

# 2019 Offering Schedule

*Below are the designated ministries for our second offerings in 2019.*

*(The second offering the **FIRST Sunday of each month** is for the*

*\***Ministry Center Fund**, the remainder of the month the following offerings will be taken.)*

## **JANUARY: Genesis House—**

Located in Orange City, Genesis House is committed to empowering women and children to a life of independence free from poverty, addiction, and violence. Their mission is to provide faith-based housing and holistic support. Learn more by going to: <http://genesishouseiowa.org/>.

## **FEBRUARY: G.E.M.S./Cadets—**

**GEMS** and **Cadets** are youth ministries established in several different denominations and non-denominational churches, as well as Christian organizations. Our local **GEMS & Cadets** programs are made up of three Sioux Center Christian Reformed congregations—Bridge of Hope, Covenant and Faith. Both meet on various Wednesday evenings, September through April; GEMS meets at Covenant CRC and Cadets meets at Faith CRC. Check Bridge of Hope's online calendar for meeting times/dates. Read more about both ministries below.

**G.E.M.S.** (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) is a ministry for *girls in grades 4 through 8*. The purpose of this ministry is to "encourage each girl to serve the Lord with sincerity and integrity while raising awareness of her responsibility in God's world." They do this through Bible studies, activities, crafts, and fellowship. To learn more go to: <http://www.gemsgc.org/>

**Cadets** is a ministry for *boys in grades 5 through 8*. Their goal is to help boys in respect to their devotional, mental, physical and social development in light of God's Word. The Cadets and their counsellors meet throughout the year to work together through Bible studies, crafts, fellowship, and special activities while learning how to apply God's Word to Christian living. To learn more go to: <http://www.calvinistcadets.org/>

## **MARCH: Center for Financial Education (CFE)—**

CFE's mission as a non-profit organization is to *transform lives through Christ-centered financial education*. They assist their clients in budget development, organizing debts, balancing checkbooks, managing bills, and paying creditors in a timely manner. They do this all within the framework of confidentiality.

## **APRIL: Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc.—**

Mid-Sioux is a not-for-profit Community Action Agency established to fight poverty at a local level by assisting low-income families in Northwest Iowa to become self-sufficient. Some of the services offered include help with rent, utilities, gas, medicine and other bills in a crisis situation. Their Food Pantry enables them to provide people in need with a three-day supply of food & toiletry items. They also distribute donated school supplies for area children and help families in need with special meals during the holiday season. Your financial support is needed as most of the services provided are 100% funded by monetary donations from local individuals, businesses & churches. To learn more go to: <http://www.midsioux.org/>

## **MAY: Inspiration Hills Camp and Retreat Center—**

Inspiration Hills' mission is to provide an environment for the individual to come to know and grow in Christ and be challenged for life in God's Kingdom. The vision of the Board is to be a uniting presence for churches of all denominations to collaborate in kingdom work. To learn more about their events, activities, summer camp and/or facilities, go to: <https://inspirationhills.org/home.html>

## **JUNE: Amistad Cristiana—**

Amistad Cristiana (*Christian fellowship*) was a church plant started over 15 years ago in response to a growing Hispanic population in Sioux Center. Unique to Amistad is that it considers itself both RCA and CRC. The congregation is led by a board consisting largely of Hispanic members.

While not yet self-sustaining, Amistad Cristiana relies on the generous giving of the RCA, CRC, and other Protestant churches in the area.

**JULY: ATLAS of Sioux Center—**

A.T.L.A.S. (Attaining Truth Love And Self-control) is a Christ-centered ministry that provides personal development services to individuals and families who are hurting for a variety of reasons. ATLAS of Sioux Center works with churches and resource organizations in our community to meet the emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of people. They are committed to touching lives for Christ in hopes of seeing community-wide transformation and renewal. To learn more go to: <http://www.atlasofsiouxcenter.org/>

**AUGUST: Royal Family Kids (RFK)—**

**Royal Family Kids, Inc.** is a network of children's clubs, camps, and child mentoring for abused, abandoned and neglected children in the foster care system. (To learn more go to: <http://royalfamilykids.org/>)

**Royal Family Kids Camp** is a 5 day summer camp for children in foster care, ages 7-11. The camp maintains a ratio of one volunteer counselor for every two children. Adult role models encourage positive experiences through a plethora of activities. The main purpose of the camp is to give these children a week of positive memories in a Christian environment.

Bridge of Hope is the sponsoring church for RFKC in Northwest Iowa. Since 2014 a camp has been held each summer for children in the foster care system in our area. Your financial support will help to off-set the cost of the camp, enabling abused, abandoned and neglected children the opportunity to see and hear about the love of Jesus.

**SEPTEMBER: House Of Missions & Equipping / Supermarket Church**

"H.O.M.E. exists to foster and sustain a culture of prayer, worship, and discipleship leading to Kingdom service...[their mission is] to equip others to live active prayer lives, to fully engage in worship, and to do Kingdom work throughout NW Iowa and the surrounding region." To learn more go to <http://www.sc-home.org>.

**Supermarket Church**

As a part of Bridge of Hope's commitment to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8c) the body of Bridge of Hope has committed to partnering with One Body One Hope through their "*church partnership program* that pairs congregations in North America with sister churches in Liberia." This partnership is built on relationships: believers at Bridge of Hope building relationships with people at **Supermarket Church** in Liberia.

Any person at Bridge of Hope has the opportunity, if they choose, to become part of this ministry.

**OCTOBER: Hope Food Pantry—**

The Hope Food Pantry is a charity organization in Sioux Center which seeks to aid the unemployed, under-employed, and/or the working poor with much needed food items as well as personal care products. To learn more go to: <http://hopefoodpantry.weebly.com/>

**NOVEMBER: Katelyn's Fund—**

Katelyn's Fund's mission is to bring orphan awareness to others, provide emotional and prayer support to families, and assist Christian families with the high costs of adoptions. Your financial support will enable them to carry out their ministry of speaking on behalf of millions of orphaned children and offering financial grants to families who have felt God calling them to adopt. To learn more go to: <http://www.katelynsfund.org/>

**NOVEMBER 27: Thanksgiving Eve Offering—**

You will be given the opportunity during our Thanksgiving Eve service to express your love and thankfulness to God for His bounty of blessings in your life by giving a monetary gift to the ministry of your choice. We encourage you to prayerfully consider giving according to how the Lord has given to you.

**DECEMBER: Celebrate Recovery—**

Celebrate Recovery is a biblically-based recovery program designed to help those struggling with hurts, hang-ups, and habits (addictions) by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through the recovery process. It exists to see people experience full recovery and freedom through the power of Jesus Christ.

Sioux Center's Celebrate Recovery meets on Monday evenings at Bridge of Hope's Ministry Center. The evening begins as a large group gathering which consists of worship and a lesson. Two smaller, gender-based groups are then formed. These groups seek to be places of acceptance and confidentiality as they share with and encourage each other.

**\*Ministry Center Fund**

An offering for the Ministry Center Fund, previously referred to as the Building Fund, will be taken the first Sunday of each month. The Building Fund was established earlier to set aside money for a future permanent home for Bridge of Hope. Since equity in the Ministry Center will someday help fund a future permanent home the quarterly offering is now referred to as the Ministry Center Fund.