

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

June 20, 2018

## Christian Education Fund Projected Giving Drive

You will find a letter along with a pledge card in your church mailboxes for our Annual Pledge Drive for Christian Education. Please use the pledge card to let us know how much you are willing to pledge to this church ministry for the 2018/2019 school year. We anticipate having at least 30 children utilizing this program at a cost of approximately \$165,000. There is a box in the church lobby for you to place your card in by July 1. Please contact Ken Wolffis with any questions at 924-6591.

## Faith Promise Sunday

Next Sunday, June 24 is Faith Promise Sunday. It happens only once a year and it is a very special Sunday for our 2<sup>nd</sup> church family. You will be receiving brochures and pledge cards will be made available. You will be invited and encouraged to either renew a mission giving commitment from a prior year or to become a new Faith Promise supporter.

Your commitment is between you and the Lord. You don't sign your pledge card and no one will be following up with you. Completed pledge cards may be placed in the offering plates starting on June 24.

Faith Promise enables us as a church family to financially share in the overall support that our missionaries receive and to give to mission organizations that work directly with people around the world to spread the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ and also to meet physical needs for food, shelter, medical care and much more...all in the name of Jesus.

The Outreach committee has set a goal for the 2018-2019 giving year, but making it happen is up to all of us! Outreach would love to increase the annual funding to each currently supported missionary or mission organization, but we can do that only if the money comes in. Please ask the Lord to show you as a family, couple or individual how you can be a part of Faith Promise giving. Then, let's wait in expectation as to what the Lord will do at 2<sup>nd</sup> church through our missions giving!

## From the library

Thank you to those who have filled out our survey. There is still time to turn yours in! The more feedback we receive, the more we are helped in building the collection and making the library what you, our church family, would like for it to be.

We use the "honor system" and checking out a book is very easy. There's a checkout sheet on the top of the bookcase in the library. Simply write down the date, your name and the book title. When you return your item, just place it in the large basket by the bookcase. Future plans call for better signage, good publicity and more materials, that will all be well labeled for ease in finding what you want.

## Stock the Pantry!

For the month of June the Deacons request soup and crackers for donation to the True North food pantry.

## Community

### Bethany CRC in Muskegon

Please pray for the congregation and staff of Bethany CRC in Muskegon. Their interim pastor, Rev. Sid Sybenga, had a heart attack on Monday while running in Grand Rapids. Pastor Sybenga is stable for now, remains in ICU and is surrounded with family. Please keep Pastor Synbenga and Bethany CRC in your thoughts and prayers over the coming weeks.

### CureUs July Events

CureUs has scheduled two events this summer to bring the gospel to our community during our National Baby Food Festival. Wednesday, July 18, 2018 Singer/songwriter and Atlanta Native Jason Fowler will be performing and sharing his addiction recovery story - about God's grace and mercy. He recently shared a limited part of his redemption story to 3 local schools but on his return he will be able to share MORE of the change that was made his life NEW.

On Sunday, July 22, CureUs will be again sponsoring the Sunday evening Community Worship service. It also begins at 7:00 at the Veterans Memorial Park and will be led by the worship team from Resonate from Newaygo.

The heart of CureUs is to bring many denominations together and Worship the same Jesus. You can find us on Facebook: [Facebook.com/CureUsOnline](https://www.facebook.com/CureUsOnline) and our website is: [www.CureUsMinistry.org](http://www.CureUsMinistry.org)