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 our students & teachers returning to school this week. Also pray for our college students and graduates as they head back to school or look for employment. Blessing to our missionary David Kooistra who celebrates his birthday today.

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! Todays highlight is CADETS & GEMS. 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!

PRAYER WALK — Would you like to prayer walk your child's school? Prayer team is willing to help. For more information, please call Alva Wiersma at 303. 725. 0060.

MENS BIBLE STUDY — We are exited to begin a new series starting Thursday, September 14 at 6:30am in the fellowship hall. We will be studying the book of Acts. Hope you can join us!

FALL BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP—London Street; a memoir Join us Join us for a reading and discussion group this fall about what it was like to grow up in the CRC in the 1950's & 60's. Jane Griffioen was the daughter of Dutch immigrants, who lived in an immigrant community in Grand Rapids, MI. As she tells her story, we might find that it resonates with some of our stories too. Sign up in the connections corner to get a copy of the book. We meet on Wednesday evenings (opposite weeks of mid-week), starting September 13.

SERVE — **CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES 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.

THE DEACONS — would like to thank those who donated financially and by purchasing school supplies for the NAC Back to School Backpack Drive! We filled eleven (11) backpacks, and included a note from PSCRC. Keep these students in your prayers throughout the school year. Thank you for your generosity!

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

HELP NEEDED — We need help with serving meals at Peace of Bread on Wednesday, September 13, from 5:15pm-6:30pm at the Presbyterian Church in Whitinsville. Please reach out to Keith VandenAkker 508. 735.7764. Thank you!

The FAIRWOODS CHICKEN BBQ — Will be held on Saturday, September 9 from 5-7pm. The menu includes chicken, baked potato, corn, garden salad, Wright's rolls, ice cream sandwiches, and drinks. We can only accept cash or check and the cost is \$14 per half chicken and \$11 per quarter. Take out is available!!

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri August 27, 2023 + 9:30am "The Joy of a Sure Hope"



If you have been worshiping 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 heavenly Father, I praise and thank you for rest in the night; I praise and thank you for this new day; I praise and thank you for all your goodness and faithfulness throughout my life. You have granted me many blessings; Now let me also accept what is hard from your hand. You will lay on me no more than I can bear. You make all things work together for good For your children.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Cadet & Gems spotlight

Call to Worship — Psalm 104

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord. But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more. Praise the Lord, my soul. Praise the Lord.

SONGS: Praise to the Lord At the Cross

RENEWAL

 $Call\ to\ Confession\ -\ Psalm\ 16$

Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."

I say of the holy people who are in the land, "They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight." Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.

Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely, I have a delightful inheritance. I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

SONG: Firm Foundation (He Won't)

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street



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 3:15 - 4:1 + "The Joy of a Sure Hope"

TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tasting Grace

SEND

SONGS: Before The Throne Of God Above Nothing But The Blood

Apostle's Creed

Benediction

SONG: The Blessing

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