

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET**  
**December 16, 2018**

**Please turn in announcements by 10:30 on Wednesday mornings to the office of the First Christian Reformed Church: [office@firstcrc.com](mailto:office@firstcrc.com) or 712-722-0717.**

**Tuesday, December 18:** Sioux Center Christian School's Moms in Prayer group will meet at First CRC at 9:00-10:00am in the Council Room. Childcare is provided. Contact Mel Klein (712-541-8694) with questions.

**Tuesday, December 18:** The Grandmother's Moms in Prayer group will be meeting in Room 3 at First CRC at 10am. New women are always welcome.

**Tuesday, December 18:** The College and Career Moms in Prayer group will be meeting in Room 3 of First CRC at noon. New women are always welcome.

**Thursday, December 20:** The Faith Christian Reformed Church of Sioux Center invites you to a Blue Christmas Service at 7pm. While many are filled with joy during the Christmas season, for others it is a painful time as they grieve the death of someone they love, experience financial concerns or depression, work through relational difficulties, or feel brokenness because of the sin in this world. This will be a time of worship with scripture, songs, and reflection, acknowledging that God's presence is with us and that His Word comes to shine light into our darkness. Please invite family, friends, or anyone you know who needs to be reminded of Immanuel, "God with us," this Christmas season. All are welcome!

**Advance Announcements**

**Thursday, January 10:** The NAMI Iowa Family-to-Family Education Program for family members of persons with mental illness will be offered at Central Reformed Church from 7 - 9:30pm on Thursday evenings for 11 weeks beginning January 10, 2019. The course is FREE and will be taught by trained family member volunteer leaders, Barb Addink (712-567-4727), Shirley Matheis (722-4462 or [nsmath@mtcnet.net](mailto:nsmath@mtcnet.net)), and Lynn Wielenga (722-1828). Please register today.

**Tuesday, January 15:** Bring a friend! All are invited to sing with the Sioux County Oratorio Chorus as we return to perennial favorite, Handel's *Messiah*, for our upcoming season! Weekly rehearsals begin Tuesday, January 15, 7:30-9:30pm in Dordt College's choral rehearsal room, and the performance with orchestra, Dordt and NWC choirs, and professional soloists will be in B.J. Haan Auditorium on Saturday, April 27. For more information, find us on Facebook or email Mike Ochsner at [mkchsnr@gmail.com](mailto:mkchsnr@gmail.com).

**Friday, January 25 - Sunday, January 27:** Cornerstone Prison Church's Faith Fellowship Weekend will be held on Friday 6-8pm; Saturday & Sunday 7:15am - 4pm with the theme of "Year of Reconciliation" based on 2 Chronicles 7:14. 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!

**Requested Announcements**

JUSTICE FOR ALL is planning the 2019 Service and Learning Opportunities and would love to have you join one of the teams! These weeks are wonderful opportunities to serve others but also to experience and understand God's kingdom in new and important ways! Dates and places are: Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, MX - January 18-26 (must have passport); JVM Perkins Foundation, Jackson MS - February 9-16; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS - February 17-23; Grace Reigns, Colorado City UT - March 16-23. For more information, please call Luke Grooters at JFA 712-476-2804 or email [lukeg@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:lukeg@jfa-nwiowa.org). You can also check out the JFA website: [www.jfa-nwiowa.org](http://www.jfa-nwiowa.org).