

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 12/21/25

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.

December Offering Schedule:

Date	A.M.	P.M.
12/7	SWIM (Safe Water Internat'l Ministries)	Benevolence
12/14	Heartland Christian Counseling	IGNITE Youth Group
12/21	Growing Place (via Love, INC)	** None, Caroling
12/25	Ecumenical Food Cupboard	
12/28	Samaritan's Purse	Missionary Support

A SEASON OF WREATHS:

- Photo Area:** Various wreaths are displayed on the back wall of the fellowship hall. Please use this area to gather the family, the kids or a group of friends for a festive photo.
- Puzzle:** For those of you who enjoy puzzles, we have one that is all wreaths! It's there for your enjoyment throughout the Christmas season & beyond. We'll see how long it takes to put together a 2000-piece wreath puzzle!

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:

- Sunday, Dec. 21:** Sunday School Program at 9:30 a.m.; Caroling at 4:50 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 25:** Christmas Service at 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 28:** AM Service at 9:30 a.m.; PM Service at 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 4:** Winter Worship (Church, SS, Potluck, 12:30 Church – note change of time) begins.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Dec. 21 = Henry VA
- Dec. 23 = Johnathon J (Mike)
- Dec. 24 = Betsey DR (Kyle)
- Dec. 26 = Avery W (Evan)
- Dec. 27 = Maggie C (Matt), Trenton DB (Doug)
Paul & Shirley VD

INFORMATION CENTER REPORTS:

- 1) Helpers in South Africa 2) Jared & Anna De Young 3) Ryan & Jody Faber

DIRECTORY PICTURES:

- 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. I have a few pictures that have come in that I haven't dropped in yet. They are in the file and will show in the new directory. I'm just not reprinting the pages every time. If your information is correct, please put "OK" by your name. The pages will be out through Jan. 4.
- Directory Listing:** If you would like your own directory listing and mailbox, please sign the sheet that's on the table with the directory pages.
- Directory Pictures:** Just a reminder that if you would like to add/change your picture in the directory that you will need to email (firstcrcosky@gmail.com) a copy to me by Jan. 5. I cannot accept hard copies. Thanks ☺

OFFICE NEWS:

- Upcoming Deadlines:**
 - Christmas Bulletin = Tuesday, Dec. 23, at noon
 - Sunday, Dec. 28 = Wednesday, Dec. 24, at noon
 - Sunday, Jan. 4 = Wednesday, Dec. 31, at noon
- Christmas Cards:** Just a friendly reminder that if you have Christmas cards, etc. to please 1) leave them on the table in the office by Friday morning and I will stuff them after I put the large things in, or 2) wait until Friday afternoon to do it yourself and please remember that boxes are below the name. Thanks!

- **Holiday Hours:** The office will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 25, and Thursday, Jan. 1, in observance of Christmas and New Years.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**
 - ~ *Groundwork – The Light of the World Among Us:* Together, let's explore the moment Isaiah's anticipation of light turns to the reality of the light of the world among us. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-20, John 8:12, Ephesians 5:8-9, and Revelation 22:5 to discuss Jesus Christ's birth, life, and the hope He brings, uncovering the profound meaning of Christ's light shining in our world and how we live as children of light. See www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
 - ~ *Kids Corner Devotions: Advent at Home – Away in a Manger:* Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Advent at Home: Away in the Manger" at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus knows what it feels like to be human, just like you. This means He understands when you're tired, hurt, or having a hard day. He loves you so much and always knows how to comfort and care for you! Explore all the great content at www.kidscorner.net, including the Kids Corner Christmas Collection of devotions, Bible stories, crafts, and activities.
- **From World Renew:**
 - ~ *Celebrating the Greatest Gift:* As we exchange gifts at Christmas, we celebrate Jesus, God's great gift to us. Will you add a child or family living in poverty to your Christmas giving today? Your donation to World Renew helps people around the world improve their lives and find home in their heart for Jesus. Please give generously for World Renew online at www.worldrenew.net/gifts.
 - ~ *Help Families Affected by the Pacific Northwest Flooding:* Beginning December 8, heavy nonstop rains have led to record flooding in western and central parts of Washington state, killing at least one person and forcing tens of thousands of people to evacuate due to profound damage to homes and communities. World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is preparing a response to help flood survivors, including those in communities already recovering from severe flooding in 2021. Please join us in prayer and donate to help flood survivors at www.worldrenew.net/northwest, by calling 1-800-552-7972, or by mailing a check made out to World Renew, with "Pacific Northwest Floods 2025" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.
- **Thrive Faith Formation Tip:** It's almost Christmas Day! How many different ways can you think of to say "Merry Christmas!" to people who know the story of Christmas and to people who don't know the story? And how might you say "Merry Christmas!" to God this week in a way that reflects love back to our Creator? Brought to you by Thrive: www.crcna.org/Thrive.

I heard the Bells on Christmas Day
 Their old familiar carols play
 And wild and sweet the words repeat
 Of peace on earth good will to men

And thought how as the day had come
 The belfries of all Christendom
 Had rolled along the unbroken song
 Of peace on earth good will to men

And in despair I bowed my head
 There is no peace on earth I said
 For hate is strong and mocks the song
 Of peace on earth good will to men

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep
 God is not dead nor doth he sleep
 The wrong shall fail the right prevail
 With peace on earth good will to men