

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 9/10/23

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 any time 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.

September Offering Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>A.M.</u>	<u>P.M.</u>
9/3	ReFrame Ministries	Christian Education Fund
9/10	Freedom House – Pella	Teen Challenge
9/17	Christian Education Fund	Benevolence
9/24	Calvin Seminary	Child Evangelism Fellowship

MERGER MEETING:

- Christian Grade School and Pella Christian High School boards are hosting a discussion session on the proposed merger at our church this Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 7PM. Interested community members are invited to attend.

TRANSPORTATION RELEASES:

- If you have not turned in your family's Transportation Release to the office, please do so ASAP. Thank you!

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- The 6th Grade GEMS are looking for 20 wide-mouth quart jars. If you have any that you would be willing to donate, please put them in the box labeled "6th Grade GEMS" that is across from the office.

GEMS FUNDRAISER:

- The GEMS will be making freezer meals again this year on Wednesday, September 20. We will be making Bacon Brown Sugar Pork Loin, Taco Soup, and Mock Prime Rib. Please sign up in the foyer for the meals of your choice or contact Crystal at 660-2214 or at mandroberts@gmail.com. The deadline for ordering is today. Thank you!

TUESDAY EVENING COFFEE BREAK:

- Women (& their children) of the church and the community are invited to attend Tuesday Evening Coffee Break. Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 5:45 – 7:15 there will be a picnic at Church to include socializing for the women and playtime for their children. Each week following at the church will include a light evening meal at 5:45 followed by Bible study at 6:15 for women and Bible stories, games & crafts for their children. We would love to have you join us, one, two or 27 weeks! (Nursery can be arranged for infants.) Call Deb at 660-8290 or Dena at 660-5671, if you have questions. There are extra invites in the foyer if you'd like to invite someone to come with you, or need more information. See you any Tuesday; we'd love to have some new faces!

WORK TRIP OPPORTUNITY:

- We are in the early stages of planning a work trip for this winter. If you would be interested in going along and helping out (looking for a minimum of 12-15 people), please contact Brad McMahan at 641-295-0479 or come to a meeting at church tomorrow night (Monday, Sept 11) at 6:30 pm. We are looking at January or February, but the final location & date will be determined once we know the interest level.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Sept. 10 = Ezra Groenenboom (Joel)
Sherwin & Kristin Plate
- Sept. 11 = Eric & Kim Hol
- Sept. 12 = Diane Bruxvoort
Keith & Marcia Brink
- Sept. 13 = Trisha Van Donselaar (Jeremy), Ryan Van Gilst (Joel)
Laremy & Nicole De Groot
- Sept. 14 = Luke Boender (Doug)
- Sept. 16 = Anna Groenenboom (Joel), Laura Groenenboom

INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:

- 1) Huyser Prayer Letter
- 2) Rodriguez's *Satisfied Wages*

AND IN THE CATEGORY OF RANDOMNESS...:

- A Water Pump for a Car has showed up in the office. It's been here for several weeks with no note, no explanation and no claimers. Is anyone missing one? Please see Sharon to claim. Thanks.

OFFICE NEWS:

- **Misc. Stuff:** Just a few reminders as the society season starts up again:
 - ~ Space: If you need to use areas of the church that you don't normally use, at a time you don't normally use them (i.e. Fellowship Hall &/or Kitchen on a Thursday afternoon), you need to talk to the office to reserve the space. Space is reserved on a "first come, first serve" basis.
 - ~ Projects: I am more than willing to help you with your projects (designing, copying, cutting), just please get them to me in a timely manner. (Read "NOT Thursday or Friday" ☺)
 - ~ Mailboxes: **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** let me put things in mailboxes for you. It is much easier for me to do the smaller things last. Just leave the items on my table with instructions (if needed). Thanks!
 - ~ Van Use: A sheet for van use guidelines was attached to last week's supplement. The van is reserved through the office on a "first come, first serve" basis.
- **Vacation:** I will be on vacation this week. Sharon Spoelstra is filling in in the office for me. Please contact her if you have any questions/concerns. Thank you. 😊
- **Office Hours:** Beginning tomorrow, the office will again be open Monday – Friday, 9-11:30. Thanks.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BIBLE LEAGUE RETREAT:

- Men and women are invited to the Growing Inward-Reaching Outward conference hosted for you by Bible League Volunteers on Thursday, September 14, at Calvary CRC in Pella. Hear from Keynote speaker Carol Kent and friends of Bible League. For registration details go to Bibleleague.org/tickets.

FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

- **Merger News:** The Pella Christian Grade School and Pella Christian High School boards will host discussion sessions on the proposed merger at the following times and locations:
 - ~ 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1st Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa
 - ~ 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at Sully Christian Reformed ChurchFuture sessions will be planned at other locations in the region. Please contact Dan Zylstra at zylstrad@pceagles.org or 641-628-4440 if you have any questions.
- **Alumni Night:** All PCHS Alumni are invited to join us Friday, September 22, at the PCHS home football game vs. Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont. Enjoy an evening of fellowship and supporting our PC Football teams. The night will be sprinkled with fun events including prizes and free snacks. Stop by the Alumni registration table which will be just south of the Eagle Boosters concessions to join in the fun.
- **PC Football Breakfast:** Please join us on Saturday, September 23, for breakfast at the school. We will be serving from 7:30-10:00 a.m. Join us for pancakes, sausage, cinnamon rolls, and beverages. Free will donations for the Eagles Football team are welcome.
- **Open positions:** Pella Christian High School is seeking a part-time or full-time Building Services Associate for immediate hire. Pella Christian High School is also seeking candidates for our full-time Head of Maintenance position to begin as early as January of 2024. Interested applicants for either application should contact Doug Van Wyk at 641-628-4440 or vanwykd@pceagles.org
- **We are cleaning out the archives!** PCHS has VHS recordings (<https://tinyurl.com/yrnh99wp>) and yearbooks (<https://tinyurl.com/mvtfdpa4>) that are no longer needed. We would like to pass these along to those that may find them useful or entertaining! Stop in the office if you would like one for your personal collection.

FROM PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- **Test Drive for Peoria Christian School:** Join Peoria Christian School at Pella Motors in Pella for the Test Drive for Peoria event. Every person (1 per household) that test drives a car between 8:30AM-3:00 PM that day will earn \$25 for Peoria Christian School. Please take a moment out of your day to help "drive" up funds for our school. Any questions, please contact the office at office@peoriachr.org.
- **Van Drivers Needed:** Peoria Christian School is in need of individuals who can drive our van route to pick up and drop off students. If you are able to assist one or more days a week or morning/afternoon please contact Mr. Jeremy Copenhaver at principal@peoriachr.org