

**ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES**  
**COMMUNITY BULLETIN**  
**November 1, 2026**

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

As we anticipate another Called event at Dordt, we pray that God would raise up workers for the harvest. May God work in our hearts and move more and more to take up the calling of the church of this age in the great commission to multiply fully mature disciples of Jesus, locally and to the ends of the earth. May God particularly convict and call people in our churches to consider and take up vocational ministry as pastors, missionaries, and chaplains.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*Groundwork - Prayer and Thanksgiving* - The apostle Paul instructs us to rejoice and pray with thanksgiving, but in the realities of daily life, it doesn't always feel that easy. Join Groundwork as we study Philippians 4:4-7, 1 Chronicles 29:10-20, Exodus 15:1-2, 20-21, and Luke 1:46-55 to see why including gratitude in our prayers matters and how it benefits our relationship with God and enriches our prayer life. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://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](http://hopehaven.org/international-ministries/distribution-trips) or contact Luke Russell at [lrussell@hopehaven.org](mailto:lrussell@hopehaven.org).

From Unity Christian: 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 UCHS 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 nomination process and a link to the nomination form, please email [secretary@unitychristian.net](mailto:secretary@unitychristian.net). The deadline to submit nominations is November 2. Thank you for helping identify individuals who can provide faithful leadership and support Unity Christian's mission for years to come.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Tuesday, November 3**

5:00 p.m. Please join us at Hospers First Christian Reformed Church for our annual soup and pie supper. We will be serving soup, sandwiches and pie from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with carry out options available. A free will offering will be taken, with all proceeds benefiting Christian Education. Come for great food and fellowship!

7:00 p.m. The NAMI Support Group 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: "The Importance of Self-Advocacy in Mental Healthcare." Individuals affected by mental health conditions, and their family/friends will meet separately from 7:45 to 8:45 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, November 4**

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – James, Chapter 6

## **Friday, November 6**

5:30 p.m. Katelyn's Fund Annual Auction will take place at New Life Reformed Church in Sioux Center! Doors open at 5:00 pm. Join us for a complimentary meal at 5:30 pm and stay for the auction, which begins at 6:30 pm. We've got a great lineup of items, including electronics, home goods, vacation stays, autographed NFL merch, and more! Your support helps us continue our mission of speaking boldly for the fatherless. With generous partners like you, we've been able to support countless families in their adoption journeys and continue our work in Haiti.

7:00 p.m. Dordt University's Music Department will welcome the Jazzed Up Big Band for a concert on in the BJ Haan Auditorium. The Jazzed Up Big Band is a professional ensemble based out of the Okoboji area, drawing talented musicians from Northwest Iowa, Southwest Minnesota, Southeast South Dakota, and the surrounding area. It will be an evening of jazz and pop favorites spanning traditional swing, contemporary jazz, and classic big band styles. Dordt's own 4th Ave Jazz Band will open the concert with a featured tune before the Jazzed Up Big Band takes the stage. The concert is free and open to the public.

## **Saturday, November 7**

6:00 p.m. Post High Young Single Adults: If you are looking for a great way to kick off the Thanksgiving and Christmas season....here is an opportunity for you! MIK+ will be getting together in Sioux Falls to shop for the Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. We will be meeting at the East Side Walmart (5521 East Arrowhead Pkwy Sioux Falls) at 6pm near the Customer Service desk. After shopping we will gather at SF 1st Christian Reformed Church to pack and decorate boxes and enjoy some pizza. Please, RSVP to Pastor Doug and Lee De Groot ([712 470 4244](tel:7124704244)) before November 4. Hope to see several of our regulars along with some new faces. And as always....Invite a friend!

## **Advanced Notices:**

You are invited to Unity Christian High School for their chapel honoring veterans. This chapel will be held on Tuesday, November 10 at 9:55 a.m. in the Unity Christian Knight Center. Veterans may dress in uniform and will be honored. Veterans and students will participate in this celebration to honor the men and women who have served and are serving in the protection of our country.

You're Invited: Join us for combo nights of Theater and Art on Thursday, November 12 and/or Friday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. om the Knight Center. Unity Christian HS Theater presents a two-act comedy play titled "Whodunit... and to Whom?" It's a wild adventure of Harold Finnegan writing a third-rate detective story on his typewriter. As he writes, we see the actions from his characters played out by actors on stage. Unity student artwork will be featured in the courtyard for these evenings. Tickets available on Bound (\$10/adult, \$8/K-12 students).

No matter what stage of life you are in, God is calling you to serve Him. Perhaps you're exploring what that could mean for you now. Local pastors and mission leaders would love to discuss that with you at the "Called" event at Dordt on Saturday, November 14, 2026 from 9am-12pm. Snacks and networking begin at 8:30 am, and you can sign up for lunch afterwards. This event is offered at no cost to you. Pastors will talk about the reason for vocational ministry, how to know if you're called, and what next steps might be. You'll get a chance to sit at the table with others interested in pastoring, mission work, chaplaincy, church planting, and other topics. You'll make connections with others who are exploring and living out their calling. *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* (Mt 28:19-20). Where and how is God sending YOU? Please sign up using this [link](https://forms.gle/dX97eQYbhvzf1VBJ9) (<https://forms.gle/dX97eQYbhvzf1VBJ9>) by November 1.

Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at Maurice Reformed Church in Maurice, Iowa. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is November 20-22, 2026. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit [www.TriStateTEC.org](http://www.TriStateTEC.org) or email [TriStateTEC@gmail.com](mailto:TriStateTEC@gmail.com). The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

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