

Attention High School Youth, registration for the **2026 Summer Convention** is open! Don't forget to register before our April 13 deadline. Reformed Youth Services' Summer Convention is set for July 13–17 at Dordt University in Iowa. We are excited to welcome our two main speakers: Rev. Michael Spotts from Phoenix URC (Phoenix, AZ) and Rev. Jeff De Boer from Redeemer OPC (Ada, MI). Our 2026 theme, *Abound in Hope*, is based on Romans 15:13: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." This year's day away will be an RYS Fair! Attendees will have the opportunity to watch a rodeo performance and participate in various activities on the fairgrounds. The deadline for regular registration is midnight on April 13. We can't wait to see you at the convention!

Join us as Mid-America Reformed Seminary celebrates its 41st Commencement on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. CT at Redeemer United Reformed Church (10681 Park Place, St. John, IN), where eight students will receive their degrees. The service will be followed by a reception, and those unable to attend in person are welcome to watch via the MARS YouTube channel.

Mid-America Reformed Seminary's Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference returns October 2–3, 2026, at Bethel Church in Lansing, IL, with a focus on biblical hospitality. Join us for two days of teaching, panel discussions, and worship designed to equip your church to better welcome and enfold others into its life. Early Bird registration is open through May 31. Learn more and register today at midamerica.edu/cme/conference.

Reminder from RMS: All TASC participants who will be 18 or older at the time of the event, along with all sponsors, are required to complete a background check. Please be sure to fill this out as soon as possible. The links are available at rms.org/tasc. If you have any questions, contact Steve at steve@rms.org.

The deadline to register for the RMS trip to Japan is April 16, so now is the time to sign up and be part of it! Join a team with Reformed Mission Services from April 30 to May 11 for a meaningful opportunity to serve and grow, assisting a local church with a mountain retreat, connecting with others through English exchange, social events, and Bible studies, taking part in college campus ministry in Nagoya, and supporting outreach efforts at Christ Center Church in Chiba.

United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries. **Rev. Matt Van Dyken** is a missionary in Tepic, Mexico, and one of the writers in this month's *Trumpet*. He asks us to pray in the following ways:

1. Pray for peace in Mexico after problems with narco-violence.
2. Pray for Wilfredo, a ministerial candidate, who will undergo an exam in June.
3. Pray for a church building and the current possibilities that are being investigated.

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, April 12, 2026

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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

Prelude
 Call to Worship - Psalm 95:1-3
 Silent Prayer
 *Votum and Salutation
***Song of Praise # T-72B**
 Reading of God's Holy Law - Exodus 20:1-17
Song of Penitence # T-119T
 Assurance of Pardon - Ephesians 1:7-10
 Congregational Prayer
 Offerings: General Fund/ Rev. Green, Costa Rica
 Offertory Prayer
***Song of Preparation # T-156**
 Scripture Reading & Text: Colossians 1:12-14
 Prayer of Illumination
 Sermon: *Seeing Life Through the Wrong End
 Of the Telescope*
 Prayer of Application
***Song of Response # T-209**
 *Benediction
***Doxology # T-335:4**
 *Reverent Reflection
 *Postlude

Evening Worship—6:00 PM

Prelude
 Call to Worship - Psalm 95:1-3
 Silent Prayer
 *Votum & Salutation
***Song of Praise # T-164**
 *Apostles' Creed (Blue PH, p. 3)
***Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)**
 Psalm of Praise Reading - Psalm 14
Song of Response # T-14
 Congregational Prayer
 Offering: Heidelberg Seminary
 Offertory Prayer
***Song of Preparation # T-517**
 Scripture Reading & Text: James 1:1-15
 Prayer of Illumination
 Sermon: *God and Your Faith*
 Prayer of Application
***Song of Response # T-245**
 *God's Commission to His People- Summary of the Law
 *Benediction
***Doxology # T-118B:5 & 8**
 *Reverent Reflection
 *Postlude

The Lord's Day - Sunday, April 12, 2026

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! **This morning we welcome Rev. Doug Schlegel**, professor at Heidelberg Seminary to our pulpit, and **this evening we will welcome Dr. Maynard Koerner**, President of Heidelberg Seminary, to lead our worship. **Next Sunday** we will be led in worship by **Dr. JP Mosley**, Academic Dean and professor at Heidelberg Seminary.

The Elders urge everyone who has not already done so to sign up for **Family Visiting** as soon as possible. They would like to visit with everyone by the end of April. A sign up calendar sheet has been made available on the table in the fellowship hall to help with scheduling. Please check you schedules and sign up for the time that works best for you. (The shaded dates on the calendar are NOT available for scheduling visits.) If you do not sign up for a time of your choosing, you will be contacted to fill one of the times that remain. The Consistory reminds everyone that Family Visiting is required by church order. Thank you all for your fine cooperation!

The Council has called a congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, April 26 immediately following the morning worship service in the sanctuary. The agenda for the meeting will consist only of the election of office bearers. The Council is bringing a motion to the congregation that, rather than completing his term at the end of June, Elder Loren Kooiman would remain in office one additional year. You will be asked to vote either "yes" or "no" on this particular motion. The Council has nominated for the office elder (1 to be elected) Brothers Jon Den Hartog and Randy Kats; and for the office of deacon (1 to be elected) Brothers Zach Garland and Herm Rozeboom. Brother Doug Kats will have completed his term of office at the end of June. The congregation is asked to consider biblically and to pray for those qualified for the offices of elder and deacon, asking that the Spirit would lead our congregation by the Word and humbly in the grace of God, and that we would be blessed by Christ and His strength through these men. The Council urges all professing members to make every effort to participate in this important meeting. However, if that is not possible, absentee ballots may be submitted to one of the Council members and must be unsigned and placed in a sealed envelope with your signature on the outside of the envelope across the seal. There are ballots and envelopes on the table in the foyer.

Advanced Notice: Our annual **Ascension Day service** will be held on Thursday, May 14 at 7:00PM. This will be a joint service with Doon URC at our church, with Rev. Hofland leading our worship. An offering will be received for JFA.

All Youth Sunday School and Catechism classes will be meet today immediately following our morning worship service.

The Consistory will meet on Monday, April 13 at 7:00PM.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study will meet this Saturday, April 18 at 7:00AM. We will be discussing Chapter 21 of our book *Judges: Such a Great Salvation*. This is the final meeting of the season, so we hope everyone can come!

The Doon URC Youth Group invites everyone to a Burger Feed Fundraiser on Wednesday, April 15 from 5:30—7:00PM at the Doon URC. The menu includes Burgers, Hot Dogs, French Fries, Baked Beans and Ice Cream. To-go boxes will also be available. A free will donation will be received to support the Youth Group's yearly expenses.

Our freezer meal inventory is getting very low! We are in need of more family meals to share, so as you have the opportunity, please consider making an extra meal or two and bringing them to our kitchen freezer. Thanks in advance for your willingness to bless others. And remember, please feel free to help yourself to a meal from the freezer whenever you need to.

Schedules and Opportunities to Serve:

Service Music today: AM—Lora K
Service Music next week: AM—Brooke L/ Lora K

Nursery Attendants today: AM—Pam K
Nursery Attendants next week: AM—Rachel G

Coffee Servers today: AM—Karla K & Peggy VM
Cookies this evening (4-5 dozen each): Laurel E & Jenny F
Coffee Servers next week: AM—Herm & Cheryl R

Upcoming Offering Schedule:

Apr 19: AM—General Fund/ CEC
 Apr 26: AM—General Fund/ Divine Hope Seminary
 May 3: AM—General Fund/ CEC
 May 10: AM—General Fund/ Mid America Reformed Seminary
 May 14 Ascension Day: JFA
 May 17: AM—General Fund/ CEC
 May 24: AM—General Fund/ Reformation Gospel Ministries
 May 31: AM—General Fund/ Classis Church Assistance Fund

PM—Peggy VM/ Lora K
 PM—Brooke L/ Lora K

PM—Brooke L
 PM—Jenny F

PM—Jon & Lindsay DH

PM—Classis Central Latino Missions
 PM—Benevolent Fund
 PM—Building Fund
 PM—Messiah's Reformed Fellowship-NYC

PM—Heidelberg Sem Philippine Students
 PM—Rock Valley Community Impact
 PM—Benevolent Fund

Sunday, April 12, 2026 AM Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading & Text: Colossians 1:12-14

Sermon: ***Seeing Life Through the Wrong End of the Telescope***

Theme: *We have been shown great blessings in Christ, but our faulty perception can distort our vision.*

I. Living in the Light (v. 12)

II. Living in the Kingdom (v. 13)

III. Living in the Life (v. 14)

Sunday, April 12, 2026 PM Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading & Text: James 1:1-15

Sermon: ***God and Your Faith***

I. Faith is Tried

II. Looking to God in Faith

III. Enduring in Faith