



First Christian Reformed Church

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Mission: Being transformed by Jesus, leading people to Him.

Vision: A world transformed by the Gospel of Jesus.

***Announcements must be turned in by 2:00pm on Wednesday**

Sunday, October 21, 2018

For a list of today's schedules, please see the back of your bulletin.

Location of Upcoming Worship Services:

Please note that all morning worship services start at 9:30am. All evening services start at 6pm.

Date:	Location:
October 21	AM ~ Pella I PM ~ Second CRC
October 28	AM ~ Pella I PM ~ Pella I
November 4	AM ~ Pella I PM ~ Second CRC
November 11	AM ~ Pella I PM ~ Pella I
November 18	AM ~ Pella I PM ~ Pella I
November 22	THANKSGIVING AM ~ Pella I
November 25	AM ~ Pella I PM ~ Pella I

Office hours: Mondays ~ 1-3pm
Wednesdays ~ noon-4pm
Thursdays ~ 10am-3pm

The church will be open:
Mondays ~ 8:30am-4:30pm
Tuesdays ~ 8:30am-4:30pm
Wednesdays ~ noon-4pm
Thursdays ~ 10am-3pm

It will be locked on Fridays. If you need to be in the church, please make prior arrangements with Janice De Graaf. She is willing to come and unlock it for you.

In Our Faith Family

Prayer Items:

Be in prayer for Edith Meppelink as she continues to recover from her recent surgery on her knee.

Pray for Ria Branderhorst as she continues to recover from her recent hip surgery at the Pella Regional Hospital.

Please continue to pray for Andy and Mary Ellen Uitermarkt, as Andy had his surgery on Monday to remove the infection in his knee.

Keep Henry and Betty Schutte in your prayers as Henry had a biopsy taken on Tuesday and are awaiting the results.

Please pray for all our shut-ins and their loved ones: Grada De Bruin, Gerald Hoekstra, Bill Van Waardhuizen, Ken Van Wyk, Al Van Zee, and Ruth Ver Meer.

Continue to be in prayer for Luke Callahan as he serves our country.

Give thanks that each one of us can be joined together as a family and as athletes/disciples of Jesus and may we have "unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart and a humble mind" (1 Peter 3:8 ~ ESV) as we pursue the mission together of "Being transformed by Jesus. Leading People to Him."

"The Council asks and invites every current member to jot on a piece of paper the names of anyone you recommend for consideration as a candidate for the office of elder or deacon, and give that note to any current Council member in October so that we can make progress toward a slate at our November Council meeting. Please pray that God will direct to our Council the people of His choosing."

Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Study: Please read Chapter 2 in your book, and complete Session 2 in your study guide. Thanks!

Thanksgiving boxes! Every year the food shelf makes up Thanksgiving boxes for those in need. This year, their goal is 200! Our church has volunteered to donate 200 cans of cranberry sauce. There is a large box in the narthex for your donations. They need them by November 12. Thank you for your willingness to share with those less blessed.

Choir practice: Practice is every Sunday from 10:50am—11:35am. We will be singing during both the am and pm services on October 28. Questions: please ask Melanie Meinders.

Advance notice: Have you signed up to go with our church group for an evening of fun? We will be eating at Countryside Kitchen, south of Albia, November 9. The sign-up sheet and all of the information is on the table in the narthex. We must know the final number by **November 2.**

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! There will be a basket on a table in the narthex for cards and gifts for Pastor Brad and Melanie! We truly appreciate all you do for this church family.

Lift up these members in prayer:
Gerald and Ruby Hoekstra, Dan Hoekstra, and Henry and Betty Schutte.

PCHS Announcements:

PCHS Fall Musical: PCHS's theatre season opens with one of Broadway's most popular musicals, Oklahoma!, to be performed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 25-27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Vermeer Auditorium at PCHS. Now in its 75th year, Oklahoma! was Rodgers & Hammerstein's first collaboration, earning several Academy Awards for its 1955 film adaptation. Tickets go on sale October 15 in the school office or by calling 628-4440. Adult tickets are \$10 with \$6 for children. PCHS students attend free, but do need to reserve a seat at the school box office.

Parent-Teacher Conferences at Pella Christian High School:

Parents, please plan to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences during one of the following times:

Monday, October 22, from 5:00pm-7:30p.m. School dismissed at 1:30 p.m. **Please note time change!**

Thursday, October 25, from noon-2:00 p.m.

Teachers will be in their classrooms both dates due to the 7:00pm volleyball tournament game on the 22nd. Parents: Please reference the email sent from school to sign up for conference slots.

It is time for the **Annual Financial Drive for the Pella Christian High School**. The purpose of this drive is to support the general fund of the school. The goal for this year's drive is \$75,000. We are asking you to prayerfully consider a gift to the school. You will receive a letter soon explaining the drive. Thank you in advance for your faithful support of the mission of Pella Christian High School.

SAVE THE DATE! Cat fish fry at Faith Church on Oct. 27 - Serving from 4:30 - 6:30 PM. There will also be chicken and all the trimmings. A free will donation will be accepted for Cary Christian Center. There will be four people from the Cary Christian Center there to visit with you.

Peoria Christian School:

November 3rd, we will be working on accreditation for our school. This is very important for our school, and we need all stakeholders to attend. We will start at 9:00 AM with breakfast and will work through lunch on this day. Please consider attending for part or all of this very important process for the school. Breakfast and lunch will be provided so please RSVP to office@peoriachr.org by November 1st so we know how much food to prepare.

On November 12th, we are having a Veteran's Day Assembly. Please come and join us for a "Lunch with a Vet." If you are a veteran or know of a veteran, please invite them to join us for lunch and a special tribute to honor them. We all know how hard it was for them. Please RSVP to Peoria Christian School if you are interested in coming. (641)625-4131 or email: office@peoriachr.org

Joshua Christian Academy: We have started the school year with higher enrollment than ever before and are in need of the following donated items:

- ~ Reams of copy paper
- ~ Clear hand soap pumps
- ~ Clear hand soap refills
- ~ Kleenex tissues

Cathy Vroom will be taking the supplies to JCA after Sunday, October 28. Questions, feel free to contact her at 641-660-1159.

Looking Forward at First—

Today

10:50am—11:35am.....Sunday school and Catechism

10:50am.....Dr. De Haan's Adult Sunday school class meets in the Consistory (Elders) Room (upstairs room next to Council room)

10:50am—11:35am.....Choir practice

Monday, October 22, 2018

1:00pm.....Happy Quilters

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

6:30pm.....YACS

7:00pm.....Ladies Bible Study

Thursday, October 25, 2018

7:00pm.....Praise Team Practice

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Next Sunday Morning: As we continue to look at different spiritual disciplines ("practices (activities, movements) found in Scripture that promote spiritual growth among believers in the gospel of Jesus Christ" ~ Don Whitney), we turn to the spiritual discipline or WOD (Workout of the Day) of **Stability**. To encourage us to practice this discipline, we will turn to **Philippians 1:27-30** (found on page 1260 of the pew Bibles.)

Next Sunday Evening: We will be gathering together here at Pella I with Calvary CRC, Faith CRC, Leighton CRC, Second CRC, and Tracy CRC for our joint Reformation Day Celebration. **Dr. Kyle Dieleman**, Assistant Professor of History at Trinity Christian College, will be bringing us God's Word. During this service, we will also be led in music by a joint choir. Please come and join us as we worship our God, who is our Mighty Fortress!

Greeters: Ralph and Lu Ann De Haan, Judy De Vries

PM Ushers: Russ and Caryn Van Hemert
Case De Haan

Nursery: AM: Judy De Vries, Will Keuning,
Trenton Keuning

PM: Miss Leanna, Morgan Meinders
Maisy Meinders

Sound: Bruce Bandstra

Projection: Marilyn Bandstra

Fellowship: Tim and Pat Callahan

Bulletin Delivery: Ralph and Lu Ann De Haan

Offerings: AM: Worship and Discipleship Development
PM: Trinity Christian College