

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

November 14, 2018

## From Your Pastor's Desk:

Our Music Director Search Committee recently had an applicant withdraw from consideration. The committee's efforts continue while we wait and pray for the Lord's provision and timing. In the meantime, our musicians have been extending themselves greatly in serving us and our appreciation for their efforts is appropriate, especially in this season of Thanksgiving.

## Worship This Sunday, November 18:

Psalm 1 will serve as Pastor MacLeod's text for "Happy?" Our offerings will include a noisy coin offering for mosquito nets for the Karin Medical Clinic in Uganda, and for the General Fund and Resonate Global Mission.

## All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner, this Sunday, November 18:

Join in this annual festive feast at 11:30. Sign-up sheets are still in the lobby for bringing warm vegetables, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, cheesy potatoes, salad, dessert or pie.

## Thanksgiving Day worship, November 22:

We will gather for worship at 9:30 on Thanksgiving Day. Pastor Doug is preparing a message from Acts 14:8-18, "Can You Give Me Directions?"

## Our Church Family:

**Bill Sneller's** back is significantly better and he expects to return to his Raybrook apartment by this weekend, and he anticipates going to Florida after Thanksgiving.

## Thank You

The girls and I would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support from all of you. The diapers and meals are amazing as the girls and I navigate our new normal. We are blessed to be a part of this amazing congregation. Love, Ashlyn Volz and the girls

Thank you for the prayers and concern for Janet as she continues to work on her recovery! She will be at Spectrum Health Rehabilitation for a couple of weeks. We are thankful for her recovery thus far and thankful for the support and love shown by you. Paul & Janet Keehl & Family

Thank you to everyone who contributed Christmas cards for the Crossroad Prison Ministries' "Send-A-Card Program." 180 cards were donated and these will now be included with the lessons of the students in time for Christmas.

## Annual FYSH Poinsettia Sale:

The poinsettia(s) which you order can be used either as decoration in the church for the Christmas season or may be taken home on November 30. The money and orders forms must be in by **November 19** for guaranteed pick up on November 30, but late orders will be accepted. Proceeds from the sale of poinsettias will go towards helping students be a part of a mission trip experience. Any questions? Contact Zach.

## Christmas Shoe Boxes for ARO (Appalachia Reach Out)

We have the opportunity to fill Christmas boxes for children in Inez, KY served by ARO. We have a few boxes left in the lobby with information on ages and necessary instructions. Boxes need to be filled, wrapped, and returned by Sunday, November 25. Remember you just need to wrap the container but not the individual items in the container. Thank you for reaching out in the name of Christ to children in Kentucky who will be delighted to receive a box of fun things...just for them!

## Kids Hope

There are 168 hours in each week; assuming you sleep 8 hours every night, that leaves 112 hours in your week. Don't you have time to give just one of those to a child who needs a special friend? We now have two children still waiting for a mentor. Thanks for considering this!!

## **New books for the library**

Here are some of the new books that will be ready for checking out this Sunday. Look for them on a table in the lobby area. A checkout sheet will be there for your convenience.

Beautiful in God's Eyes: The Treasures of the Proverbs 31 Woman – Elizabeth George  
Becoming a Woman Who Knows God by Name – Jan Harrison  
Demolishing Strongholds: Finding Victory over the Struggles that Hold You Back – Johnny Hunt  
The Masterpiece – Francine Rivers (fiction)  
The Prayer Box – Lisa Wingate (fiction)  
A Passionate Hope – Jill Smith (fiction)  
The Power of a Praying Husband – Stormie Omartian  
The Prodigal Prophet: Jonah and the Mystery of God's Mercy – Timothy Keller  
Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus – Nabeel Qureshi  
10 Commitments for Dads – Josh McDowell

## **Financial Need at the Karin Medical Clinic**

Karin Medical Clinic in Gulu, Uganda is in a deficit financial situation and needs about \$8,000. The Outreach Committee is encouraging friends and members of 2nd Church to give a special gift to help erase this deficit. Your gift should go through 2nd Church and your check should indicate that it is for the "special need at the clinic". All funds received through individual gifts are over and above the annual \$4,000.00 of support that we send to the clinic through our Faith Promise giving.

## **IF: Fremont**

Are you ready? It's coming back! A day of renewal...A day of challenge...A day of being reaffirmed in what God says. IF: Fremont 2019 is a one-day women's conference where we'll learn to rely on the wisdom of God rather than our own understanding. Mark your calendars for March 9, 2019 at the Dogwood Center. If you'd like to be added to our email blast and get all our updates first (including when registration opens), please send your name and email address to: ifgatheringfremont@gmail.com. Registration for 2nd CRC will open December 23, 2018.

## **Stock the Pantry!**

For the month of November, the Deacons request spaghetti sauce and pasta or rice for donation to the TrueNorth food pantry.

## **Community**

### **Western Michigan Christian High School Theatre, November 16 & 17**

Western Michigan Christian's theatre production of *A Little Piece of Heaven* will be performed in the Big Room at 7:30 this Friday and Saturday night. Tickets can be purchased in the office or at the door the night of the performance. Adults: \$6 / Students: \$4.

### **Western Michigan Christian High School Chamber Choir, December 2**

First CRC of Fremont will host the Chamber Choir from Western Michigan Christian High School for the Sunday evening worship service at 6:00 pm on December 2. The choir will lead worship in music.

## **Bible League**

Bible League Volunteers of Newaygo County *thank you* for the financial support of \$7,167.32 through the Love Letter campaign and church offerings taken this past fiscal year (Oct 1 - Sept 30). That has provided 1,433 Bibles to **waiting** Christian sisters & brothers in Latin America! The impact is greater than that as each Bible reaches 5 people! Praise God for your generosity and your prayers for those who receive the Bibles.

### **Pastor Doug: A Quote from a Book I Read**

"But I don't see any way out of it: if we are going to live appropriately in the creation, we must keep the Sabbath. We must stop running around long enough to see what he has done and is doing. We must shut-up long enough to hear what he has said and is saying. All our ancestors agree that without silence and stillness there is no spirituality, no God-attentive, God-responsive life."

-- Eugene Peterson, *Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places*, p.117