

2nd's Matters

April 11, 2018

- **Chuck Witteveen** passed away on Monday, April 9. The visitation and funeral will be at Second Church on Monday, April 16, visitation from 10-11 AM and the funeral is at 11.
- **Geraldne (Gerry) Frens** passed away this morning. Arrangements are pending.
- **Ann Pell** is having her left hip replaced today.
- Please pray for **Eric Zerlaut**, great grandson of **Dirk and Bev Kolk**, who has a large blood clot in his heart.

From Your Pastor's Desk:

This week I am staying in a monastery. The meals are simple and my room is furnished with a single bed, a chair, and a desk. There is a bathroom and shower down the hall. The monk's gather for prayer seven times a day which includes hymns and singing the Psalms. Except for necessary communication, silence is the rule. It is a very quiet place set in the rural hills of Kentucky (www.monks.org) It's not for everyone, but it does work for me.

Sunday Worship, April 15:

In continuing with the theme of Easter our text will be John 20:24-31. Pastor Cindy de Jong's message will be, "What Proof Do You Need?" Our noisy coin offering will be for Hand2Hand, and our regular offerings will be for the General Fund and Fremont Christian School.

Noisy Coin Offering, April 15: Hand2Hand Fremont

The Noisy Coin Offering will be collecting change for Hand2Hand Fremont this April - June. Hand2Hand is an organization new to Fremont that provides meals for students in need over the weekends. With over 60% of Daisy Brook students alone qualifying for free and reduced school breakfasts and lunches, local churches and volunteers are donating food, money, their time and prayers to send home nutritious meals when students in need don't always have access to them. We are excited to help get this program off the ground locally. Please see a deacon if you have any questions about the program!

Special Envelope Offering

April 22 – Western Michigan Christian High School

April 29 – Cadets

May 6 – Christian Education Fund

Praise Team Participants, April 15

The Worship Team will be holding a time of instruction and Q&A on our new Planning Center system for Worship planning and volunteer scheduling. We will meet following the morning worship service in the sanctuary for all of the praise team participants.

Mobile Food Truck, April 18

The mobile food truck will be at Second Church Wednesday, April 18. Volunteers are needed from 4:15 to 5:30 PM. Please sign the sheet on the literature ledge of the church.

Senior Brunch, April 29

Attention Seniors: The Deacons will be holding a Soup & Salad Luncheon and a time of fellowship following the service and coffee on Sunday, April 29 (approximately 11:30). Members and guests are ALL welcome! In order to help our planning, please sign up on the sheet on the literature ledge.

Lakeside Severance

On behalf of the disbanded Lakeside congregation, Second Church has taken on the responsibility of administering a severance package for Rev. de Jong which Lakeside, our Council, and Classis Muskegon have all approved. Contributions towards this fund are most welcome. Please make checks payable to Second CRC with a note that it is for "Lakeside severance."

Stock the Pantry!

During April the Deacons request canned fruit and vegetables for donation to the True North Food Pantry.

Did You Know?

Our church website contains video recordings of our Sunday messages; they can be found at: <http://secondcrcfremont.org/category/sermon-videos/>

Community Events

Fremont Christian School Canter Run 5K

The CANter 5k run/walk will take place on Saturday, April 14 at 10:00 am! The cost is \$10 + a bag of food donations for TRUENorth Community Services (checks can be made payable to Fremont Christian School). All who are registered by Friday, April 6 are guaranteed a t-shirt! Register either in person at the FCS office or by emailing Joel DeHaan at jdehaan@fremontchristian.org.

CureUs Ministry

We are bringing the Break Through Tour, Saturday, April 14, 6 pm, to Fremont High School which includes two bands: Unspoken and Citizen Way. We are also welcoming Jason Fowler to share his story and music with us. Tickets are now on sale with I-Tickets for \$13.00 or \$8.00 for 10+ and are sold locally at the Rec Center for \$10.

Fremont Christian School Annual Auction, Friday, April 20.

Dinner and Silent Auction begin at 5:30 PM and the Live Auction will begin at 7:00 PM at the Fremont Christian School gymnasium, 208 Hillcrest. Come out for a delicious meal, and a great auction! You will find a list of some of the many items on our auction on the ledge in the foyer.

Newaygo County Right to Life

Will hold an educational dinner at The Shack in White Cloud on April 30 at 6 PM. Cost is \$16.00 and the speaker will be Right to Life of Michigan's Legislative Director Ed Rivet. For information or tickets, call Dee DeKryger 924-0259.

Attention All Fishermen

The Calvinist Cadet Corps is hosting its sixteenth annual fishing tournament to raise funds to support its ministry – helping boys grow spiritually in all areas of life. The fishing tournament will be held on Saturday, June 2, at Gun Lake State Park in southwest Michigan. For more information, call the Corps office at 616-241-5616 ext 4, or check out the Cadet website under the “Events” tab. Everyone is welcome! Registration forms are available from our Cadet club's head counselor Steve Wagenmaker, or you can register at our website: www.CalvinistCadets.org. Lunch will be served at noon. Join us for a fun filled day!

Pastor Doug: A Quote From a Book I Read

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.”

— **Thomas Merton, Thoughts in Solitude**, p. 83