ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
November 15, 2026

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

In this month, as we give thanks for the ways God has provided for us, we pray particularly for those who do not have enough. We pray for those who have no family, friends, or community and are utterly alone in the world. We pray for those who do not have adequate housing, or any home at all, and live and sleep in desperate situations. We pray for refugees and those displaced by war, famine, or persecution. We pray for those who lack even the most basic access to clean water, adequate food to eat, and basic medical care. May our abundance never make us forgetful or indifferent to the billions in poverty, including in our own nation and community. May God's abundant mercy to us, including in providing for our daily bread, make us truly thankful, compassionate, and generous with those whom God calls us to care for and provide for in His name.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Prayer and Human Need - Jesus teaches and invites us to pray about our needs, to ask God for healing, protection, or provision. But what happens when an answer doesn't come? Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Matthew 6:5-8; Matthew 7:7-12; Mark 11:22-25; 2 Kings 19:14-16, 19; and 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 to explore what Scripture teaches about praying for our human needs and why we can approach God with honesty, confidence, and trust. Listen at GroundworkOnline.com.

Share Christ's Love Through a Hope Haven Wheelchair Distribution Trip: Hope Haven International Ministries is looking for volunteers to serve on upcoming wheelchair distribution trips in 2027. These trips offer the opportunity to work alongside local partners, share Christ's love, and help provide wheelchairs and mobility equipment to children and adults in need. Upcoming trips include Kenya, March 6-17, 2027; Uganda, April 25-May 5, 2027; and Thailand, April 29-May 9, 2027. No medical experience is required, and there are a variety of ways to serve as part of a distribution team. To learn more or apply, visit hopehaven.org/international-ministries/distribution-trips or contact Luke Russell at lrussell@hopehaven.org.

The Unity Christian Board of Trustees is now accepting nominations for the new at-large Board Trustee position. While supporting churches will continue to nominate Trustee candidates for two Board positions each year, the third position will be filled through the new at-large nomination process. This position is designed to identify individuals whose gifts, experience, and perspective can strengthen the Board's work. As the Board considers its current needs, we are particularly interested in individuals with experience in construction or facilities management, institutional advancement, executive leadership, and strategic planning. We invite members of the Unity Christian Society to prayerfully nominate individuals who are committed to Christian education and who may bring strengths in these or other areas. To receive information about the nominations process and a link to the nomination form, please email secretary@unitychristian.net. Due to the limited number of nominations received, the deadline has been extended to **Monday, November 30**. Thank you for helping identify individuals who can provide faithful leadership and support Unity Christian's mission for years to come.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, November 16

7:00 p.m. Future Knights Night! All 6th-8th graders are invited to this introductory Unity event. Join us from 7:00-8:40 pm for an on-your-feet experience where you will see our campus and learn about our programs in a fun, interactive format! This event is geared towards curious parents and students who want to learn more about Unity Christian.

Wednesday, November 18

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary – *Gift of Christmas*, chapter 2

Saturday, November 21

6:00 p.m. Post High Single Young Adults: We will be meeting for our next Bible Study on November 21, at the Inwood IA CRC. Use the middle door in front of the church. We will continue our study from the book James. We have the books and there is no prep work needed to attend. We will also be sharing a "Friendsgiving Meal" together. Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, and drinks will be provided. Each of the Young Adults are asked to bring a side dish, dessert, or bread/rolls to share...the challenge is to bring something that begins with the first letter of your first name. However, any yummy thanksgiving side dish will be welcome! In order for everyone to know how much food to bring, please RSVP a text to Pastor Doug & Lee at 712-470-4244 by November 18 at 6 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Andrew Chesebro, a senior K-12 Instrumental Music Education student at Dordt University, will give an organ recital in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The featured work on the program will be Organ Sonata 6 by Felix Mendelssohn, which is based on the Lutheran Chorale *Vater Unser*, or the Lord's Prayer. Other selections on the program include a set of psalm variations by Sweelinck and a finale by Louis Vierne. The recital is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the recital.

Advanced Notices:

Hope of Heaven Christmas concert – A benefit concert for the Gospel Mission. Join on Sunday, December 6 at 3:00 p.m. for a special Christmas celebration featuring singer/songwriter, speaker, author, and Christian artist Jill Miller and special guest Aria Stiles and the ministry of The Gospel Mission. "Hope of Heaven Christmas Concert" will be at the Eppley Auditorium on the campus of Morningside University, 3635 Garretson Ave. Sioux City. Tickets are $25, tickets for groups of 10+ are $20 each. Tickets are available at https://thegospelmission.org/hope-of-heaven-christmas-concert-with-jill-miller or at the Gospel mission | 500 Bluff Street. Together we will celebrate the hope of heaven and the life-changing power of God's love.

--Announcements (2-week limit) for the Community Bulletin are due by Thursday at 1:00 p.m., email: office@firstcrcoc.org