

## Ministry Staff — How can we serve You?

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**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** — For VBS next week. We pray for each child who will come and feel loved by the teachers and staff - AND by God. May each person who has helped to coordinate this coming week feel important, loved, and appreciated. We ask the Lord to guide each of the VBS team members to work together so that they make VBS fun for the children—*God wants to do AMAZING Things at VBS here at Pleasant St. Church!*

**CONGRATULATIONS** — to Annaliese VanderBaan and Aaron Wheeler who were united in marriage, yesterday. God's richest blessings to you! 😊

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE** — Oscar Kuipers on his 93rd birthday. "Happy Birthday Oscar" 🎂

### GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

**CALENDAR** — Please remember there is no Senior Coffee Fellowship this week, due to VBS. See you all the week after!

**SAVE THE DATE** — For our annual church picnic, Sunday August 13.

**COFFEE BREAK** — Fairlawn has invited us to meet with them at Fairwoods to study "*Women Who Found a Way*", next Thursday, July 13 and also Thursday, August 10 from 9:30-11am. Bring your lunch!

**MISSIONS EVENT** — Breakfast with Steve & Sandy Frieswick whom we have supported for many years through Faith Promise (Africa Inland Mission International). Our missions team along with Fairlawn missions team will provide a brunch on Saturday, August 5 from 10:00-11:30am. Please see the sign up sheet in the Connections Corner, if you plan to attend—*The Missions Team!*

### SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

**SECOND OFFERING** — Our second today will be for NAC Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS** — We have a growing number of m/s youth in our congregation which is such a blessing! However, with growth in numbers of students, we need growth in numbers of volunteers. Please consider volunteering for our m/s youth group at mid-week, starting in September! Contact Sue Cooper at suejcoop@gmail.com or Pastor Matthew.

**COFFEE SETUP** — If you are willing to help make coffee before worship (instructions provided) please see Sadie. We have empty slots and would love to fill them! Thanks!

**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC & WORSHIP** — will be held at Fairwoods on Sunday, August 13. We will be serving coffee at 9:30am and the worship service will begin at 10am. Everyone is invited and requested to bring a salad, side dish or munchies. Hamburgers, brats, rolls, beverages, and dessert will be provided. Volunteers are needed for various aspects—please contact Shirley De Vries at 508.320.1018 or ShirIDV2@gmail.com. Thanks for your help!

**NAC FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS** — Donations may be placed in the basket available in the foyer.

# WELCOME

## We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Summer office hours: 8am–3pm Mon-Fri

July 9, 2023 + 9:30am

*"The Things That Make For Peace"*



*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 6:00p Men's Softball Game: Home vs. Cornerstone  
6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall  
W 6:30p Prayer Meeting: Prayer Room

*Prayer of preparation*

*In you, Lord my God, I put my trust. Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.*

SONG: *Build Your Kingdom Here*

**GATHER**

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Call to Worship*

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

**Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

**Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.**

**He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**

Come now, all who thirst.

**And drink of the water of life.**

Come now, all who hunger.

**And be filled with all good things.**

Come now, all who seek.

**And be warmed by the fire of love.**

SONG: *Seek Ye First*

**RENEWAL**

*A Prayer of Confession*

O God, our longing for your kingdom is often too weak and especially when our own kingdom has had a good year. We want your kingdom to come, but not right away. We pray "Your kingdom come," but with a small voice. Enlarge our vision to include all the desperate, all the crushed, all the hopeless of the world for whom the coming of your kingdom is their only hope. Strengthen our conviction that it is our only hope too. Then let us

pray to you again: "Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." We are praying as Jesus taught us. **Amen.**

*Call to Confession*

Dear Jesus, I want to be a Christian in my heart;

**Please forgive my disobedience.**

I want to be a Christian in my actions.

**Please forgive my bad choices.**

I want to be a Christian in my words.

**Please forgive the mean things I say.**

I want to be a Christian in my whole life.

**Help me to be more loving to you and to others. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

*Words of Assurance*

Hear these comforting words; If you repent and believe in God's redeeming mercy, Your sins are forgiven. Trust in God's promises and begin anew your life with God and all people in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**COMMIT**

*Morning Offerings: 1) Ministries of Pleasant Street;  
2) NAC Food Pantry*



*Moment of Ministry: Straight Ahead Ministries Video*

SONG: *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

*Passing the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

*Kids Message*

SONG: *Only A Boy Named David*

**WORD**

*Morning Prayers*

*Romans 14: 17-19 + "The Things That Make For Peace"*

SONG: *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

**SEND**

*Apostle's 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: *My Lighthouse*

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

*Sermon Notes*