

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

February 6, 2019

## From Your Pastor's Desk:

Last week I invited your guess as to how many different songs we have sung in worship over the past year. The answer is 198. Turns out that 200 is recommended for congregations on an annual basis for enough variety without too much repetition. In worship planning we seek to use both widely and more narrowly familiar songs; thus some are sung with greater ease and others with greater effort. Since singing is a means of confessing what we believe we place a priority on singing only songs which are theologically sound. It is good if each Sunday we have a classic song as well as a more recent one. Additionally, each Sunday we want to select songs which are consistent with the theme of worship for the day and particular songs need to fit with their placement in the service. Overall, weekly song selection takes some thoughtful effort. Even so, it happens sometimes that in retrospect we think we could have done better! If you would like to assist in some worship/music planning let me know.

## Sunday Worship, February 10:

God's love is very purposeful and effective, which is the theme for the third message on the Doctrines of Grace: "FAITH: Intentional Atonement." 1 John 4:9-10 will be our scripture text. Our offerings will be for the General Fund and Young Life (local).

## Cancellations due to the weather

Cadets, GEMS, and Young Life Club will not meet tonight

## Our Church Family:

Continue to pray for **Randy Pell** and **Jane Vogel** as they both realize gradual healing following recent surgeries.

## Welcome Shower

A baby crib is in the lobby to welcome Leopold Miller, son of Wes and Melissa Miller, to the Second Church family and to 'shower' him with gifts. The crib will be set up until February 10.

## 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

### 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.

### Western Michigan Christian High School

Western Michigan Christian High School is seeking applications for a Head JV Baseball Coach. Candidates must have strong communication skills and an excitement for working with high school student athletes. Western Michigan Christian is committed to developing athletes of high Christian character that represent our school and community in a positive way. Contact: Athletic Director: Kurt Gruppen [mgruppen@wmchs.net](mailto:mgruppen@wmchs.net)

## Insight Pregnancy Services

There are some new job openings at Insight Pregnancy Services! With the addition of a new position and rearranging staff internally, we are looking to fill three positions: Administrative Assistant (30 hours), Public Relations and Marketing Coordinator (30 hours), and Client Services Coordinator. To see the job descriptions and apply, go to our website, [InsightPregnancy.com](http://InsightPregnancy.com).

As we continue to get settled in our new location, our client numbers are picking up quickly, and we are *desperately in need of volunteers*. Our available appointments are filling up, and we are having to schedule two weeks out! It's great that our services are being found and used by our community, but we sadly cannot get everyone in as soon as we'd like. If you are interested in volunteering, we will be having our next volunteer training at the end of February.

### Training Dates and Information:

- Wednesday, Feb. 20, 6-9 pm
- Saturday, Feb. 23, 8:30-3 pm
- Monday, Feb. 25, 6-9 pm
- Saturday, March 2, 8:30-3 pm

Cost for Materials: \$30.00. Pre-Registration required by February 13.

## 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.

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

"I do not think that you must be a Calvinist to be a genuine Christian, but I do believe that you must submit to Christ as your trustworthy teacher and as your Lord. The teachings of the Lord have been given to us in the Bible, and if you see that an idea is clearly taught in the Bible, you are under obligation to receive it. You must never say, "I know that it is taught in the Bible, but,,," When you see that the Lord has revealed something about himself and the way he acts, even if it is something that contradicts or challenges your long-cherished ideas about who God is, do not deflect the truth by saying, "My God is not like that" or "My God would never do that." If the Bible asserts something about God to be true, and it would not possibly be true of *your* God, then you have the wrong god."

– Jim Scott Orrick, *Mere Calvinism*, p. 16.

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