

# First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

## Bulletin Supplement for 11/23/25

### 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.

#### November Offering Schedule:

Date	A.M.	P.M.
11/2	World Renew World Hunger	Angel Tree Prison Fellowship
11/9	ReFrame Ministries	Luke Society
11/16	Christian Education Fund	Pella Chr. Special Educ. Fund
11/23	Resonate Global Mission	Bible League
11/27	Thanksgiving Envelopes	
11/30	Mexican Christian Children's Aid	Missionary Support

#### AND THEY'RE OFF...

- ...Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child boxes that is. We were able to add 214 boxes to the 2025 mission field. Each box contains presents, necessities, school supplies AND the invitation to take Christ as Savior. Many children will be invited to attend the 12-week discipleship program as well. Children, families and communities are hearing the Gospel of Jesus daily. And for this we thank you! NOW, PRAY that the boxes may travel safely to the ends of the earth. *"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving."* Colossians 4:2  
~ In Christ, Dena, Deb, Ruth, Linda and Tracy

#### THANKSGIVING DAY OFFERING AND MONTH OF GIVING:

- Our Thanksgiving Day offering will be brought forward to baskets as usual. In addition to 1) the envelopes with gifts of cash or check to support programs and organizations, you and your family are encouraged to also bring 2) some nonperishable items to benefit our local Ecumenical Cupboard. Thanksgiving Day will be the kick-off to a month of giving. From Thanksgiving to Christmas continue bringing non-perishable food items to church to help meet the special needs this year. The month of giving will culminate with an offering on Christmas Day to benefit the Ecumenical Cupboard. Thank you for sharing your gratitude to God and love for our community. Please see the flyer at the end of the supplement.

#### IGNITE FUNDRAISER:

- Warm up with a cup of Hot Chocolate or Hot Cider for ONLY \$3 per cup at the Lighted Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (or until gone). You can find us on the Northeast side of the Oskaloosa City Park. All proceeds will go towards the 2026 Summer Mission Trip. Come out and support the Ignite Youth Group from 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa. We appreciate your support and helping us make a difference to those in need!

#### GENERATION GEMS:

- You are invited to join the GEMS for our Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 10, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Please save the date!

#### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Nov. 23 = Kristen VD
- Nov. 24 = Finn S
- Nov. 26 = Tony & Joan K, Russ & Valerie S
- Nov. 29 = Georgina DR

#### INFORMATION CENTER REPORTS:

- Huyser Prayer Letter

#### ADVANCE NOTICE:

- As we go into the holiday season, just a reminder that we will be printing a new directory shortly after the first of the year. If you need/want to update your family picture, this would be a great time to take one.

## OFFICE NEWS:

- **Upcoming Deadlines:**

Thanksgiving Bulletin = Tuesday, Nov. 25, at noon  
Sunday, Nov. 30 = Wednesday, Nov. 26, at noon  
Candlelight Service = rough draft by Monday, Dec. 8, final corrections by Dec. 11 at noon  
Sunday School Program = as soon as possible so that I can have a proof copy to you for practices, final corrections by Dec. 18 at noon  
Jan. – Feb. Newsletter = Sunday, Dec. 14  
Christmas Bulletin = Tuesday, Dec. 23, at noon  
Sunday, Dec. 28 = Wednesday, Dec. 24, at noon  
Sunday, Jan. 4 = Wednesday, Dec. 31, at noon

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### CHRISTMAS GOSPEL CONCERT:

- Please join us on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Penn Central Mall Center Court for “Bethlehem’s Joy” Gospel Concert. Featured Artists will be the Oskaloosa Community Christmas Choir and the Fellowship Bible Church Praise Team. This concert is sponsored by the Oskaloosa Community Evangelism Committee.

### CANDLELIGHT SERVICE:

- You are invited to join us at Cornerstone Church, 1020 E. Oskaloosa St. in Pella, for a Candlelight Service on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 6:00 p.m. The service will include the Adult Choir, Worship Team, Soloists, Scripture and Congregational singing. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

### LADIES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON:

- Oskaloosa Main Street would like to invite you to the Ladies Holiday Luncheon on Friday, Dec. 12, from 11 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Debbie’s Celebration Barn (2162 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. W., Oskaloosa). This is a FESTIVE and FUN luncheon full of FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, and FREE GIVEAWAYS. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Mahaska Chamber office located at 222 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. East or you can call 641-672-2591 to reserve your seat. You won’t want to miss this festive holiday event!

### FROM PRISON FELLOWSHIP:

- Dear First Christian Reformed Church,  
Our hearts are overflowing with thankfulness for your faithful partnership with Prison Fellowship. You have been sowing into this ministry for the past 26 years and have given a total of \$34,128! Only eternity will be able to reveal the true ripple effect of your impact and the countless lives that have been transformed through your generosity. Thank you!  
Sincerely, Breanna Ferguson, Prison Fellowship

### FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**  
~ *Groundwork – Blessed are...the Merciful, the Pure in Heart, the Peacemakers, and those Who are Persecuted:* Discover what Jesus taught us about the heart and mind of an ideal disciple. Study Matthew 5:7-12 with Groundwork as we examine the remaining beatitudes of Jesus as recorded in Matthew, and explore mercy, purity of heart, peacemaking, and the surprising blessing hidden behind persecution. Listen now at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.  
~ *Kids Corner Devotions: Advent – The Season of Waiting:* Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Advent: The Season of Waiting” at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Advent starts next week—it’s the four weeks before Christmas, a time to get our hearts ready for Jesus. We remember that He was born for us and that one day He will come again, so we can trust God while we wait. Check out all the great content at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net), like the KC video series, “Kids in Action”, telling stories of kids who serve God right now!
- **Calvin University:** Mark your calendars for the “Wisdom in the Age of AI” conference to be hosted at Calvin University from October 8-10, 2026. The conference will include as keynotes Paolo Benanti (Artificial Intelligence [AI] advisor at the Vatican), Rosalind Picard (MIT Media Lab), and author and speaker Andy Crouch (Praxis), and six tracks exploring the role of AI in education, church, business, healthcare, the arts, and STEM. Learn more: [www.calvin.edu/faith-and-technology/faith-and-ai-conference](http://www.calvin.edu/faith-and-technology/faith-and-ai-conference).
- **Thrive Faith Formation Tip – International Caregivers Day:** Caregivers know what it’s like to live out Philippians 2:3–4: “*In humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*” How can you support the caregivers in your church or community? Could you offer a break to someone caring for an aging family member or a family member with a disability? If you are a caregiver, think of one tangible way to ask for help this week from someone who can support you. Brought to you by Thrive: [www.crcna.org/Thrive](http://www.crcna.org/Thrive).



# Month of Giving

## TOGETHER WE GIVE

### Our Goal

We as a church have set a goal to raise 800 pounds of food as well as \$8,000.

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### How You Can Help

- Bring any nonperishable food items to the church (will be donated to our local Ecumenical Food Cupboard.)
- Donate money; cash or check

**DONATIONS  
COLLECTED  
THANKSGIVING  
THROUGH  
CHRISTMAS**

