

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.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For Will Banning who is having knee replacement surgery tomorrow—please pray for swift recovery and healing. Continue to pray for our church as we seek God's direction for our future.

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

MINISTRY GROUPS — We will be highlighting various ministry groups within our church. We encourage you to chat with them after the worship service to learn more information and get involved! Today's highlight is Youth Ministries. This will also be a good time to fill in registration forms for each of your children for all of the programs they will be involved in!

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

SECOND OFFERINGS — Today will be to support the work of Bethany Christian Services.

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS — If there are church members you believe should be considered for either office, please forward names and offices to Brett Buma, President of Council at brett.buma@amd.com. Offices of elder and deacon are open to both men and women.

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS — Please consider volunteering for our m/s youth group at mid-week, starting in September! Contact Sue Cooper at suecoop@gmail.com or Pastor Matthew.

NEED HELP — It's that time of year again. We are planning for the upcoming GEMS year and are looking for a few young women, moms, or just simply young at heart. Please contact Sandy Kuipers at douglashilltop@yahoo.com or Ruth Gibbons via text at 508.320.0476, if interested in assisting in any way this year.

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

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES — The deacons are collecting school supplies for kids in our community. Backpacks. Please leave donations in the designated box in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your generosity!

JOB OPENING — Are you passionate about making a difference in the lives of individuals and families experiencing homelessness? We are seeking a dedicated and compassionate individual to join our team as a Homelessness Navigator in the Blackstone Valley area of Massachusetts. For more information and a complete job description, please contact Leslie Reichert at 508.751.0799.

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Summer office hours: 8am–3pm Mon-Fri

August 20, 2023 + 10:00am

"The Joy of Being Found"



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 9:30a Senior Coffee Fellowship: Fellowship Hall
6:30p Prayer Meeting: Prayer Room

Prayer of preparation — Written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
O God, early in the morning I cry to you. Help me to pray and to concentrate my thoughts on you; I cannot do this alone. In me there is darkness, but with you there is light; I am lonely, but you do not leave me; I am feeble in heart, but with you there is help; I am restless, but with you there is peace. In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience; I do not understand your ways, but you know the way for me. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship — Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.

They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob. Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory?

The Lord Almighty—he is the King of glory.

SONGS: *Jesus Shall Reign*
Goodness of God

RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Lord, you have been faithful to us. We confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people. And yet you stay faithful.

We have served our own self interest instead of serving you and your people. We have not loved our neighbors as you have commanded.

Whatever gains we may have experienced in our lives, like Paul, may we regard them as loss, compared to the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus as our Lord.

This we pray in his name. **Amen.**

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

The Lord has indeed done great things for us, as our righteousness is one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. The good news therefore is this. In Jesus Christ we are accepted, we are loved, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

SONGS: *Come Thou Fount*
How Great Thou Art

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: 1) Ministries of Pleasant Street;
2) Bethany Christian Services

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

Philippians 3:1-14 + "The Joy of Being Found"

SEND

ECHO Dismissal

[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

SONG: *Jesus Is Better*

Apostle's Creed

Benediction

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

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

