



AN ABUNDANT HARVEST

Matthew 9:37

Presbytery of Wisconsin & Minnesota



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Welcome to the October 2025 edition of “An Abundant Harvest” the newsletter for Home Missions in the Presbytery of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and the Upper Peninsula of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Shining a Spotlight on the Lord’s Work in

Apple Valley – Valley Reformed Church



Apple Valley Game Night

The CHEX Committee approved a once/month worship service which will probably begin in November. This is part of a 5-month pilot program to see how the Lord may grow this group. We are having to find a new meeting place because the Apple Valley Community Center is too noisy for Sunday usage. Calls and contacts were made to between 100-150 meeting places and churches. We may have 4 possible ones to choose from. Please pray for wisdom in selecting and in doing advertising, evangelism, and outreach. Continue to be in prayer as there is much work to be done and connections to be made as we begin this.

Moving on to Breakwater Church, South Sheboygan, WI - Church Planter Nate Strom

Join us on Friday, October 17th at 6:00 p.m. (NOTE THE TIME CHANGE TO AN HOUR EARLIER) if you are able. That evening, with gratitude to the Lord, we have the opportunity to particularize Breakwater Church (OPC) as a new and separate congregation of our Presbytery. Praise the Lord for this important step! Thank you for your prayers through the years for Breakwater. Nate Strom will be installed as the regular pastor, and 3 deacons and 3 elders will be ordained or ordained and installed. This is like Christmas in October as we see the Ascended Lord’s provision of gifts/leaders for His Church (Ephesians 4:7-16)!

Moving on to New Hope Reformed Church – Bessemer, MI (Upper Peninsula near Ironwood)

Thank you for your concentrated prayers for New Hope as we are at a critical juncture. Your prayers are being answered! You wonder how? You have been praying, and we had an outreach

at Pumpkin Fest on September 27th. Two of us manned a table at it. We probably handed out 50 or more invites. We were able to hand out some evangelistic tracts and 10 Children’s Catechisms in addition to other literature. We rubbed shoulders with lots of non-Christians. In all my years of doing booths or tables this was the most productive one yet! Give thanks for 5-6 members of a local evangelical church who at different times stopped to encourage us and also pray with us! They refreshed our spirits!





Ask the Lord to bring these to make further contact with New Hope and even attend worship or Bible Study. Pray that He grant us two or more families, especially with children.

Ask the Lord of the harvest to bring in people by His gospel!

As reported last month the need is great as the people dwell in great darkness (Mathew 4). Four cannabis stores are found in less than a mile when you enter Michigan. Hurley, WI at the border is made up of 1700 people and has at least 17 bars in the downtown area. There are hosts of other sinners and little evangelical witness. Pray for the Lord to lead people out of the darkness and into the light of His gospel!

We may have a special service during the Christmas week. Pray for many to come.

Moving on to Covenant Life Church, Shawano, WI - Church Planter Gordon Oliver

Give thanks to the Lord for 31 recently in worship. They have 4-5 new individuals and couples in the last 4 months. Pastor Gordon and I have talked about dropping some outreaches and adding 2 new ones to see if they may gain more traction. They have a number of typical outreaches – Surviving the Holidays: Grief share, a Christmas sing & concert, a Thanksgiving Service, Sanctity of Life Sunday. They are looking at Divorce Care to meet people who are struggling with the standards of the Word and give out the gospel of God's great forgiveness. They may be looking at a VBS/Kids' Camp next summer. Thank the Lord for Pastor Gordon's diligence. Be in special prayer for all these outreaches/evangelism opportunities. Pray for the visit of Pastor Chris Byrd, Regional Home Evangelist of the Presbytery of New Jersey. Ask the Lord for good ideas to be shared.

Moving on to Green Bay, WI

I was able to visit a congregation for worship that is moving from Pentecostalism to a more Reformed position. They were a delightful group. I was able to suggest a few things to leaders in the congregation. Pray for unity and wisdom as they slowly make this transition.

Ways We Are Growing

I meet twice a month with the 3 church planters. One meeting is an individual video call. The other is a once-a-month video call in which we all four gather for prayer and a discussion of a book or article dealing with the life of a minister, church planting, church development, or evangelism. For the last 2 meetings we have been discussing [A Well-Ordered Church: Ecumenicity](#). We have discussed the many ways our denomination is strong and give the Lord praise for His work! We have also discussed ways the OPC and our Presbytery are weak and how we may strengthen it. Please pray for these discussions.

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