

2nd's Matters

February 27, 2019

From Your Pastor's Desk:

Labels get created and used even when they are not always quite accurate. For example, the moniker "praise team" is applied to instrumentalists and vocalists who lead congregations in music. Worship includes praise, of course, but it also includes other aspects of worship which are expressed through music, such as, confession, lament, intercession, supplication, or thanksgiving. Think about it: If the congregation is employing a song for the confession of sin, or for expressing lament, or our need for forgiveness does the praise team lead us? Without any apparent change, our praise team can switch, as needed, to a confession team and then to a supplication team and later back to a praise team. Be thankful they are such a talented group!

Sunday Worship, March 3

As a prologue to Lent, this Sunday we will consider Jesus' arrival at the temple in Jerusalem -- where the sins of the people are atoned for. Jesus will be replacing the temple as he himself will be the complete and final sacrifice for sins. Mark 11:15-19 will be our text for Pastor MacLeod's message, "Heart and Soul," and we will share in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Our offerings will be for the General Fund and World Renew Disaster Response Services.

Ash Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 pm

The CRCs of Fremont will share an Ash Wednesday worship service held here at Second CRC. A traditional observing of the beginning of Lent, this 40-minute service of meditation will include scripture readings, songs, and an invitation to receive an ash mark on your forehead. All are welcomed.

2nd Sunday

Join us for March's 2nd Sunday on March 10. Aimee Breuker, daughter of this congregation and Dave and Chris Breuker, will be speaking to us about her work at the Children's Advocacy Center of Ottawa County. This center works with children on abuse prevention and intervention. Come learn more about her work in this area; something not pleasant to think about, but necessary to learn about.

Our Church Family:

John Mellema came home from the hospital this past Saturday and is recovering well from his concussion.

Win Kolk will be celebrating her 95th birthday on Saturday, March 2. Her address is c/o Royal Atrium Inn, 400 Parkside Drive # 209, Zeeland, MI 49464 if you would like to send her birthday wishes.

Attention Church Volunteers

Are you interested in spending time with other church volunteers to pause and celebrate the many people who make ministry possible? **Inspire 2019** is a 3-day event in Windsor, Ontario on August 1-3. Join others from across our denomination and choose from over 75 ministry workshops, listen to dynamic keynote speakers, and connect with people from more than 1,000 CRC congregations. Information can be found at crcna.org/Inspire or on the literature ledge in the narthex.

Stock the Pantry!

For the month of February, the Deacons request macaroni and cheese, canned meat (tuna, chicken). Starting in March, the Deacons are requesting peanut butter and jelly.

Community

GriefShare

GriefShare will begin a new session on Tuesday, March 5. We welcome any adult who has lost a loved one to attend a GriefShare group. This non-denominational 13-week course offers help and support for the grieving. Each class is unique, focused on a DVD featuring grief experts and real-life stories. A \$10 fee is for your personal workbook, which you will use to help and guide you in your healing. There is an open-door policy and you may join at any time. Sessions will be consecutive Tuesdays beginning March 5 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Registration at First CRC Fremont (231-924-2460 or firstcrcfremont.org) is helpful but not required.

Feed My Starving Children

Feed My Starving Children is once again organizing a weekend to pack 108,000 meals for God's children around the world. On Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23 we are invited to be among the five hundred volunteers who will meet at TrueNorth to pack meals to Feed His Starving Children. Email Linda Ackerman at lackerman2@comcast.net or visit the website fmsc.org/mobilepack to register you and your family.

MOSES

MOSES (Making OurSelves Equipped Servants) is accepting registrations for two trips:
March 28 - April 6 to Panama City, Florida for hurricane recovery
July 9-21 to Ensenada Baja, Mexico for VBS, construction and sewing classes
Teens age 14 or at least 9th grade are welcome. There is also a need for adults to drive, mentor, and chaperone. Contact Judy VanderArk at 616-949-0344 or mosesjudy@gmail.com

Pastor Doug: A Quote from a Book I Read

Cathy and I both just finished Sue Monk Kidd's "*The Invention of Wings*," a historical fiction novel which takes place in the early 1800's in Charleston, SC. It is a story of the South's institutionalization of slavery as a "way of life" and efforts to change it. It prompted me to think that there are those who value singing primarily as a means for our hearts to express joy and praise and that it is to be done with excitement and enthusiasm in order for it to be authentic worship. However, in cultural contrast, Frederick Douglass wrote how singing for slaves was an essential expression of their aching hearts. So in recognition of February as Black History Month here is a quote by Frederick Douglass:

"I have often been utterly astonished, since I came to the north, to find persons who could speak of the singing among slaves, as evidence of their contentment and happiness. It is impossible to conceive of a greater mistake. Slaves sing most when they are most unhappy. The songs of the slave represent the sorrows of his heart; and he is relieved by them, only as an aching heart is relieved by its tears."

[*Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*](#), chapter 3

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