

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

- S 5:00p Sunday Night Bible Study: Davison's Home (*Mark 11-12*)
M 9:30a Women's Bible Study: Council Room
2:00p Open Door: Student Center
6:00p Men's Softball Game: Home vs. MCC
6:30p Celebrate Recovery
7:00p Serve Meeting: Student Center
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare
2:00p Open Door: Student Center
6:30p Fresh Start: Rose Room; Divorce Care for Kids: Room 7
6:30p GriefShare: Offices
6:30p Free Tech Support: Student Center
W 7:00a PS: HS Breakfast: Valley Cafe
6:30p Celebrate Recovery Step Study: Offices
Th 6:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
2:00p Open Door: Student Center
F 7:30p World Renew: Fellowship Hall (Refugee Camp Display)

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY! — The Cadets, as they head home from their camp out in Buck Hill, RI, this weekend. Pray for Lynn Hlustick as she was admitted to Milford Hospital with internal bleeding—after blood transfusions she was sent home and is now recovering. Pray for Ed De Vries as he had surgery on Friday. Pray for our college students, preparing for their upcoming finals—we ask that the Lord to guard their hearts & mind and to give them great enthusiasm for their studies. *In Jesus Name, Amen!* Blessings to Adrian Buteyn as he celebrates his 86th birthday on April 28.

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES — will be held Sundays, May 6 and 21, from 11:30am-2:00pm, for those interested in knowing more about our Reformed heritage and how that shapes our mission here at Pleasant Street. Those seeking to transfer membership from another CRC or a church with a Reformed background are encouraged to attend. We'd love for you to join us—lunch and childcare provided! Contact Sadie at the office if you are interested.

COLLEGE & CAREER RETREAT — Young adults (aged 19-34) are invited to Monadnock Bible Conference Center, NH, May 26-28 for a fun filled weekend. What a great opportunity to connect with others and our heavenly father. Registrations and the cost of \$50 is due by May 19. For more information, regarding this wonderful retreat, please contact Annika. or visit <http://www.monadnockbible.org/collge-and-carreer/>.

NOMINATIONS — If there is a member of the congregation who you think should prayerfully be considered to be an elder (men) or deacon (men or women), please submit the name of the nominee to Elder Tom Cooper by next Sunday.

OUR COMMUNION OFFERING — Next Sunday will be for Catholic Charities. Thanks for supporting this wonderful ministry, that works in and around the Whitinsville community.

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

1st QTR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS — are in your mailboxes. If you have any questions, please see Sadie in the church office.

PEACE OF BREAD — Volunteers are once again needed for this upcoming meal next Wednesday, as we always need people to help serve the meals to approximately 120 people from 5:15-6:45pm at the Presbyterian Church. If you are willing to help in this ministry, please contact Keith VandenAkker at keithva@charter.net or 508.735.7764 to make sure we will have enough volunteers. Thank you!

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

FRIENDS OF FAIRWOODS — Thank you for those who have send in their membership forms for 2017. If you did not receive one in the mail or would like more information on Fairwoods, please send us an email at fairwoodsrecreation@gmail.com.

CLOTHING SWAP — The Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church in Whitinsville will host a clothing swap on Saturday, May 13, from 9-11am. We accept donations of gently used men's, women's and kid's clothing, shoes and accessories. Donations can be dropped off on Friday, May 12 between 6-7pm or the morning of the swap. Everything is free and the swap is open to the public. You don't have to donate to take something home and you don't have to take something in order to donate. Call Christine at 508.234.8131 or email edalynne@hotmail.com for more info.

MINISTRY STAFF — HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?

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Find us on Social Media using "Pleasant Street Church"

PLEASANT STREET CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

April 23, 2017 † 9:30 am



Welcome! We're so glad that you're here. If you've been worshipping with us for a long time or you're entering the doors of a church for the first time, it is our hope that you'll 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!

WORSHIP—CELEBRATE WHAT GOD IS DOING

We have a fully staffed nursery available for Infants—3 yr-olds downstairs. Please visit the Welcome Desk in the foyer to check-in your child. Activity bags are available at the Kids Corner table in the fellowship hall for children in worship. Please return the activity bags—the crafts are yours to keep! Children PreK—2nd grade are dismissed to KidStreet rooms 2 & 3 for Children's Church during worship. Parents/Guardians: If you did not check in your child prior to the service, please accompany them to their class. Thanks for your help!

GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Let us join our voices to praise the spotless Lamb, Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us from sin and death.

We, whom he has redeemed, will sing praises and shout for joy this hour;

Because in Christ the Lamb we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins in accordance with the riches of his grace.

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.

Let us praise him by saying:

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb we give worship this hour and forever and ever. Amen!

SONG: *The Wonderful Cross*

SONG: *In Christ Alone*

Call To Confession

Almighty God, In raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry. We are not faithful stewards of our time, our talents, and our money.

We pass by those who mourn; And are deaf to the cries of the oppressed. We are indifferent to calls for peace. We despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy.

Help us to trust your power, to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Amen.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Encouragement — from 1 Peter 2:24

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.” This is the good news.

Thanks be to God.

SONG: *Before The Throne of God Above*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

An also with you!

KIDSTREET Dismissal

Lord, continue to show us your Wonderful, Never Stopping, Never Giving up, Unbreaking, Always and Forever love. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

Kids: And also with you

Go In Peace!

Morning Prayers

WORD

Matthew 25:14-30 — “Parable of the Bags of Gold”

COMMIT

Echo Dismissal

Offering — For the Ministries of Pleasant Street Church

SONG: *Take My Life*

SEND

Benediction— based on Hebrews 13:20-21

Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.

We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.

Let us bless our Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

May the God of peace, who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Alleluia! Amen.

SONG: *Low in the Grave He Lay*