

# 2<sup>nd</sup>'s Matters

May 9, 2018

## From Your Pastor's Desk:

Having completed four years of military service with the Marines **Jonathan Yonker** is scheduled to be released today. He has seen duty in Okinawa, Tokyo, Diego Garcia and South Korea. Before he makes it back home he is going to do some traveling and camping out west. Along with his family, we are thankful for his safety, his service, and we look forward to his homecoming!

## Ascension Day Worship, Thursday, May 10:

Second CRC hosts a combined worship service with the area CRCs on Ascension Day, at 7:00 PM. Come celebrate the ascension of our Lord in worship. Pastor MacLeod offers a message from Acts 1:6-14, "AAA Benefits." Our offerings are for the Fremont Service Committee.

## Ascension Sunday Worship, May 13:

The message will be based on Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and 2 Timothy 1:5-14, "A Better Story." Braden DeWeerd contributes a piano version of "In Christ Alone" as an offertory, and our offerings will be for the General Fund and Resonate Global Missions (formerly CR World Missions and Home Missions).

## Our Church Family:

Continue to remember in prayer those family members who have been dealing with the death of loved ones in recent weeks: **Chuck Witteveen, Gerry Frens, Alden Sneller.**

**Jim Deur** is receiving rehabilitation at Marywood Health Center in Grand Rapids; and **Ann Pell** continues with her rehabilitation at the Newaygo Medical Care Facility.

Pray for safety during the outdoor season of sports for many of our youths and for farmers spending long hours planting.

## Congregational Meeting:

The 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting is on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:00 PM. The agenda and budget packet will be in your mail boxes by Friday.

## Graduation Booklets:

Calling all soon-to-be graduates and parents! We want to celebrate your graduation with you by putting together our annual graduate's booklet! Please check your email for an information sheet (sent to the 8th, 12th, and college graduate's parents) and return it to Zach Van Wyk by May 13.

## Search Committee:

The Administrative Team invites the interest of members of the congregation to participate on a search committee for our next Music/Worship Director. Please contact Council president Ken Wolffis if you would like to serve Second Church by being on this committee.

A statement on our use of worship through music has been prepared: The musical direction of our congregation continues to be blended worship which mixes contemporary songs with traditional hymns, includes a variety of instruments, and invites participation from the congregation. These styles of worship acknowledge the variance in tastes of music within our church and incorporates feedback from across generations

## Church Potluck

**Reserve the date, Sunday, May 20, for a church potluck.** We will celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness through another church year by enjoying good food and fellowship in the basement fellowship hall. Everyone, members and guests, is invited and we encourage everyone to come. If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a cold dish. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a hot dish. Please bring generous portions so that there is plenty for everyone. Rolls, drinks, dessert and paper products will be provided. We will eat at 11:30 am following the completion of the church school classes. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy God's good gifts.

## **IF Gathering re-watch**

Tuesday's (May 15) Bible study does not build on last week, so if your schedule is free at 6:30, join us in re-watching IF Gathering speakers Rebekah Lyons and Vivian Mabuni. You'll be so blessed as we talk about not having a spirit of fear, but a sound mind and you'll be challenged to invest time studying the Word. Bring your Bible and a pencil ~ We'll see you in the sanctuary.

## **Stock the Pantry!**

Thank you to all who donated canned fruit and vegetables to the True North Food pantry in April. It totaled 77 lbs. For the month of May, the Deacons request spaghetti sauce and pasta/rice for donation.

## **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**

### **Love INC**

Love INC is seeking teachers and volunteers with a heart for Jesus and a desire for relationships with his people. We are currently in need of teachers for a 14-week Boundaries class (curriculum and PowerPoints available), a 7-week Bible Study as well as teachers and mentors for our finance class. Our next classes will start on Monday, June 23 and we'd love to have you join us! If you are interested, or would just like to have more information, please call Laurie at (231) 652-4099 ext. 125 or email at [lauriep@loveincnewaygo.com](mailto:lauriep@loveincnewaygo.com)

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### **Pastor Doug: A Quote From a Book I Read** *Mandate to Difference*, by Walter Brueggemann

“It turns out that the one who has ascended into power is not transcendent in remoteness, is not splendid in indifference, but is deeply in touch with the reality of the earth where money and power and social leverage and differentiation of gender, race, and class leave some dangerously exposed. This father-God to whom we pray “our father” rides the clouds not as a joy-rider, but rather to be in a position to see and to know and to care and to intervene and to feed and to heal and to forgive and to reconcile and to liberate. It turns out that ascension, whereby God is celebrated in power, is a claim that the earth is ordered differently because of the one who governs it.”