

**ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES**  
**COMMUNITY BULLETIN**  
**January 4, 2026**

**Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:**

2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” Praise the Lord for a NEW year to live into the richness of his Kingdom and enjoy the wonder of his grace!

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Keep denominational ministries in prayer. Call the toll-free number: 1-888-CRC-PRAY (272-7729).

*Groundwork - God's Covenants and Our Salvation* - At times, we experience tension when trying to discern the relationship between God's grace and our works in relation to our salvation. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 12:1-3, Genesis 15:1-18, Genesis 17:1-11, Matthew 26:26-29, and Hebrews 8:6-13 to let God's covenants provide a deeper understanding of how he works, his gift of grace, and what he expects from us as his people. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com).

The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus is about to kick off a new season, and all are invited to sing! Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30 pm, beginning January 6, in the choir room at Northwestern College. This season we will sing the well-loved Handel's *Messiah*, featuring professional soloists and orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Thomas Holm. Our concert will be held on Saturday, April 25 at Northwestern's Christ Chapel. Contact Mike Ochsner at [mkchsnr@gmail.com](mailto:mkchsnr@gmail.com) with any questions.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Tuesday, January 6**

7:00 p.m. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will meet at the Sioux Center Public Library. An Educational Program from 7 to 7:45 pm is open to anyone who is interested in the subject: 988, Your Life Iowa, and Crisis Intervention Training (CIT): Navigating Crisis and Support. From 8:00 to 8:45, individuals affected by mental health conditions, and their family/friends will meet for a time of mutual support. For information, call Shirley at 712-574-6758 or Nate at 402-916-0008 or [natehuyser93@gmail.com](mailto:natehuyser93@gmail.com).

**Wednesday, January 7**

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Lesson 1 – Mark “A New Way”

**Advanced Notices:**

Homecoming 2026 will be held at Unity Christian High School on Friday, January 16. The Homecoming Court will be presented after chapel. Evening activities, beginning at 4:30, will include four basketball games, presentation of the Homecoming Royalty, Alumni Room, recognition of the 1976 & 1977 Boys State Champion Cross Country Teams, and Dance Team performances. Alumni and friends of UCHS are invited to all the activities.

Save the Date! The annual OCCS Tiger PAWS Soup Supper will be held on Thursday, February 5 from 5:00-7:00 pm in the OCCS gym. Soup, tavern, hot dogs/coneys, and homemade desserts and pies will be served. Please come out and support OCCS with this fundraiser!

--Announcements (2-week limit) for the Community Bulletin are due by Wednesday at 12:00 p.m., (for this week only)  
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