

Set your clock(s) back 1 hour Saturday night

2nd's Matters

November 1, 2017

Prayer Notes

- Congratulations to **Andrew and Donna DeLonge** on the birth of Silas Andrew who was born on Friday, October 27.

From Your Pastor's Desk

Appreciating that all glory belongs to God alone (soli deo gloria) the Reformed perspective does not worship saints or venerate their relics. Nonetheless, we are greatly connected and indebted to those who have gone before us. We stand on the spiritual shoulders gathered over thousands of years as well as those of our own generation. There is the prominence given to saints in the book of Revelation and the honor roll in Hebrews 11. Such descriptions suggest that the church should rejoice in the faith of spiritual foremothers and forefathers. More immediately, our hearts are knit to those of our own families and congregation who have died, and in remembering them we are encouraged for our own faith, inspired to thank God for them, and called to see the value -- while the present time is still ours -- of loving one another.

Worship this Sunday, November 5, 9:30 AM EST.

Our worship theme will draw our attention to the extent of the church, including those who have already joined "a great cloud of witnesses." We will mention those from Second Church who have died in the past year. Pastor Doug's message, "Saints Beside Us" will be taken from Hebrews 11:32-12:3. The service will include the Lord's Supper (distributed) and Louise Slager will be our pianist. Our offerings will be for our General Fund and for the CRC's World Renew.

Young Life Club

Young Life Club will be meeting tomorrow night, November 2, at 7:56, at the Fremont Rec Center instead of tonight due to FHS Varsity Volleyball District game.

Stock the Pantry!

THANK YOU to all who "Stocked the Pantry" for the month of October. The Deacons were able to donate over 300 cans of vegetables and fruit to the TrueNorth Food Pantry. The pantry items needed for November are spaghetti sauce, pasta, and rice.

Thank You

Thank you to Second Church for raising \$270 to help Church World Service fight local and world hunger needs at the recent Fremont Area CROP Walk. The Fremont walk raised over \$12,500.

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 - December 3. 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 no later than December 3. 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.

Mission Moments

We are excited to have Dan Dorn from Mission India returning on November 12. We invite you to visit with Dan after the morning service in the Fireside Room. He will be bringing with him 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!

Meal Train

You have hopefully noticed a couple emails recently inviting you to join **2nd's Meal Train** following births in our congregation. While the idea of providing a meal is simple, the online part can be confusing. Here is some information to let you know more about what 2nd's Meal Train is and why we believe it is important.

What: 2nd's Meal Train was created to help our congregation organize and provide meals for one another who are going through significant life experiences such as births or surgeries.

When: With the help of the Shepherding Elders and Service Deacons, a coordinator will organize a Meal Train when a significant life experience happens within our care groups.

Why: Bringing meals has long been a way to provide outreach, give support and create a sense of community. It is our hope to do all of this within our church family by providing meals through 2nd's Meal Train.

How: An email will be sent out with a link to sign up for scheduled meals on mealtrain.com. There will also be a contact name and phone number included in the email for those who still wish to participate and provide a meal but would rather not schedule it electronically.

If you have any further questions, please contact Stephanie DeKuiper 414-5141 or Jane Wolffis 924-6591.

Clothing Drive for Contigo

Second CRC is collecting new underwear and socks to be brought to Ecuador in December in support of Contigo. The sizes needed are for children age 3 to 17 who are in the orphanages. There are collection boxes in the lobby of the church.

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).

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!