

2nd's Matters

February 13, 2019

From Your Pastor's Desk: Cathy notices it when people pronounce things a bit off like "infastructure" and "nuculer." Maybe this past Sunday morning some of you heard me mispronounce a South American country in the congregational prayer. I didn't even know I had done it until I got home and then we both had a good laugh. You see, this week baseball's Spring training camps are opening for pitchers and catchers. It means the long season of lesser sports can be put aside, and for now, there is hope for America to be great again! So my brain pulled a clever one on me and instead of praying for the country of Venezuela we prayed for Valenzuela! Did you catch that Sunday morning? Cathy did. Fernando pitched in the Major Leagues for 17 years. Good thing the Holy Spirit interprets our prayers!

Sunday Worship, February 17

Not only is salvation a gift of God, but also our faith is a gift of God's initiative. The "T" of the Doctrines of Grace: FAITH, stands for Transformed by the Holy Spirit. Pastor Doug will be preaching from 1 Corinthians 2:10-14, and our offerings will be for our General Fund, Wellspring Adult Day Services, and Noisy coin for Insight Pregnancy Services.

Mid-Week Bible Study, Wednesday, February 13, 2 PM:

We will continue our discussion of Reformed: What It Means, Why It Matters. Read pages 49-51, but even if you don't read it, feel free to come and join in our discussion on our being called into the church and into the world.

Our Church Family:

Please continue to pray for those who are healing from surgeries or sickness and those who are home-bound.

Thank You

Thanks to all who sent cards and prayed for me when I had my shoulder replacement surgery. Special thanks to Pastor Doug and Karen for your calls and concerns for me. I appreciate Second Church and our God is so good.

Jean Sneller

Council Nominations

The Council is accepting nominations for new Council members to serve a 3-year term starting in July 2019. Please inform Matt Mellema, Council president, if you would like to serve or would like to nominate someone.

Stock the Pantry!

For the month of February, the Deacons request macaroni and cheese, canned meat (tuna, chicken).

Community

Fremont Young Life's 45th Anniversary

You are cordially invited to join us for a club and dessert banquet to celebrate Fremont Young Life's 45th Anniversary on Wednesday, February 20, at 7:56 in the club room on the second floor of the Fremont Rec Center. Come casual, to have some fun, and hear more about the work Young Life is doing in Fremont.

Black History Month:

Sunday, February 24 at 3:00 PM, The Angel Community Church (CRC), 446 Ada Ave, Muskegon, invites us to join them for an afternoon of history, reflection, and inspiration in a celebration of African American history. Dr. John Mondy and the praise team of the African Community Fellowship CRC in Grand Rapids will be leading the program.

GriefShare

Widowed? Help is here and hope is possible! Do you dread the lonely days and nights? Wonder what to do with your spouse's belongings? Feel like your brain is in a fog? Unsure of how you'll go on? At the Loss of a Spouse Seminar you'll discover the answers to these and much more. Please attend on Tuesday, February 26 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at First CRC, 721 Hillcrest. You can call ahead, but it's not mandatory, to register at 231-924-2460.

Wellspring Adult Day Services Fundraiser, March 23

Wellspring Adult Day Services invites you to the "FILL THE WELL" Dinner Fundraiser at The Commons of Fremont on March 23 at 6:30 PM. Come and enjoy a great meal and learn more about the Wellspring mission. Ticket cost is \$50 per person, buy a single ticket or purchase a whole table and invite your friends. Limited seating; please call Tammy Cowley at 231.638.8786 to reserve your seat and choose your entrée. Entrees available: prime rib, herb and parmesan crusted white fish, crusted chicken cordon bleu and eggplant parmesan (vegetarian option). All proceeds will be used to continue our mission to provide safe, stimulating, Christian care for senior adults and respite for their caregivers.

Camp Tall Turf

Attention all contractors: Camp Tall Turf, 6947 East Scout Road, Walkerville MI 49459, is a summer camp dedicated to ministry and racial reconciliation. We are putting together a capital campaign to improve our facilities, and looking for local businesses to help. We are looking at new windows, doors, roofs, bathroom fixtures, vehicles, and more. Please contact David Brassler at 616-834-1967 for more information.

Pastor Doug: A Quote from a Book I Read

"To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God. It is what we need more than anything."

— Timothy Keller, *The Meaning of Marriage*

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