

2nd's Matters

November 8, 2017

From Your Pastor's Desk

We are well aware of recent attacks on innocent and unsuspecting citizens in Las Vegas and New York City, and this Sunday on Christians worshipping in Sutherland Springs. We do not send our thoughts and prayers *to them* but we do send our prayers heavenward on their behalf. In a climate of fear we hold to a testimony that we do not trust in weapons but in the name of the Lord our God (Ps 20:7). And as participants of the coming kingdom where instruments meant for killing are converted to farm instruments meant for growing food (Isa. 2:4) we will continue, amid tears, to proclaim the vision of the Peaceable Kingdom where Jesus will wipe every tear from our eyes and there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away (Rev 21:4).

Worship this Sunday, November 12

DJ Slattery will begin his music leadership ministry with us and our service will include our commissioning him for his work at Second Church. Pastor Doug will preach from Mark 4:35-41, "Chaos or Control?" Our offerings will be for our General Fund and for the Lakeside CRC in Ludington.

Classis Muskegon

Tomorrow (Thursday) Classis Muskegon meets in the afternoon and evening at the Spring Lake CRC. Our delegates are Pastor MacLeod, Elder Ken Wolffis and Deacon Jane Wolffis. The meeting includes a thorough review of the Classical budget for 2018 (did you know our own Fred Bultman is the Treasurer of Classis Muskegon?) and an exam for ministerial candidate Michael Westerveld to serve the Spring Lake congregation.

Mission Moments

We are excited to have Dan Dorn from Mission India returning this Sunday, November 12. We invite you to visit with Dan after the morning service in the Fireside Room. He will be bringing 15 sets of virtual reality glasses which contain a 13 minute video of an up close and personal look at the work that is being done in India!

Clothing Drive for Contigo

Thank you for the generous clothing donations that were collected during October for Contigo in Ecuador. Two full boxes of socks and underwear were collected which will be delivered in December and distributed to children in orphanages that are in great need of these items. Thank You again for your generosity!

Library News...

Did you know that our church library located in the Fireside Room has lots of good reading for kids and adults? Check out our new display table in the lobby near the bulletin boards which showcases some titles in our current collection. -- Melinda Barnhart, Bette Wagenmaker; Library Committee

Stock the Pantry!

The pantry items needed for November are spaghetti sauce, pasta, and rice.

All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner, November 19

The all-church Thanksgiving dinner will be held Sunday, November 19, at 11:30, in the basement of the church. Turkey, rolls, gravy, dinnerware, and beverages will be provided. All are invited and we encourage you to sign-up at the table in the lobby to bring additional foods for the feast.

Annual Poinsettia Sale:

Please check your church mail box (or the literature ledge) for the FYSH Poinsettia Sale order forms! The poinsettia(s) which you order can be used either as decoration in the church or may be taken home on November 29. The money and orders forms must be in by November 21 for guaranteed pick up on November 29, but late orders will be accepted. Proceeds from the sale of poinsettias will go towards helping students be a part of a mission trip experience. Any questions? Contact Zach (641) 204-2049, or 2ndyouthdirector@gmail.com

Appalachia Reach Out Shoebox Drive

Second CRC will be collecting supplies for ARO from November 12 – November 26. There will be boxes available at church on November 12 which will include a tag for either a boy or girl and a list of items that can be put into the box and returned to church gift-wrapped with the tag attached no later than November 26. These items will be specific to children ages 6 & 7 and will include such things as: hygiene products (toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.), a toy, pencils or crayons, one-size-fits-all gloves, and anything else appropriate but no clothing. Our goal is to supply 50 shoe boxes to ARO.

College Student Care Packages

As a church we will be again sending care packages to our students who are away at college. These packages will be sent in time for exams and end of the year projects and papers. There will be a sign-up sheet with suggestions for what to donate located on the literature ledge. Please feel free to sign up to bring or more of these items. We will also be needing donations of shoeboxes or postage money for these packages. All donations can be put in the box outside of Zach's office door by Wednesday, November 29. If you are a parent of a college student and their address has changed in the last year please email the updated address to 2ndyouthdirector@gmail.com

Christmas Send-A-Card Program:

Second Church has the opportunity to again provide Christmas cards for prisoners involved in the Crossroads Prison Ministries Bible study program. Flyers with instructions were in your mailboxes and on the literature ledge. All cards may be deposited in the marked box by the literature ledge. Deadline is **Sunday, November 12**. Questions? Contact Karen Admiraal (335-2285).

Coffee Break Update

In this Thanksgiving season, give thanks for the women and children that attend Coffee Break each week. Give thanks specifically for the relationships that have developed, the support given and received among the women, and the stories studied from the Gospel of Luke showing Jesus' ministry to "seek and save the lost." Pray for continued excitement and faithfulness in the weekly Bible study, health in this flu season, and continued growth in relationships. If you would like to become involved in this shared ministry - please join us on Tuesday mornings, 9:30 a.m. at Second CRC. Questions? Call Julie Baker #928-0184.

Community Events

Veterans Day Program, November 10

Daisy Brook Elementary will hold a Veterans Day program on Friday, November 10. Daisy Brook invites all veterans and active military members to attend our program. There is a special breakfast for Veterans following the program. The program will start at 8:30 AM in the school gymnasium, 502 N Division Ave, Fremont. Our students will be singing patriotic songs, reciting poems, and paying tribute to local veterans. There will also be a surprise guest speaker. RSVP by calling the school at 231-924-4380 or email Mr. Breilier at cbreiler@fremont.net.

Veterans Breakfast, November 12

All veterans, along with their spouses, are cordially invited to attend a breakfast in their honor on Sunday, November 12 from 7:30 -9:00 AM at First Christian Reformed Church in Fremont (721 Hillcrest Dr).

UCC Christmas Shopping & Home Tour, December 2

This event will be held December 2, 2017 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. It is sponsored by the Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Church and includes a Christmas Shoppe with many quality crafted items, a Plum Pudding Shoppe with gourmet holiday foods, a Soup Luncheon from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., and a Home Tour of three beautiful homes in the Fremont area. Tickets for the Home Tour are \$5 and may be purchased at the church at 714 Hillcrest Dr. in Fremont. You can get more information at the church website: fremontfcc.org We hope you join us for the 28th anniversary of this event. This is a great outing for you and your friends in preparation for the Christmas season!

CureUs Christmas Concert, December 3

Jason Gray, Chris August, and newcomer Hannah Kerr will perform at the Fremont Wesleyan Church on Sunday, December 3 at 6:00 pm. Tickets are on sale at the Fremont Community Rec Authority and on line with I-Tickets. Jason Gray Management has joined with I-Tickets for a ticket reduction. If you purchase 10+ tickets they will only be \$8.00 per ticket along with \$1.40 service charge. Gather together and contact I-Tickets at www.tickets.com or call (800)965-9324.