

Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Breakwater OPC – Nate & Anna Strom



Breakwater OPC - This new mission work of the Presbytery of Wisconsin and Minnesota began meeting for worship last summer. A number of families from the Bethel Oostburg congregation form the core of this new work. The congregation continues work in refurbishing their new building and are excited for the unique and strategic outreach opportunity this building and its location affords. Breakwater continues to see a regular flow of visitors to worship. New members are being received! BOPC is also seeing local neighbors who do not have a church coming out to their outreach events. Praise God! Start-up of regular Sunday school and a Youth Group ministry is to begin this fall. Pray for effective outreach to the community and beyond! The Bethel OPC Session in Oostburg oversees this new church plant.

Pastor Strom's email: pastor@breakwateropc.com



Shawano, Wisconsin

Covenant Life Presbyterian Church



Gordon & Marjorie Oliver

Covenant Life – Pastor Oliver has been encouraged by steady attendance and an increase of visitors at worship during the summer. Continue to pray for young families to be drawn in!

Pastor Oliver's weekly radio broadcast provides good opportunity for gospel witness and for exposure to the broader area. Men's and Ladies' Studies meet regularly. The Wednesday evening Bible study continues with good participation. Some former members from the Old Stockbridge congregation (now closed) and the Menominee OP congregation continue in regular attendance at this study. A question remains as to what is the best way forward for the Menominee congregation, which is very small, is on the Menominee Reservation, and has been without a pastor for some time. A weekly Bible study and a once-a-month evening service at Menominee OPC continues with a view to re-establishing a core group there.

Pray for a new day of gospel outreach and fruitfulness in this area! The Green Bay OPC Session oversees CLPC.

Pastor Oliver's email: pastorgo@frontier.com

New Works & "In the Works!"

Madison Chinese Christian Church!

This Chinese congregation which has been connected with Providence OPC in Madison was received as a mission work of the PWM at the recent meeting the Presbytery! This is the first Chinese congregation in the history of the OPC! All praise to God! The Rev. Joseph Wan (see photo, front cover) is excited at the opportunities God has given to reach out with the gospel and to disciple Chinese-speaking students at the U of Wisconsin. MCCC has seen professions of faith and baptisms! Praise God! This work is overseen by the Providence OPC Session.

Radiant OPC – Peoria, Illinois!

Radiant OPC was received as a mission work of the Presbytery of the Midwest at its recent meeting! Praise God! Radiant consists of a solid core group of 7-8 families and meets weekly for study and prayer and once a month for evening worship. RHM Bruce Hollister leads this work in its Bible studies and in its worship. Pray that ROPC will be able to find a good facility for studies and for worship as it seeks to reach out and to grow. ROPC is overseen by a special committee of the Presbytery.



Some of the saints of Radiant OPC, Peoria

Dwight, Illinois!

Your RHM continues leading a bi-monthly outreach Bible Study in Dwight. The goal: To plant a church! Attendance has ranged from 10-12. Pray for the establishment of an enlarged and solid core group!

Hays, Kansas!

The "Westminster Men" continue in a weekly study of the WCF. Four to five families are represented. Pray that the Lord would add to their number! These brothers are praying that the Lord might establish a Reformed and Presbyterian church in Hays.

Remember to pray for our newer churches!

***Resurrection Presbyterian Church – Oshkosh, Wisconsin**
Pastor Bob Holda

RPC continues to grow as a congregation! A full ministry program is in place including evening worship, a prayer meeting, and regular youth meetings. RPC is blessed by the service of two elders and two deacons. Pastor Holda is presently taking four men through officer training. Pray for fruitfulness in this endeavor. Average attendance has been steady at 70! Total membership 78 (55 C, 23 NC) Praise God!

***Covenant Reformed Church – West Plains, Missouri**
Pastor Paul Mourreale

Praise God! Covenant continues to thrive and see robust worship attendance along with a steady flow of visitors. Average attendance remains at around 90! Total membership stands at 63 (56 C and 7 NC), with more potential members in the wings. Two deacons were recently installed! Also, two men are currently in officer training – one elder trainee, and the other a deacon trainee. Praise God! CRC recently purchased property with the goal of building. Pray for a new meeting facility for this congregation. Presently CRC is meeting in a school gym. They may need the room!

***Immanuel OPC – Anoka, Minnesota**
Pastor Jim Hoekstra

Your brothers and sisters at Immanuel remain thankful and excited to be in their own building and continue to make improvements. They are working now to finish out their auxiliary building into a fellowship hall and gathering place! Soon Immanuel will be renting their building to two Spanish-speaking churches. Praise God for this connection with brothers and sisters in Christ! A new members' class is to begin this month with up to 9 people. Pray for the pastoral search and transition as Pastor Hoekstra will be receiving a call from the Presbytery to serve as the new RHM! A great fit! The brethren in Anoka are excited to be reaching out with the gospel. Pray that God would continue to add to His church!

***First OPC – South Holland, Illinois**
Pastor Dan Svendsen

This faithful and historic CRC congregation was received into our presbytery in 2021, and continues to thrive and grow. Pastor Svendsen reports that First OPC is happy to be welcoming new members! They covet the prayers of the saints throughout the PMW and PWM for wisdom and diligence in bearing the name of Christ in their area. Praise God for His encouragements and ongoing leading at First OPC!

Pray for your RHM!



Bruce & Sue Hollister

Please pray for fruitful follow-up with contacts we have made in other places!

Ring, WI, Stevens Point, WI, Iron River, WI, Decatur, IL, Sedalia, MO, Dexter, MO, Springfield, MO, Diggins, MO.

We know that Christ alone is the one who builds his church! Only He by His Spirit can create spiritual hunger, gather a people, and raise up solid core groups!

Do you know of persons who might be interested in starting a church in their area that is Reformed, confessional, and gospel-driven? Introduce them to your RHM!

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Joseph & Christina Wan
Madison Chinese Christian Church

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20