

Ministry Staff — How can we serve You?

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CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

WITH MUCH GRATITUDE — For all who helped me last Sunday. *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever—Psalm 11:8-1—Jack Altieri*

OUR THANKS — For your love, words of comfort, many prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy in the passing of Ted. The promises of God and comfort of others bring us peace. To God be all the Glory!—Steve & Ruth Haringa, Phil & Amy Knapper and all the extended Haringa family—*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants—Psalm 116-15*

MANY THANKS — Bernie & Minnie Wiersma would like to thank the Pleasant St. Church family for all of their love and prayers during Minnie's recent hip surgery recovery. We deeply appreciate all of the calls, visits, meals and baked goods. God has blessed us so greatly with our church family and we give Him all the praise, glory and honor.

THANK-YOU MIDWEEK VOLUNTEERS! — As we celebrate another successful Mid-Week ministry, the Council and Ministry Staff would like to thank all of our volunteers—GEMS and Cadet leaders, Youth Group mentors—all who helped make this past year's MidWeek ministry season a great success! Thank you for faithfully sharing your time, talents, and treasures in joy-filled and abundant ways—we appreciate each of you!

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 Thursday, May 18 at 7:00pm—*Please join us!*

FAITH FORMING LECTURE SERIES — We are excited to host and welcome Dr. Rebecca McLaughlin, the author of 'Confronting Christianity.' Dr. McLaughlin will be leading a seminar on Next Saturday, May 13 at 9:30am called: "The Secular Creed." Refreshments will be served.

SERVE — Contribute your Talents & Resources

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.

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

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REACH OUT — Connect with our Community

AHADI MARATHON — Run, walk, or sponsor a runner! On Saturday, May 13, 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 **today** in the fellowship hall, or you can mail your donations to SCREAM USA, Inc. 31 Benson Rd. Northbridge, MA 01534.

FAIRWOODS — Opens for the season Saturday, May 13. 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.

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a–4p Mon-Fri

May 7, 2023 + 9:30am

"I AM the Gate"



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 9:30a Women's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
6:15p Men's Softball Game: Home vs. Congregational 2
6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare
6:30p Grief Share: Fellowship Hall
W 6:30p Prayer Group Meeting: Fellowship Hall
Sa 9:30a Dr. Rebecca McLaughlin Faith Forming Seminar:
Sanctuary

Prayer of Preparation

Shepherd of our lives, Guide us to the still waters. Lead us on the right paths. Walk beside us when we go through our darkest valleys. Help us to know Your Comforting Presence is always with us. In the name of Christ, the Good Shepherd, we pray.
Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his.

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise, give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever.

His faithfulness continues through all generations.

SONGS: *Open Up The Heavens*

I Surrender All

RENEWAL

Call of Confession

Good Shepherd, You guide us in right paths, You lead us in the ways of righteousness, but we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even hate, to direct our paths.

Forgive us, God, for not following Your ways.

We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others that seem to have it all.

Forgive us for not remembering that we are your sheep, and You are our Shepherd.

Forgive us when we have not listened for Your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to Your path, to loving You and loving our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists and lend out our hands in hope and healing, forgiveness and love. In the name of Christ our Shepherd we pray.

Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The Good Shepherd knows the sheep, and lays down his life for the sheep so that the sheep may live. We are part of the flock, we are part of Christ's body. In Christ we find wholeness and restoration. In Christ we find forgiveness. **Amen.**

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street



SONG: *How Great Thou Art*

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 10:1-10 + "I AM the Gate"

ECHO Dismissal

[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

SONG: *His Mercy is More*

SEND

Apostles Creed

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: *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

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