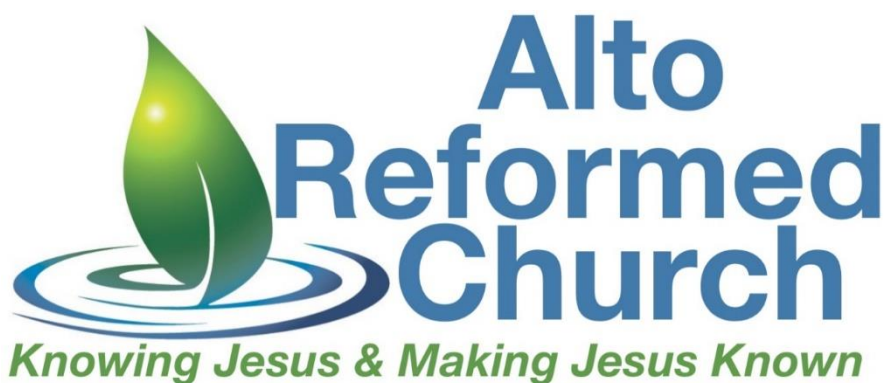


June 7, 2020



The ARC Ministry Staff

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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements
“Oceans”
Congregational Prayer
“Build Your Kingdom Here”

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message

Message – Connecting Well: When the Future is Unknown
Scripture – Ephesians 6:23-24

We Respond to God

Prayer
“In Christ Alone”
Blessing Seniors: “The Blessing”
Benediction

Congregational Meeting Announcement – Why should we ordain Pastor Doug as a “ministry elder”?

First off, it’s important to note that the consistory approved changes to our by-laws in 2018 to create this role/office.

“[The Board of elders] Recommends individuals to the congregation for ordination as “ministry elders”. Elders are ordained to ministries such as teaching, care, prayer or church planting for the purpose of recognizing the call, gifting, and Christ-like leadership of the candidate. They do not serve on the consistory. However, they are part of the greater consistory. The congregation must affirm the candidates at a congregational meeting.” (Article VII.B.5.)

We did this for a few reasons...

1. to recognize individuals who are serving in a leadership role on behalf of Alto Reformed Church,
2. to communicate to the congregation and community the value of the individual’s gifting and calling,
3. to encourage individuals to pursue spiritual development and ministry according to God’s calling on their lives.
4. to acknowledge the individual’s preparedness for pursuit of being ordained as a commissioned pastor in the RCA.

While Doug was ordained by the Southern Ohio Ministerial Association (SOMA), the RCA does not transfer that ordination. (Yes, we may leave the RCA, but we would very likely continue to work with Coram Deo, the organization overseeing the commissioned pastor track.) So, this is our current path towards pastoral ordination which Doug would like to pursue, and the consistory has encouraged him in ever since we first hired him.

It is my (Kevin's) hope that Doug will blaze a trail for others to follow. We have created a discipleship path called "Journey to 412" which takes young believers through many courses and prepares them for a life of ministry and spiritual maturity. This is an invaluable resource for all members and will help us develop and deploy ministry leaders, deacons, and elders for years to come. For those pursuing additional training, the commissioned pastor track is a great option. There is also the possibility of being ordained as a "minister of word and sacrament," but this requires a Master of Divinity degree from a seminary. At this point, Doug is ready to take the commissioned pastor track and being ordained as an elder in the RCA is the first step.

You are being notified now so any concerns about ordaining Doug may be brought to the elders attention. Please do so immediately.

Per our bylaws, this action requires a congregational vote. We will do this immediately after the service on June 21. Printed absentee ballots are at the church office. Your ballots must be placed in a sealed envelope with your signature on the outside. Please turn your ballots in to Megan or a member of the consistory prior to the congregational meeting on June 21st. *Absentee ballots are not to be used as a matter of convenience.* If you wish to email your ballot it must clearly identify who is voting, include one of the two options below, and be sent to office@altoreformedchurch.org before June 21.

Absentee Ballot

(Select ONE)

YES, ordain Doug Shotsky as a Ministry Elder of the RCA.

NO, do not ordain Doug Shotsky as a Ministry Elder of the RCA.

Thank you for joining us in developing and deploying Christ-like leaders,
Pastor Kevin

P - praise R - repent A - ask Y - yield

Prayer Concerns since May 31st

*Concerns submitted since last week

1. Pray that we would be listening for God to speak by the Holy Spirit to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.
2. *Pray for Larry Bille as he has double knee replacement surgery tomorrow.
3. As the RCA's Vision 2020 Task Force is leaning toward a "functionally diverse" future for the RCA, pray for the Alto 2020 Task Force, other RCA churches, our classis, and the Gospel Alliance to carefully consider next steps.
4. Pray for the farmers and the stresses they face.
5. Pray for the prayer requests in the silent prayer box.
6. Pray for those battling addictions, anxieties, worries & stress & for God to sustain & deliver them.
7. Pray for marriages to be strengthened.
8. Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Harlan Bossenbroek, Sharon Harmsen, Annice Hopp, Ken Kamphuis, Ashlyn Mouw, Dave Rumley, Kevin Tenpas (233 Quinn Creek, Bozeman, MT 59715), Azyrah Ter Beest, Carl VanderKooi, and Silas Willey.
9. Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Anchor Communities (Brandon):** Dale Kastein. **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen. **Christian Home:** Gladys Kastein, Helen Straks, Warren & Kay Vande Zande. **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans. **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest. **Maple Crest Assisted Living:** Carol De Groot. **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning. **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans, Junice Vande Zande. **The Meadows:** Donna Kastein has moved back to the Meadows. **Spring Lake Apartments:** Jessie Klumpers.
10. Pray for: Aaron Zeatlow stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch stationed in California, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; for the leaders of our country and the troops stationed overseas; Mitch Miller (former youth group student) Marine deployed to the Middle East; Dan Bruins deployed to the Middle East; Jim Hopp, a Marine stationed in Hawaii.
11. Missionaries: Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Mandy Kimes – His House Christian Fellowship, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ