

# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DECEMBER 9, 2018

## PRAYER REMINDERS

- Mary Ann Van Bemmell
- Gerrit Kats
- Bonnie Davelaar
- Noah & Gavin De Kam, sons of Steve & April De Kam
- Emery, daughter of Darin & Megan Kooima
- Mike Van Otterloo
- Darin Pollema
- Sophia, great-granddaughter of Faye Medalen
- Corwin Slagter, son-in-law of Al & Harriet Van Zanten
- Our Whispering Heights resident residing in Creekside: Kit Kooima and Mary Ann Van Bemmell
- Mike & Megan Ribbens in Johannesburg, South Africa
- Lakeview CRC/Valentine, NE
- *(Faith Formation Ministries)* As Christmas nears, many families will gather with three or four generations. Please join us in praying for grandparents. May they find opportunities and courage to share their own faith stories with their grandchildren, blessing them in a way that helps to point them to the love of the Father, Son, and Spirit.

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**TODAY:**      **9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service/Second Sunday of Advent  
                 **10:45 AM:** Choir meets in Room 5/Christmas Program practice/YP meet  
                 **6:00 PM:** Evening Worship Service

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**TUESDAY:**    **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break

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**WED:**        **5:00 PM:** Young Peoples meet at church to leave for Christmas Party  
                 **6:30 PM:** Caroling at Whispering Heights Senior Center  
                 **7:20 PM:** Cadets

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## THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday - Dustin Van Beek

Monday - Cooper Koedam

Tuesday - Priscilla Driesen

Wednesday - Merle Koedam, Austin Vis

Thursday - Rachel Van Beek, Grace Van Grootheest

Saturday - Gert Vis

## FUTURE DATES

December 12 - Caroling & fellowship at Whispering Heights; Young Peoples Christmas party

December 23 - First CRC P-6 Christmas Program after morning service

December 25 - Christmas Day Service - 9:30 AM

January 1 - Combined New Year's Service at First CRC

January 6 - Sunday School/Catechism begins new session

January 7 - Council Meeting

January 7-11 - Meals on Wheels

January 13 - Youth Sunday

January 20 - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

January 27 - Cadet Sunday

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS!

**"Christmas Jazz Night"** at Dordt College will take place on December 11, 7:30 PM, B.J. Haan Auditorium, and feature the Kantorei (a 16 voice jazz choir) and Jazz Band. The Kantorei will be celebrating the birth of Christ in unique and intricate ways with a cappella renditions of *Mary Did You Know* by Pentatonix, familiar carols like *Silent Night* and the Coventry Carol approached from a jazz perspective, and songs performed in collaboration with the Jazz Band. The Dordt Jazz Band will be swinging to some holiday classics like, *Here Comes Santa Claus*, *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*, and *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*. Come in out of the cold for a night of light, bright jazz music.

All ladies are invited to **Women's Connection** on Wednesday, December 12, at 9:15 AM at the Whispering Heights Senior Center in Rock Valley. Our inspirational speaker will be Jan Schiferl with "A Change of Plans". Music and sing along of Christmas season. an Offering will be received for Stonecroft Ministries. Brunch is \$4.00 and reservations are necessary. Please call Winifred at 470-5549 or Bertha at 476-2583 if you would like to come!

The **Memory Loss Support Group** will be meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at 1:00 PM at Whispering Heights. This Support Group is open to anyone who lives with or cares for someone affected by dementia of any kind. For more information, please contact Melinda at 712-476-8214. New members are always welcome!

**Inspiration Hills:** Do you love food that comes from the camp kitchen? Or are you simply stressed with making all the goodies during the Christmas season? Well, we are here to help! Order camp goodies by December 12 to help us raise funds for camp! Go to our website under our EVENTS tab to order.

The **Dordt College Christmas Chorale Concert** will take place on Friday, December 14, at 7:30 PM, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium and will feature Bella Voce (women's chorus), Chorale, and Concert Choir - over 160 singers. The Choirs will explore a wide range of repertoire for Christmas to commemorate and marvel at the great mystery and wondrous gift of the birth of Christ. Highlights include works by Eric Whitacre, Jake Runestad, John Rutter, Ola Gjello, Knut Nystedt, Vijay Singh, and Michael Engelhardt. Stunning acapella compositions will be side by side with several forms of accompaniment that will bring a deep texture to the program, including piano, cello, guitar, flute, harp, percussion and hand bells.

**ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT: Cornerstone Prison Church Faith Fellowship Weekend** is scheduled for Friday, January 25 (6:00-8:00 PM) and January 26 & 27 (7:15 AM-4:00 PM) each day. The theme for the weekend is "Year of Reconciliation" based on 2 Chronicles 7:14 - "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Monday, January 7. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it. If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact us at [office@cornerstonepcsd.org](mailto:office@cornerstonepcsd.org) or call 507-215-3670. Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity!

## LET'S MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE!

*"Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me."*

~ John 15:4

*"But each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin."*

~ James 1:14-15