

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

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### Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical by last name:

A-Br — Elder Sandy Wynja & Ruth Bandstra  
Bs-Eo — Elder Eric Wierenga & Deacon Karyn Schneider  
Ep-Hl — Elder Chuck McGrath & Deacon Jodie Woudenberg  
Hm-Mc — Elder Sue Cooper & Deacon Tanya Anema  
Md-S — Elder Dawn Lefrancois & Deacon Dexter Greene  
T-Z — Elder Tony Brookhouse & Deacon Mike O'Rourke

**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** — Lord, we ask You to bless all the mothers in the world today. Give them the strength to persevere through the challenges they face, the wisdom to guide their children in the right path, and the courage to overcome any obstacle that may come their way. We also pray for all the women who have joined and helped moms in the wonder of raising children—*Happy Mother's Day!* 🥰

### GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

**ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP** — is celebrated 40 days after Easter and commemorates Jesus' victorious ascension to heaven. As we come together as a broader community of churches, Fairlawn Church will join us as we host this joyous service next Thursday at 7:00pm—*Please join us!*

**CADET PINEWOOD DERBY** — All are invited to the Cadets Pinewood Derby race next Saturday, May 20 at 7pm in the fellowship hall.

### SERVE — Contribute your Talents & Resources

**OUR SECOND OFFERING** — Today will be for Resonate Home & World Missions—*Thanks for supporting this great ministry!*

**GRADUATIONS 2023** — We would like to recognize those in our church family who are graduating from high school or college. Please let Sadie know of the details of your family member's graduation. Please be sure to include the student's name, school, degree conferred, and plans for the future.

**VBS VOLUNTEERS** — We are looking for teen and adult volunteers for the NAC Ecumenical VBS at Pleasant Street on July 10-14, 830am-noon. Please email NorthbridgeVBS@gmail.com for the volunteer registration form or for more information. Thanks!

### REACH OUT — Connect with our Community

**FAIRWOODS** — Is open for the season. Take advantage of our early bird pricing by purchasing a membership this week! Please see Katie Kenbeek or Brandon McGrath for more information. Email Fairwoodsrecreation@gmail.com to schedule an event.

**WCS RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE** — You are cordially invited to attend a Retirement Open House honoring Susan Cooper, Terry Ebbeling, and Karen Exoo on Tuesday, May 30, 7:00-8:30pm in the Library Media Center. Join us in thanking and honoring these women for many years of dedication, service, and commitment to Christian education at Whitinsville Christian School.

# WELCOME

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

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a-4p Mon-Fri

May 14, 2023 + 9:30am

*"I AM the Good Shepherd"*



*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	6:15p	Men's Softball Game: Home vs. Living Hope
	6:30p	Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
T	9:30a	Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare
	6:30p	Grief Share: Fellowship Hall
W	6:15p	Cadet Mid-Week
	6:30p	Prayer Group Meeting: Fellowship Hall
	6:30p	Adult Bible Study: Classroom E (Confronting Christianity)
Th	7:00p	Ascension Day Service: Sanctuary
Sa	7:00p	Cadet Pinewood Derby: Fellowship Hall

*Prayer of preparation — Proverbs 3:5-6*

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. This we pray, Amen.*

## GATHER

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Call to Worship—Psalm 23*

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters. He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

SONGS: *O Worship The King*  
*Revelation Song*

## RENEWAL

*Call of Confession*

God of wisdom, we confess the foolishness of our ways, and our failure to follow you in your paths of right relationships – with you and with others. We have gone astray; we feel lost. We have upheld our own interests first, to the detriment of others. We have failed to be generous with the poor, and abandoned our efforts to bring about justice. We feel the stains of our sins, God; have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

Wash the sinfulness out of us, and help us to live more faithfully as your servants. We seek your unfailing Lordship and ask for your guiding hand on our lives. To you be honor and glory forever.  
**Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

*Words of Assurance*

Merciful God, we thank you for never losing hope for us. When we are lost, you are there on the look-out for us, bringing us back to you like the good shepherd that you are. Your Word tells us of the joy in heaven that awaits us. May this joy flow into our lives each day, and be faithfully reflected into the world around us.  
**Thanks be to God, our Great Shepherd.**

## COMMIT

*Morning Offerings: 1) Ministries of Pleasant Street*  
*2) Resonate Home & World Missions*



SONG: *How Deep The Father's Love For Us*

*Apostles Creed*

*Passing the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**

*KidStreet Dismissal*

*[Children age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]*

## WORD

*Morning Prayers*

*John 10:11-21 + "I AM the Good Shepherd"*

*ECHO Dismissal*

*[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]*

SONG: *Come Thou Fount*

## SEND

*Benediction*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.

SONG: *O For A Thousand*

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