

Ministry Staff — How can we serve You?

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Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical by last name:

A-Br — Elder Sandy Wynja & Deacon Ruth Haringa
Bs-Eo — Elder Eric Wierenga & Deacon Karyn Schneider
Ep-HI — Elder Chuck McGrath & Deacon Mike O'Rourke
Hm-Mc — Elder Sue Cooper & Deacon Tanya Anema
Md-S — Elder Dawn Lefrancois & 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.
- **FAMILY SUNDAY** All ages worship together when there is a 5th Sunday; there is no Nursery, KidStreet, or Echo.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — A Prayer letter from our new Resonate Global missionaries, Joshua & Emily Jiang was sent out. Blessings to our Straight Ahead missionary, Hanne Larson who celebrates her birthday this week. Pray for Rick and Leanne Lukianuk's daughter, Jordan who is going through cancer treatments.

MANY THANKS — For your prayers, well wishes, cards, and food after my knee surgery—*Sandy Wynja! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever (Psalm 11:8-1).*

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

COFFEE BREAK — Will not meet this Tuesday, due to Northbridge school spring vacation. We will meet again next week. Hope to see you then, ladies!

PRAYER GROUP — We'd love to have you join us on Wednesday nights for Prayer Time at 6:30pm, to pray for Pleasant Street Church, the needs of the church and its people, our community, and nation—Please join us!

TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS — Just a friendly reminder, the completed Christian Education applications should be returned to your pastorate deacon today. Thanks!

PADDING THE PEWS — The church received a gift donation which has allowed us to begin exploring adding cushioning to the pews in our sanctuary. After research and exploring several options, we are excited to let you know that we are developing a plan for upholstering the pews.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES
OUR SECOND OFFERING — Today will be for the GEMS Girls Clubs. Thanks for your support!

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY
AHADI MARATHON — Run, walk, or sponsor a runner! On Saturday, May 11, from 10am-Noon, join us at WCS for the Ahadi Family Kenya's Annual Marathon Fundraiser. Or just show up to cheer everyone on and enjoy a morning of fun, food, and fellowship! Our goal this year is \$15,000, which is greatly needed as we financially assist families, who have taken in our boys. Sign-up/sponsor forms will be available on May 5 in the fellowship hall, or you can mail your donations to SCREAM USA, Inc. 31 Benson Rd. Northbridge, MA 01534—*Many Thanks!*

SPRING HAS ARRIVED! — The Fairwoods Board hopes you'll take advantage of our property this summer to get some exercise and enjoy God's creation. Join us for Spring Clean Up on Saturday, April 20 starting at 8am. Please also fill your Fairwoods membership form before the opening day, May 11.

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

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Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

April 14, 2024 + 9:30am



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

Today 8:30a HS Youth Group Breakfast: Foundation
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

Holy God, we praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Glorify the Lord with me. Let us exalt his name together.

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God

Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.

Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

SONGS: *Open up the Heavens*
Revelation Song

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession — H.C. 108-109

God who created us and who redeems us. In your wisdom you made us male and female. Placed us in bodies that make us human.

Thank you for the gift and mystery of our bodies.

God who keeps promises. You created marriage as a partnership for life. Placed sexual intimacy in the context of vows and a community.

Thank you for the gift of intimacy.

Forgive us for misusing and abusing the gift of sexuality. For taking it too early. For using it with the wrong person. For using it to find ourselves, or to express ourselves. For using it to manipulate another, or to conquer them.

Silence

Holy God, we pretend that intimacy is no big deal. But we live as if it means everything. Chasing our desires has not set us free. It has enslaved us.

We confess that our problem is not with our bodies, but with our hearts.

Jesus Christ, joy of man's desiring. Forgive the past we tremble to name. Heal us from shame. Rescue us from enslaving desires. And restore our fragile marriages.

In your name, Lord, we pray.

AMEN.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Brothers and Sisters, desiring God above all else, Jesus died on the Cross, giving his body for us. And we are made holy by his whole-hearted sacrifice.

This is God's gospel promise. To forgive our sins and give us eternal life through his body on the cross.

Friends, set your hope on God. Whose love is jealous.

Whose desire is pure. And to whom we belong body and soul.

Lord, make us pure in love, discerning in passion.

Selfless and chaste. In Christ's name. Amen.

Silent Reflection

COMMIT

*Morning Offerings: 1) Ministries of Pleasant Street;
2) GEMS Girls Club*



SONG: *Before the Throne of God*

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

Acts 1: 1-14 + "You Will Be Witnesses"

SEND

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

SONG: *Holy Spirit (Living Breath of God)*

Apostle's Creed

Benediction

SONG: *Jesus Messiah*

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