

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

- M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Via Zoom
6:30p Divorce Care: Office in the Nursery
6:30p GriefShare: Fellowship Hall & Online
W 5:00p CR Women's Step Study: Office in the Nursery
7:00p Prayer meeting @ Becky VA's home
Th 7:00p CR Men's Step Study: Office in the Nursery

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — We give our condolences to Judy Godeke, as her father, H. Leverne Rosenberger, passed into joyful eternal life this past Wednesday, at the age of 95 in Beaver Falls, PA —the family will hold a graveside celebration this week at Pine Grove Cemetery. Please also pray for students on spring break and for those on vacation that they may be refreshed and return home safely. And let's not forget college students as they prepare for their upcoming finals.

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

ADVANCE NOTICE — We will celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Pleasant Street CRC during the weekend of October 2 & 3. Early plans include a banquet Saturday night, special Sunday morning worship service, and a commemorative booklet. In addition, former pastors will be invited to join us for this time of praise and celebration. Mark your calendar today and watch for further details in the upcoming months.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDY — Faith In An Anxious World

High Schoolers are invited to a 4-week study on anxiety and faith on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm, April 26-May 7. This research-based study (produced by the makers of Sticky Faith and Growing Young) is a gospel centered look into the world of mental health, and will include small group discussions and reflections. Students are asked to commit to attending all four weeks of the study, and make their commitment known to Pastor Annika or Diane by April 25 (such that materials can be prepared appropriately).

TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS — For families who have students attending WCS are available by the bulletins at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please put completed applications in Dexter Greens's mailbox by May 15.

A MEMBERSHIP CLASS — will be held beginning on Sunday, May 2 from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Please contact Pastor Matthew by next Sunday if you are interested so that we can plan materials and coordinate COVID compliance.

CRC SOFTBALL MINISTRY FOR MEN — Players age 16 and older are invited to join the Pleasant Street and Fairlawn CRC team- partial commitments accepted! Games are played on Monday evenings at 6pm from late April through early August. Talk to Scott Schneider, John Steele or John Vriesema for more information.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

COLLEGE CARE PACKS — All congregation members are encouraged to write a note to a college student or two — list of students and note cards available in the Fellowship. Please make sure your student & their information is on our list, and designate WHERE you anticipate them being on Friday, April 30

COFFEE SETUP — If you are willing to help make coffee and serve outside (instructions provided) please call the church office. We have empty slots and would love to fill them! Thanks!

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

CLEAN UP — The Fairwoods Spring Clean Up Day will be next Saturday, April 24 starting at 8am. We have indoor and outdoor work that we will need help with. Due to current Covid regulations we ask that you wear a mask. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Rain date for outdoor work is Saturday May 1.

FAIRWOODS CARETAKER — The Fairwoods Executive Board is seeking applicants to fill the Caretaker position. To request an application and more information, please contact our President, Michael Bangma at FairwoodsRecreation@gmail.com. Deadline for requesting information is April 16, and the deadline for all applications is April 23.

WCS JOB OPENINGS — HR Director/Asst. Accounting Manager; full-time, year-round position. Also an opening for for a Director of Advancement; full-time, year-round position. Primary objective: fundraising, securing funds for operations, capital growth, and long-term financial viability. For more information, please contact Lillian Hackathorn at lhackathorn@whitinsvillechristian. or 508.372.3275.

Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a-3p Mon-Fri

April 18, 2021 + 9:30 am

Welcome! We are so glad that you are here!



PLEASANT STREET
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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. If you're asking questions about faith and spirituality, join us in our formation opportunities and ministry events to learn more and meet others. Help us get to know you or let us know how we can pray for you by filling in the Communication Card in the pew and putting it in the offering basket—we'll be in touch.

The Lord be with you!

Prayer of Preparation

O God, you pour out the Spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

SONG: *Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

Call to Worship

Let us worship the eternal God,

the source of love and life, who creates us.

Let us worship Jesus Christ,

the risen one, who lives among us.

Let us worship the Spirit,

the holy fire, who renews us.

**To the one true God be praise in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

SONGS: *Open Up the Heavens*
Holy, Holy, Holy

Renewal

Prayer of Confession—based on a prayer by John Bunyan (1628-88)

Often, O holy and righteous God, we dare your justice, mock your mercy, jeer your patience, slight your power, and show contempt for your love. We even say “I’m sorry” insincerely and confess our sin flippantly. We plead your help to own up carefully to how we have wronged you, to admit honestly how we have grieved you, to plead penitently for your mercy and pardon. We beg your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Silent confession

SONG: *Shine On Us*

Words of Assurance—from 1 John 1:5, 7

Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

This is the good news!

Thanks be to God.

Guide for Grateful Living

As we are to walk humbly with our God in lives of gratitude, let us hear again his Word: God commands us to serve him alone as God, to serve him according to his Word, to speak of him only with deep respect and love, to attend faithfully the assembly of God’s people on the day of rest, and every day to let the Lord work in us through his Spirit; to respect and cooperate with all God-given authority, to nurture human life as God’s precious gift, to live holy and chaste lives, to use the resources of this earth as stewards of God’s creation, to use the gift of speech for promoting the truth in love, and to exercise purity of heart in all of life.

May the Spirit of God guide us to be obedient to this Word. Amen!

SONG: *Holy Spirit*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

WORD

Morning Prayers

Acts 6:1- 7:2, 44-53 (p 887) + "A Conflict, A Crisis, A First:
The Gospel in the church kitchen"

SEND

SONG: *Build Your Kingdom Here*

Sending and Benediction—based on Eph. 5:2; Phil. 4:7; 1 Thess. 5:16-18

You are disciples of Jesus Christ.

Live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us.

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

[Sermon Notes](#)