainestorkey.com](http://elainestorkey.com)) and others on what faithfully confronting this evil looks like, in the power of Christ. Nov. 23 at 3:00 ET. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/8aezafsh>. Incidents of women and girls facing various forms of GBV continue to escalate, with at least 1 in every 3 women reporting having experienced gender based violence in their lives. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the crisis. Christians, and the church, are called to intervene, to support and to fight against GBV in all its forms. Join the CRCNA and World Renew for the launch of the GBV: 16 Days: Devotions and Advocacy Guide to this Hidden Pandemic.

~ *Turn Gratitude into Shared Hope*: As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving this coming Thursday, may we fix ourselves on gratitude for the Lord's blessings in our lives. We have an opportunity to express this gratitude through our offering to World Renew by sharing His hope with some of the world's families who are currently experiencing poverty. Please give with a cheerful and generous heart to World Renew Free a Family® program this Thanksgiving. For more information, go to [www.worldrenew.net/free-a-family](http://www.worldrenew.net/free-a-family).

- **Today is Chaplaincy and Care Sunday**: Churches throughout the CRCNA take time to pray for and encourage the frontline work of chaplains today. Chaplaincy and Care Ministry endorses, trains, advocates, and provides care for these specialized ministers and pastors as they serve in institutional settings. Support this essential and exciting ministry by giving at: [www.crcna.org/Chaplaincy/Donate](http://www.crcna.org/Chaplaincy/Donate).
- **At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip**: Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Generosity: Read 1 John 3:16-18 and ponder or discuss the following questions. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)) This passage clearly ties love of our neighbor to sharing material possessions with people in need. How do you discover needs in your neighborhood, city, country, and world? What needs are you able to meet? How might you remind yourself daily of God's generous love for you?

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### ***How to Celebrate Thanksgiving***

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;  
Count your gains instead of your losses.  
Count your joys instead of your woes;  
Count your friends instead of your foes.  
Count your smiles instead of your tears;  
Count your courage instead of your fears.  
Count your full years instead of your lean;  
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.  
Count your health instead of your wealth;  
Count on God instead of yourself.

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