

Reformed Mission Services is hosting a SEED event in New York City from September 6–13, 2025. This week-long experience is designed to equip and encourage participants for evangelism through solid teaching, hands-on ministry, and meaningful fellowship. Pastor Paul Murphy will serve as the instructor for the week. SEED challenges individuals to live missionally in their everyday lives. The registration deadline is August 4, 2025. For more information, visit rms.org/seed or contact Rob Brinks at rob@rms.org.

Our TASC event at Trinity URC in Lethbridge, AB, is happening this week! This Saturday, August 2, our final TASC of 2025 begins in Pompton Plains, NJ. Please keep all those involved in hosting and participating in these last two TASC events in your prayers! If your church is interested in hosting a future TASC, email Steve at steve@rms.org. You can view photos from the whole season at rms.org/tasc.

RMS is looking for volunteers to type and format master’s and doctoral coursework (in Spanish) for MINTS Seminary-in-Prison students. These men are being trained for gospel ministry while incarcerated, and your help equips them to serve. To learn more or get involved, contact Dr. Neal Hegeman at hegjk@aol.com.

United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries.

- Prayer Items for Hispanic Christian Ministry (Rev. José Ramírez and Rev. Eric Pennings)
1. We thank the Lord for our growing student body. This past month Rev. Pennings registered 59 new students from Albania, Italy, Uganda and Zimbabwe. During 2025 he has processed 206 diplomas from 17 countries around the world.
 2. Thank the Lord for the growth in the Iglesia Vida Nueva, the Hispanic Ministry in Toronto led by Rev. José Ramírez. He is preparing 6 adults for profession of faith and 4 for baptism and one couple will be received as members.
 3. Pray for Rev. Ramirez’s next ministry trip on July 21-31 to Nicaragua where he will be meeting with church leaders and teaching courses in two communities in the Miskitia region on the east coast.

What We Believe

We believe the Holy Scriptures to be the inspired, infallible and inerrant Word of God. His Word is our supreme authority in all matters of doctrine, life and preaching. It is our source for knowing our sin, our salvation, and the life of service God requires of us in response to His grace. We believe that we are saved by God’s grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, and all for the glory of God alone. We believe that the Reformed Confessions of the Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession, and the Canons of Dort do faithfully agree with the Word of God. We will use these to guide in the preaching, practice, and instruction in the church. We believe God has called together this fellowship, in this place, to worship and glorify Him and to preach and teach His Word. We believe the glorification of God includes the edification of His church, for whom Christ died. This includes the building up, the encouragement, and the mutual accountability of each member. RVURC is a member of NAPARC. Information on NAPARC can be found at www.naparc.org



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Sunday, July 27, 2025
Rev. Caleb Castro, Pastor

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Our Supported Missionaries

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Church Secretary: Lora Kooiman - 726-3502, 712-470-3940, or email: bulletin.rvurc@gmail.com
Please submit bulletin announcements by Thursday at noon
Custodians: Jon & Brooke LeLoux - 712-470-0389 (Jon); 712-470-7150 (Brooke)
Building & Grounds/ Church Use Committee: Jon LeLoux, Herm Rozeboom
Catechism & Children’s Sunday School Classes: Sundays, following morning worship Sept.—April
Adult Sunday School: Sundays, following morning worship Oct.—April
Women’s Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00PM Oct.—April
Men’s Breakfast Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month, 7:00AM Oct.—April
Congregational Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month, 7:00PM Oct.—April

Morning Worship—9:30 AM	Evening Worship—6:00 PM
Prelude	Prelude
Call to Worship - Psalm 115:1	Call to Worship - Hebrews 10:19-23
Silent Prayer	Silent Prayer
*Votum and Salutation	*Votum & Salutation
*Song of Praise # 226: 1, 3, 5	*Song of Praise # T-67B
Reading of God’s Holy Law - Exodus 20	*Apostles’ Creed
Song of Penitence # 46: 1-4	*Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)
Assurance of Pardon - Mark 10:45	Psalm of Praise Reading - Psalm 130
Congregational Prayer	Song of Response # T-130A
Offerings: General Fund/ MINTS	Congregational Prayer
Offertory Prayer	Offering: Benevolent Fund
*Song to Prepare Hearts # 276	Offertory Prayer
Scripture: Mark 9:30-37	*Song of Preparation # T-79B
Sermon Text: Mark 9:35b	Scripture Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28
Prayer of Illumination	Sermon Text: 1 Timothy 2:3-6
Sermon: <i>The First Must be Last</i>	Prayer of Illumination
Prayer of Application	Sermon: <i>Qualifications for the Perfect Mediator</i>
*Song of Response # 452	Prayer of Application
*Benediction	*Song of Response # T-277
*Doxology # 373: 4	*God’s Commission to His People- Summary of the Law
*Reverent Reflection	*Benediction
*Postlude	*Doxology # T-567
	*Reverent Reflection
	*Postlude

Schedules and Opportunities to Serve:

Service Music today: AM—Brooke L/ Lora K PM—Brooke L/ Lora K
Service Music next week: AM—Laurel E/Jayden DJ/Karla K PM—Laurel/Jayden/Karla

Nursery Attendants today: AM—Pam K PM—Lindsay DH
Nursery Attendants next week: AM—Sarah DJ PM—Audrey K

Coffee Servers today: AM—Jay & Doris K PM—Gene & Dee VG
Coffee Servers next week: AM—Lorna VM & Gloria B
Cookies this week (4-5 doz. Each): Cheryl R & Mylicah S

Upcoming Offering Schedule:
Aug 3: AM—General Fund/ CEC PM—Building Fund
Aug 10: AM—General Fund/ MARS PM—Youth Group
Aug 17: AM—General Fund/ CEC PM—Classis Church Assistance
Aug 24: AM—General Fund/ Heidelberg Sem. Philippine Students PM—Ref. Gospel Ministries
Aug 31: AM—General Fund/ Justice for All PM—Benevolent Fund

The Lord’s Day - Sunday, July 27, 2025
Welcome to Rock Valley United Reformed Church. It is our desire to worship the Triune God in Spirit and in Truth according to His Word, to proclaim His Covenant Faithfulness to us in Christ Jesus, and to continually grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. We are so glad you are with us today as we worship the Lord together in the House of God!

Church Family: Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Jack Cave on the birth of a healthy baby girl, Abigail Paige, on Monday, July 21. Mother and baby are doing fine. Praise God for the gift of new life!

We’ve received a letter from the Sioux County Engineer giving us a heads up on road construction that will directly impact our church. Three miles of K30 north of Rock Valley will be resurfaced starting in early July. It will be closed for through traffic, but neighbors, campers at the campground, and those attending church at RVURC will be allowed through; however, church members traveling in from the north are asked to please come in from the south if possible. Please be careful with the drop-offs and edges. By the time the shoulders are regraded it may be several weeks before this project is finished. Thanks.

Our bulletin is now on our website! The bulletin will now be posted on our website when it is completed, *usually* on Friday afternoons. Go to rockvalleyurc.com, then click on “News”, then “Bulletin”, then you will see several dates on the left hand side. Click on the Sunday bulletin date that you wish to view, and it should pop up. We hope you’ll enjoy this new feature of our website.

Get involved with RVURC’s 20th Anniversary preparations! An evening of celebration is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2025, and we’d like you to be involved. If you can help with organizing the meal, ordering food and serving, or if you would like to help organize a few games for kids and for adults, we’d appreciate your input and involvement. Please speak to Loren or Lora K. or Rev. or Robyn C. to find out more details. Also, anyone who has interesting photos taken of church events, projects, people, etc. over the last 20 years and would be willing to share them to display that evening, or perhaps to make a booklet with them, please reach out to Lora ASAP. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE! Reformed Mission Services' South Dakota Sporting Clay Fundraiser is set for Saturday, September 6 at Hunters Pointe in Humboldt, SD. More details coming soon! Visit rms.org/sd for updates.

Mark your calendars: You're invited to Mid-America Reformed Seminary’s annual Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference on October 3-4, 2025. This year’s theme is *Gossiping the Gospel: Everyday Evangelism*, featuring pastors, church planters, and faculty from the Seminary. Come be encouraged and equipped, and register today at: midamerica.edu/cme/conference

Covenant Reformed Church (URCNA) in Carbondale, PA acquired the house next to the church, which is being transformed into Covenant House—a ministry center designed to serve both the congregation and the community. Planned uses include a nursery and Sunday school classrooms, a clothes closet and food pantry, rooms for Bible studies, etc. and additional parking for church activities. If you’re interested in supporting or volunteering, please contact Rob at rob@rms.org.

Sunday, July 27, 2025 Morning Sermon Outline

Scripture: Mark 9:30-37; Sermon Text: Mark 9:35b

Sermon: ***The First must be Last***

Theme: *If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and a servant of all (Mark 9:34)*

Sunday, July 27, 2025 Evening Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: Hebrew 7:23-28

Sermon Text: 1 Timothy 2:3-6

Sermon: ***Qualifications for the Perfect Mediator***

Theme: *There is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. (1 Timothy 2:5-6)*