

2nd's Matters

February 7, 2018

- Pray for our Council's work of seeking nominees for serving as Elders and Deacons among us.
- Our Cadets are going sledding this evening at Branstrom Park. Pray that they have a great and a safe time in the snow!

Worship This Sunday, February 11

Pastor MacLeod will preach from Mark 6:6-30, "Two Kings, Two Kingdoms." Our offerings will be for the General Fund and Western Christian High School.

Lenten Worship in February

The Worship Committee will have a new worship banner for Lent.

Ash Wednesday, February 14: 7:00 pm service at First CRC

February 18: The First Sunday in Lent: Isaiah 53 "He Suffered"

February 25: The Second Sunday in Lent: Galatians 3:10-14 "He Was Crucified"

Mid-Week Bible Study

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY meets next Wednesday, February 14. Lesson guides for Judges 14-15 are available on the literature ledge in the lobby.

Lenten Men's Breakfast:

Friday, February 16, the first weekly breakfast will be held beginning at 7:00 am at the Fremont Wesleyan Church.

Friday, February 23, 7:00 am - Church of the Living Christ

Friday, March 2, 7:00 am - 1st Reformed

Stock the Pantry!

For February the Deacons request macaroni and cheese and tuna for donation to True North.

Welcome Shower

A crib is set up in the lobby of the church to welcome Case Boven, son of Ryan and Katie Boven, to the Second Church family and to shower him with gifts. The crib will be set up until February 19.

Baby Boven Meal Train

To welcome our newest little member Case Arie Boven born on January 22, and to lend his parents Ryan and Katie a hand, we would like to provide them with meals from our church family. To help minimize germ exposure with flu season in full force we will collect freezer meals and gift certificates to local restaurants at church for the family of three.

Please bring a freezer ready meal or gift certificate for a take-out meal to church on Sunday, February 11. If you wish to drop a meal off during the week there is room available in the freezer downstairs. Be sure to clearly label the container for "Baby Boven Meal Train."

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie DeKuiper, Gail Wagenmaker or Jane Wolffis.

IF: Fremont, 2018

The IF: Fremont is a two-day event for women to come together across generations, denominations, and cultures in our community to learn from each other and to be pointed to God. Our IF event will be held March 2-3 at the Dogwood Center for the Performing Arts. Registration is now open for everyone. If you have any questions please contact Chelsea Breuker or call the church office. To register please use the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/OSDerMeukaKclKnv2>

Community Events

CLC Deacon's Breakfast for Widows/Widowers

The Church of the Living Christ Deacons, at 605 Hemlock Street in Fremont, will be holding a breakfast on Saturday, February 10, at 9am for all widows & widowers. This is an "open" invitation to anyone in the Fremont area. We will be serving pancakes with assorted fruit toppings, breakfast casserole, bacon or sausage, and beverages. This meal is free of charge but we need you to sign up NO LATER than February 8 so we know how to plan. Please call 231-924-4670 to RSVP.

Nathan Wolford Scholarship Fund

As many of you know, Nathan Wolford, who attends First Reformed Church, and is a youth group leader at FRC, was seriously injured in a work-related accident that required the amputation of both legs. Nathan is going to college to pursue a career in Ministry. The leadership of FRC has established a scholarship fund to help with Nathan's college tuition. If you would like to contribute to this fund, you can send your donation to First Reformed Church and designate it for the "Nathan Wolford Scholarship Fund". If you would like to contribute using a Credit/Debit card or via a bank withdrawal, please visit the FRC website at www.frcfremont.org and click on "Give" on the top menu. Make sure to designate your gift to the Nathan Wolford Scholarship fund. If you have any questions contact FRC office 231-924-4950 or info@frcfremont.org.

MOSES (Making OurSelves Equipped Servants)

MOSES is seeking teens and adults to participate in two trips to help out folks affected by hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Dates are March 29-April 8. Cost is only \$375 for teens and \$265 for adult and teen leaders. See mosesweb.org for more information and registration instructions. Call Judy VanderArk at 616-949-0344 with any questions.

13th Annual Community EXPO

Please join us on Saturday, March 24th for the 13th Annual Community Expo, newly named the *Fremont Area Home & Garden Show*. This year's show will be taking place from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Fremont Middle School gymnasium.

*Whatever your cross, whatever your pain,
there will always be sunshine, after the rain....
Perhaps you may stumble, perhaps even fall;
But God's always ready, to answer your call....
He knows every heartache, sees every tear,
a word from His lips, can calm every fear...
Your sorrows may linger, throughout the night,
But suddenly vanish, by dawn's early light...
The savior is waiting, somewhere above,
to give you His grace, and send you His love.*

