

2nd's Matters

October 3, 2018

From Your Pastor's Desk:

Every Sunday there is a 2 pm service for the residents at the Newaygo Medical Care Facility. For decades Second Church has been arraigning these services, sending members as listed in our bulletin, and in many cases members of Second Church offer a meditation. A week ago this past Sunday a local pastor, who was out of town, remembered his obligation when the service was ready to begin! Providentially, Mary Boven was there and she found herself given the unexpected opportunity to offer a meditation -- which she did! Yeah Mary!

Worship This Sunday, October 7

For World Communion Sunday we will share in the sacrament of Communion and we will welcome Lunfei Lui to our pulpit. Lunfei (aka Luke, a graduate student at Calvin Theological Seminary), will preach from Jonah 4, "God's Extended Compassion." Our offerings will be for the General Fund and for the Christian Education Fund.

Our Church Family:

Marian Homan had her left knee successfully replaced on Monday at Spectrum-Gerber Hospital. She expects to be home later this week and will be receiving physical therapy at home.

Classis Muskegon:

Last Thursday Classis met all day at the Fellowship CRC in Big Rapids. Included in the work of the day was the adoption of these four goals as a part of the 2018-19 Classis Ministry Plan:

1. That every church be engaged in one process or program of renewal by the beginning of 2020.
2. That every church identify and engage in one community ministry that will allow the church to make a greater impact in its neighborhood by the beginning of 2020.
3. That we commit to beginning 2 new ministries within the bounds of Classis over the next five years.
4. That we commit to setting aside time in each Classis meeting to learn more about moving toward church health, to share the journeys we are experiencing in the process, and to pray together.

Our Council's Administrative Committee's discussion will be informed by these classical goals as we meet on the afternoon of Sunday October 21 to discuss goals for our own congregation.

Thank you

We want to offer heartfelt thanks for all the gifts and meals given to our family to celebrate Henning's birth last month! The people of this church are truly a blessing. Our family is so grateful. Thank you!

Kyle, Jessica, Anders, Ellis, and Henning Folkema

Meal Train

You are invited to help shower Hayleigh Deur and Quentin Junod with meals as they welcome and adjust to their new daughter, Emma. We are using the online app mealtrain.com to schedule these meals. It has the dates to sign up for plus any other information you might need. Please consider helping us serve them in the name of Christ by serving them a meal as they welcome their daughter into their home. You can click on the link <https://mealtrain.com/vw0mz6> or contact Stephanie DeKuiper at 231-414-5141 if you'd like to participate.

Welcome Shower Crib

A crib is set up in the lobby of the church to welcome Emma Josephine, daughter of Hayleigh Deur and Quentin Junod, to the Second Church family and 'shower' her with gifts. The crib will be set up until October 21.

GEMS: October 3

Calling all girls ages first through fifth grades! The GEMS kickoff is tonight at 6:30 PM at Trinity CRC. The theme this year is "Be a Blessing!" We are excited to see what we will learn, and how we will be used to be a blessing! Parents please plan on registering your daughters then. See you there! If you have any questions, please contact Kara Buter at 231-750-3999.

Cadets: October 3

Cadets kickoff meeting is tonight from 6-8 PM (note the earlier time) at the Dunning's farm (6716 W. 32nd, Fremont). Similar to past years, we will get together for some capture the flag, rocket launching, and a bonfire. Dads are welcome to join us for the kickoff.

Crop Walk: October 7

The Fremont Hunger Crop Walk to fight local and world hunger will be on Sunday, October 7, at 1:30 PM starting at the Disciples of Christ Church, 10 East Elm. There will be a soup and roll lunch served prior to the walk at 12:45 PM. Did you know that \$1 buys \$10 of groceries for the poor? Did you know that \$15 buys 10 jerry cans of water to insure that water is offered without contamination? Walkers can pick up and sign out a donation envelope from the literature ledge or place a donation in Bruce Essebagers' mailbox.

Movie Night: October 12

Movie night is coming to Second Church. On Friday, October 12, *Paddington 2* will be shown sponsored by the Outreach Committee. There will be pizza at 6 PM in the lobby and the movie starts at 6:30. Bring your family and invite your friends and neighbors and come and join us!

Mobile Food Truck: October 17

The Mobile Food Truck will be at Second Church Wednesday, October 17. Volunteers are needed from 4:15 to 5:30 PM. Please sign the sheet on the literature ledge.

Stock the Pantry!

Thank you very much for all the donations of peanut butter and jelly in September. A total of 152 pounds was brought to TrueNorth for the pantry.

For the month of October the Deacons request canned fruit and vegetables for donation to the TrueNorth food pantry.

Free To Good Homes:

Second Church has many chairs with metal frames and wooden seats to give away. If you are interested in taking a few or more, please call the church office, 924-0170 or email seconcrfremont@gmail.com

Community

Love and Logic: October 8

Get ready to laugh, learn, and put the fun back into parenting! Want to stay calm when your kids are pushing your buttons? Want them to listen the first time you ask? Want to avoid power struggles over chores? Parenting the Love and Logic Way™ has solutions! Only successful approaches stand the test of time. THIS approach has been around for 40 years!

New class begins Oct. 8. Class is six consecutive Monday evenings from 7 to 9 concluding Nov. 12, at the Fremont Rec Center, Outpost Room; cost is \$50 per couple or single.

Insight Pregnancy Services

Insight Pregnancy Services is offering a prospective volunteer gathering on Saturday, October 20 from 10:00-12:00. Our Client Services Coordinator is putting together an informational gathering for those interested in partnering with Insight Pregnancy Services. You can stop by anytime between 10:00 and 12:00. We are always in need of great volunteers in order to keep our services fully functioning and thriving.

Pastor Doug: A Quote from a Book I Read

"A good shoe is a shoe you don't notice....The perfect church service would be one we were almost unaware of: our attention would have been on God.

But every novelty prevents this. It fixes our attention on the service itself, and thinking about worship is a different thing from worshipping..."

-- C. S. Lewis, *Letters to Malcolm*, pp. 4-5.