

### Ministry Staff — How can we serve You?

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### Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical by last name:

A-Br — Elder Sandy Wynja & Deacon Kelly Lariviere  
Bs-Eo — Elder Eric Wierenga & Deacon Karyn Schneider  
Ep-Hl — Elder Tom Cooper & Deacon Mike O'Rourke  
Hm-Mc — Elder Mike Anema & Deacon Brian St. Denis  
Md-S — Elder Steve Stinson & Deacon Cathy Greene  
T-Y — Elder John Woudenberg & Deacon Jodie Woudenberg

**PLEASANT ST. KIDS** — We would love to help your children become devoted followers of Christ! Check in and get a name tag at the kids cart in the fellowship hall before service.

- **NURSERY** (babies-age 3) during the service for Bible stories, music, play, and more!
- **KIDSTREET** (age 4-2nd grade) dismissed before sermon for a Bible story, craft/ activity, music, and more!
- **ECHO** (3rd-5th grade) dismissed after the sermon to reflect and get to know each other, lasting 10 minutes. We don't meet on the last Sunday of each month.
- All ages are welcome to stay in the service. There is space under the balcony and in the fellowship hall if you need to get the wiggles out.

### CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

**LET'S PRAY TOGETHER** — For Sandy VanderBaan, who had hip surgery last week. Pray for our delegates who will be attending the spring Classis (regional church) meeting next week. Pray for the Spirit's guiding as the leadership of the CRC churches in New England and upstate New York seek His will. Thanks for praying! We pray for all the WCS families traveling to and from vacation on their spring break.

**MANY THANKS** — We would like to extend our gratitude and love to the congregation, Pastor Matthew and to the GEMS for their prayers, cards and expressions of concern for my recent diagnosis and surgery. At this time the outlook and outcome is extremely positive, having caught the cancer early. God is good— *Sandy Kuipers and family!*

### GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Will not meet in March due to health concerns and vacation. We will meet again in April.

**MOMS BIBLE STUDY** — Raising children or nurturing grandchildren is a challenge for all of us. It can be particularly difficult when some children have unique hurdles, whether they are behavioral, emotional or cognitive. Come away for 5 Mondays during Lent to read along with '*Different*' — The Story of an Outside-the-Box-Kid and the Mom Who Loved Him. The book, written by a mother/son duo, is a springboard for exploring how God is working in our lives and the lives of our children who struggle. Moms of all ages are invited. This will be held on Monday evenings at 6pm, starting next week, March 17 and ending on April 14. We will meet under the balcony. If interested in joining or for any questions, please email Diana Burns at dlh21@calvinseminary.edu.

**SYNOD** — Has designated the second Wednesday in March (next Wednesday) as the Annual Day of Prayer. All CRC congregations are requested to assemble to ask for God's blessing upon the world, our nations, crops and industry, and the church worldwide.

### SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

**SECOND OFFERING** — Our second offering will be on **Cadet Sunday, March 23** in support of the Calvinist Cadet Corps.

### REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** — Vermont was hit with floods in the summer of 2023 and again in 2024. Pleasant Street has the opportunity to help families affected by the flooding with painting, drywall, insulation and digging out basements in Cabot, Vermont the week of June 21 to 28. No construction experience necessary. Please talk to Emily Fortna if you have any questions or sign up in the connections corner.

**VBS** — Is coming soon! Embark on an exciting journey with Road Trip VBS, based on Joshua 1:9 – "*The LORD your God is with you wherever you go.*" Discover God's presence everywhere as we explore new places, make new friends, and experience God's goodness together. We are looking for teen and adult volunteers for July 14-18. Visit NorthbridgeVBS.com for more info.

# WELCOME

**We're glad you joined us!**

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–3pm Mon-Fri

March 9, 2025 + 9:30am

*"Out of Egypt: The Story Pharaoh's Telling"*



*If you have been worshipping with us for a long time or you are entering the doors of a church for the first time, it is our hope that you will experience a kind welcome, a sense of genuine community, and the grace and truth of Jesus Christ that the Christian Church has celebrated for centuries.*

### LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall

W 6:30p Prayer Meeting: Prayer Room

Th 7:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall

Prayer of Preparation

Lord, we thank you for your unfailing compassion. Your mercy is new every morning. We know you are always faithful, so we wait for you. In all the moments we don't know which direction to move, we wait for you. Because we know that you are good to those who seek you, we wait for you, our hope and our salvation. Amen.

GATHER — Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship — from Isaiah 43:19-21  
Let us worship God, who has done great things.  
**We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.**  
Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.  
**We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!**  
Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.  
**We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!**

SONG: *Rejoice in all your Works*

RENEWAL

Call to Confession  
The Pharaoh decrees death to the foreigner. The power of fear and hate surrounds us. In the face of evil.  
**Forgive us our complacency.**  
The burning bush flickers beside us. The presence of God invites us. In the presence of the holy.  
**Forgive us our lack of notice.**  
The Red Sea waters stand at attention. The threshold of grace is breath-taking. In the company of grace.  
**Forgive us our unwillingness to embrace.**

Silent Confession

SONG: *What Wondrous Love is This*

Words of Assurance — from Heidelberg Catechism & Ephesians  
What is your only comfort in life & in death?  
**That I am not my own, but belong body and soul in life and in death to my faithful savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**  
What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?  
**How great my sin and misery are. How I am set free from all my sins and misery. How I am to thank God for such deliverance.**  
God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that through him the world might be saved. Though we were dead through our sins, in great mercy, God has spoken a word of healing and made us alive together with Christ. Brothers and Sisters, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.  
**Thanks be to God!**

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: *Ministries of Pleasant Street*



SONG: *O Praise The Name*

Passing the Peace  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also, with you!**

KidStreet Dismissal - [age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]

WORD

Morning Prayers

The Story of God, for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God!**

Exodus 1:6 & 2:4 + “The Story Pharaoh’s Telling”

SEND

ECHO Dismissal - [students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

SONG: *No Longer Slaves*

Apostle’s Creed

Benediction

SONG: *Amazing Grace (My chains are gone)*

*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Jesus Christ!*