

## Ministry Staff — How can we serve You?

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**WE WARMLY WELCOME** — This morning Dan Vos who will preach the word.

## CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

**LET'S PRAY TOGETHER** — Our deepest condolences to Bernie Wiersma in the passing of his sister, Nancy Rooks in California and also to Kelly Styf in the passing of her grandfather, Peter Buma in Grand Rapids. Please keep in you prayers our new membership class taking place this week. A prayer letter from our missionaries, David and Jan Kooistra was sent out.

**WORLD CONCERN** — There is so much that we need to pray and intercede for: Please join us in prayer for the victims of the earthquake in Morocco and the victims in the flooding in Libya. At this very difficult time, we ask that God's Peace will reach all those affected, and we pray for the world and its leaders to be able to support humanitarian efforts in those countries.

**MANY THANKS** — Bev Ebbeling and her family thank you for prayers and expressions of love after Hank's passing. His battle with cancer is over. We take comfort in knowing he is in the presence of the Lord.

**THANK YOU** — to all who came to volunteer with Peace of Bread on Wednesday to serve meals! The weather may have dampened the number of people that were there for the meal, but your enthusiasm to serve others is truly a blessing!

## GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

**COUNCIL NOMINATIONS** — At the congregational meeting in December, we will be selecting new elders and deacons. If there are church members who you think should prayerfully be considered for either office, please forward names and offices to Brett Buma, President of Council at brett.buma@amd.com.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Will begin a new season tomorrow at 9:30am, studying the book of James. We would love to have new members join us. Please call LeeAnn Lukianuk at 603.793.9107 or Judy Metzger at 716.665.0899 for a study guide.

## FALL BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP— *London Street; a memoir*

Join us Join us for a reading and discussion group. We meet on Wednesday evenings (opposite weeks of mid-week).

**MENS BIBLE STUDY** — We began a new series last week, studying the book Acts. Please join us on Thursdays, at 6:30am in the fellowship hall.

**MOMS' BREAKFAST GROUP** — Come away for a morning to be fed both by good food and by fellowship with other moms who are raising children still at home. We meet at 'The Family Table' in Uxbridge on Saturdays at 7:30am. Remaining dates are October 21, November 18 and December 16. If you are interested please contact Diana Burns at dlh21@calvinseminary.edu.

**ADVANCE NOTICE** — Faith Promise Sunday will be on October 1. 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. More details to follow!

**SENIOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** — Will not meet again this year. Thanks for joining us these past few months! We will meet again next spring. A big thank you to Calvin and Claudia Wiegiers for making it happen this year!

## REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

**WHITINSVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** — Alumni Reception at Homecoming for Willow Street & WCS Alumni Friends on Saturday, September 30 at 9:00am in the Krull Gymnasium. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Heather Rufo by September 20 at hrufu@whitinsvillechristian.org or 508.234.8211 x3261.

**TEAM PLEASANT STREET CRC** — is raising funds for the 2023 Blackstone Valley Annual CROP Hunger Walk on Saturday, October 21, registration is at 8:30am at the Village Congregational Church in Whitinsville, the walk begins at 9am and ends at the Uxbridge Town Center. We are looking to raise funds and for walkers/sponsors to help raise awareness for World Hunger. The easiest way to donate is online: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/pleasant-street-crc> or reach out to one of our walkers/sponsors. Our goal is to raise at least \$1200 this year. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

# WELCOME

## We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

September 17, 2023 + 9:30am

*"Battling against Selfishness"*



*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

Tonight 6:30p HS Youth Group Study: Foundation  
M 9:30a Women's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall  
6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall  
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare  
W 6:15p Midweek @ PS  
6:30p New Members Class: Under the Balcony  
6:30p Prayer Meeting: Prayer Room  
Th 6:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall

*Prayer of preparation — Psalm 51:1-2*

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.*

*Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.*

## GATHER

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Call to Worship*

Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun  
above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark  
of doubt away.

**Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven  
reflect your rays, stars and angels sing around you, center  
of unbroken praise; field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea.

**Chanting bird and flowing fountain praising You  
eternally!**

SONGS: *Your Grace is Enough*

*This is our God*

## RENEWAL

*Call to Confession*

We come before God this morning aware that we have  
fallen short of what God desires of us. Jesus said: *"If you  
love me, you will keep my commandments."*

**We have not loved God with all our heart and soul and  
mind.**

We confess that often we have failed to be an obedient  
church. We have not done your will. Jesus said: *"You shall  
love your neighbor as yourself."*

**We have rebelled against your love and we have not  
loved our neighbors.**

We have broken your law.

**Lord have mercy.**

*Silent Confession*

*Words of Assurance Titus 3: 4-8*

Hear now God's assurance of pardon: But when the  
kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved  
us, not because of righteous things we had done, but  
because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing  
of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he  
poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our  
Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we  
might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This  
is a trustworthy saying.

*Apostles Creed*

SONG: *Ancient of Days*

## 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*

*Matthew 22:34-40 + "Battling against Selfishness"*

*ECHO Dismissal*

*[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]*

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

## SEND

*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: *All Creatures Of Our God And King*

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