## 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
Bs-Eo — Elder Eric Wierenga & Deacon Karyn Schneider
Ep-Hl — Elder Chuck McGrath & Deacon Mike O'Rourke
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.

## CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For the precious gift of baptisms this morning. We pray that we can publicly declare our love and passion for you, Lord. We ask for your goodness and blessings to be poured out on these young believers. We pray that you would work deeply within their heart and soul to renew and refresh them each day. Pray for Gordon DeYoung as he will be having a pacemaker put in on Monday, October 7. Please also keep in your prayers our delegates who will be attending the fall Classis (regional church) meeting next week on October 2-3 in Ashford, CT. Pastor Matthew, Sue Cooper and Thalia Towle will be attending—pray for the Spirit's guiding as the leadership of the CRC churches in New England and upstate New York seek His will.

#### *GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH*

MINISTRY CURIOUS — Join us for a Seminary Meet & Greet. Do you love learning about the Bible and theology? Do you wonder about how you can better serve the church? Are you curious about what a life of ministry might look like? Join other ministry curious people for an informal Meet & Greet with Justin DenOuden, Director of Admissions at Calvin Theological Seminary. This event is for anyone interested in growing deeper theologically, or exploring church ministry. So whether you're in High School and exploring the future or pondering a second-career call to ministry, join us tomorrow night at 6:30pm in the foundation. Food is included.

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY
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.

FAIRWOODS HARVEST FESTIVAL — Will be held next Saturday, October 5. We start serving the soup buffet at 4:30pm and follow it up with warm apple crisp. Yum! Soup makers--we need you!! If you're willing to contribute, please contact Katie Kenbeek at k.rosendale28@gmail.com. The cost is \$12/adult, \$7/child, and kids under 5 eat free; cash or check only.

CROP HUNGER WALK — This is the 50th annual CROP Hunger Walk in the Blackstone Valley with the Northbridge Association of Churches! Most people don't want to take the time to do the 3-mile walk, and that is OK, we are trying to raise money to support our NAC Food Pantry and the Uxbridge Food Pantry, in addition to supporting CWS Global. Please make a secure donation online, or pick up a form so you can join the Pleasant Street Church's team and walk the CROP Hunger Walk on Saturday, October 26! Let me know if you need more information. Thank you in advance for your generosity!— *Keith VandenAkker!* 

# **WELCOME**

## We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri September 29, 2024 + 10am



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 9:30a Women's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
  - 6:30p Ministry Curious Meet & Greet: Foundation
  - 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

The Lord is with you.

And also, with you.

Give thanks to the Lord

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We have been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus. For you were once dead in your transgressions and sins, but because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ. By grace you have been saved. God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

SONGS: Battle Belongs Holy Holy Holy

Children's Message

## **COMMIT**

Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street



## **WORD**

Morning Prayers

Romans 6: 1-5, 8-11 + "Buried - Alive"

## **SEND**

SONG: O The Deep Deep Love of Jesus

Baptism of Miles Kuik & Aiden Dugan

Institution

Litany of Praise

The Spirit of God hovered over the waters at Creation He directed them, moved them, and separated them. He made room for life in an act of love.

He cleansed the earth in the waters of a flood, saving Noah and his family, just as he promised.

He baptized Israel in the Red Sea. He destroyed Pharaoh & his army, and gave his people land and life.

He sent his Son into a baptism of suffering and death. With him we have gone down into death and came up in New Life. In baptism we are united with Christ in his dying and rising.

Miles & Aiden, God places his name on your foreheads. He marks you as his own and bonds you to himself and to us.

Vows

Congregation, what do you promise?

We promise to accept Miles as a member of God's household. We will love Miles, pray for him, and nurture his faith in our covenant-keeping God. Amen.

SONG: When He Cometh

Vows

Congregation, do you promise to receive Aiden in love as your brother in Christ, support him with your fellowship and prayers, and, recognizing his gifts, invite him into the life and mission of our congregation?

We do, God helping us.

Aiden's Testimony

Prayer

SONG: What the Lord Has Done in Me

Sign of Water & Blessing

SONG: (Last verse & refrain of What the Lord)

**Apostles Creed** 

Benediction

SONG: The Benediction

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