

2nd's Matters

November 7, 2018

From Your Pastor's Desk:

Harold Visscher is the one who first told me about the local settlement on the south side of Fremont (by Croswell and highway 82) that used to be known as Bishop. Harold used to worship in the church that was there. Others have told me about the settlement northeast of Fremont on the railroad line halfway to White Cloud known as Wooster. When the snow was deep and the roads were impassable to carriages folks could still walk the five miles to school or church in Fremont by following the railroad tracks which had been cleared by passing trains. Inter-generational stories enrich us all, especially stories of life and faith. Do you have a story from yesterday or yesteryear that you could tell someone?

Worship This Sunday, November 11:

Eric and Ellie Geers will present Addi and Amelia for baptism and Genesis 3:1-9 will be our text for the message, "Where Are You?" Our offerings will be for our General Fund and for the Karin Medical Clinic.

Our Church Family:

Bill Sneller has been suffering from back pain due to compression fractures in his vertebrae. Monday he had a procedure done and now he is receiving a few days of therapy at Raybrook in Grand Rapids before he plans on returning to his apartment at Raybrook.

Harold Visscher passed away last weekend at the age of 96. A funeral service will be held for him in our sanctuary tomorrow, Thursday, November 8, at 11 am. There will be visitation in the lobby from 10 to 11 and a luncheon afterwards in the fellowship hall.

Paul Keehl's wife Janet has shown some recent improvement following her head injury from a fall. Paul expects her to be moved to a rehabilitation facility in Grand Rapids later this week.

All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner, Next Sunday, November 18, 11:30 am.

Join in on this annual festive feast. Sign-up on the sheets in the lobby for bringing warm vegetables, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, cheesy potatoes, salad, dessert or pie.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the many wonderful meals delivered and the showering of gifts for Emma! We have been overwhelmed by the love and support this church has shown to us in welcoming Emma Jo. We are so grateful for everyone's generosity and prayers! Hayleigh Deur & Quinten, Aubree, and Emma Junod

Christmas Send-A-Card Program

Second Church has the opportunity to again provide Christmas cards for those prisoners involved in the Crossroads Prison Ministries Bible study program. Flyers with instructions were in your mailboxes and are also by the marked box in the lobby. All cards may be deposited in the marked box. Deadline is **this Sunday, November 11**. Questions? Contact Karen Admiraal (335-2285).

2nd Sunday Adult Education

Plan now to attend our first Second Sunday meeting this coming Sunday. We will learn how the superintendent of the Fremont School system and the principal of Fremont Christian view their communities and serve the children in their community. We will begin at 10:55 and finish at 11:30 in the room in the east corner of the lobby by the coffee area. Hope to see you there.

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!

Financial Need at the Karin Medical Clinic

Karin Medical Clinic in Gulu, Uganda is in a deficit financial situation and currently 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. The Deacons assigned the special envelope offering this Sunday, November 11 for Karin Medical Clinic.

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 this one-day conference on March 9, 2019 at the Dogwood. 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

Veterans Breakfast

First CRC is honoring and celebrating the Veterans of our community. Veterans, along with their spouses, are invited to a special Veterans Breakfast on Sunday, November 11, from 7:30-9:00 (721 Hillcrest).

First CRC

First CRC invites you to two special evening worship services. On Sunday, November 11, West Michigan Teen Challenge will lead worship in music and testimony. West Michigan Teen Challenge works with people overcoming addiction through the power of Jesus. On Sunday, December 2, the Chamber Choir from Western Michigan Christian High School will lead worship in music. Both services begin at 6:00 pm.

Western Michigan Christian High School Theatre, November 16 & 17

Be sure to reserve November 16 & 17 to attend Western Michigan Christian's theatre production of *A Little Piece of Heaven* performed in the Big Room at 7:30 both nights. Tickets can be purchased in the office or at the door the night of the performance. Adults: \$6 / Students: \$4.

Pastor Doug: A Quote from a Book I Read

"One night, at least one bomb hit the bridge over the downtown portion of the Meuse River, and it blew with an explosion that caused Max to think the world was coming to an end for him, His barrack was only a half a block away from the bridge. He had never experienced anything like it. He indicated, "One beam from the bridge penetrated the downtown buildings such that it pierced a large hole through a series of walls of the shops for a couple of blocks long." Max indicated that, "I was never so frightened"

-- Richard Wolters, *We Were United Then. WWII Memoir of Maxwell L. Jordan*, p.73