

Ministry Staff — How can we serve You?

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Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical by last name:

A-Br — Elder Sandy Wynja & Deacon Kelly Lariviere
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Hm-Mc — Elder Sue Cooper & Deacon Tanya Anema
Md-S — Elder Dawn Lefrancois & Deacon Cathy Greene
T-Y — Elder John Woudenberg & Deacon Jodie Woudenberg

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.

WE WARMLY WELCOME — This morning John Vriesema who will preach the word.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For our ministries and their leaders this fall and winter. The Lord continues to do amazing things in our lives, and we are confident it's the result of prayer. A prayer letter from our missionaries, Larry & Ruth Spalink was sent out.

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY — Will be October 6. This will kick off the Faith Promise Pledge Drive, our church's way of raising money to support missionaries both in the USA and abroad.

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

WCS — We hope you will join us for our Homecoming events next month! On Thursday evening, September 26, we'll host an alumni reception at the Whitinsville Golf Club from 4:30-6:00pm. We'll enjoy hors d'oeuvres and fellowship before the Homecoming with a Pops Concert in the Nehemiah Center at 6:30pm. Our athletes will be in action on Friday, and Saturday with carnival games, olie bollen, and more! Please RSVP for the alumni reception by emailing Laural Plourde at advancement@whitinsvillechristian.org!

FAIRLAWN — Please join us on Thursday evenings for an opportunity to read the Psalms in ways that will deepen our understanding of the context in which the Psalms were first written and our understanding of the Psalms as expressions of Christian faith. Dan Vos will be leading the study from 7-8pm, September 5 through December 19. You may contact him at dnjvs@gmail.com or at 616.608.2573 for more information.

EVENING COFFEE BREAK FOR MEN & WOMEN — Fairlawn CRC warmly invites you to a community Bible study. We will meet weekly for 8 weeks on Wednesdays, October 2 – November 20, 6:30-7:45pm. This will be a time of informal Bible study and making new friends. We will study Fruit of the Spirit (*Galatians 5:22-23*). Each lesson is independent, so you may come as you are able. Please contact Jim and Cara Zabilansky at 774.280.4174 for more information or to sign up.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE @ FAIRLAWN — On the topic of "How to Reach our Neighbors", Saturday, September 28 at 9:30am. With a morning session, light lunch and an afternoon session ending at 2:00pm. Juan Sierra our speaker, is a gifted communicator who effectively uses writing, social media, video and public speaking and is a program manager for Global Coffee Break, a bible study for men and women. He is a pastor at Sunlight Community Church in Florida. Juan has a master's from Calvin Seminary and is working on a Doctorate of Ministry from Knox Theological Seminary. Please email or call the church office at amandaconrad@fairlawncrc.org or 508 .234. 2838, if you would like to attend.

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

September 15, 2024 + 9:30am



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

Tonight 6:30p HS Youth Group @ Fairwoods
M 9:30a Women's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare
W 6:30p Prayer Meeting: Prayer Room
Th 7:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship — from Psalm 97

The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; worship him, all you gods! Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O Lord.

For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

O you who love the Lord, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked. Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

SONGS: *All Creatures of Our God and King*
O Come to The Altar

RENEWAL

Call of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have taken Your commandments and turned them into rules. We have criticized those who have fallen short and selfishly proclaimed ourselves righteous.

Have Mercy, Lord.

We have failed to understand the spirit of the commandments and the Way that was shown by You to live, loving God and loving our neighbors.

Have Mercy, Lord.

We dig our heels in and stay in anger, fear, and bitterness instead of truly following You.

Have Mercy, Lord.

In the name of Christ, who has given us the Way and leads us on, we pray for mercy.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance — Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word, I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street



SONG: *I Will Wait for You*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

KidStreet Dismissal [age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]

WORD

Morning Prayers

Matthew 5:21-26 + "The Cost of Anger"

SEND

ECHO Dismissal [Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

SONG: *Thank You Jesus for The Blood*

Apostles Creed

Benediction

SONG: *I Speak Jesus*

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