

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

August 28, 2019

## From the Youth Director's Desk:

The beginning of the school year has many of us thinking about new things. New classrooms, new schools, new sports, students heading off to their first day of college, or junior year or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, etc. It can really be an exciting time. It can also cause people to think about endings or the things that didn't happen. Becoming empty nesters, the last time your student sleeps at home for awhile, seeing that first day of school picture you don't get take due to the loss of a child, the last first day of high school, etc. Sometimes the beginnings of new and exciting things can help remind us of struggles that can put us in a funk.

As I work with students and young adults I often remind myself that I need to give them extra grace when they are acting out because I don't always know what is going on behind the scenes. If I am honest I'm not always that good at being gracious with other adults – and that's something I am going to work on. Will you join me on this journey to be just a little more gracious with each other? What could being more gracious look like for you?

## Sunday Worship, September 1

This Sunday we will share in the Lord's Supper and Pastor Doug will address the second of four aspects regarding the fourth commandment. Psalm 42:1-5 and Philippians 4:4-7 will lead us for the message, "Keeping the Sabbath Wholly: Feasting." Our offerings will be for the General Fund and Crossroads Bible Institute.

## Bulletin Cover Art:

Children and students are invited to produce creative artwork for each of the Ten Commandments to be used on the bulletin cover. This Sunday our theme is the Fourth Commandment and "Feasting" as an aspect of the gift of the Sabbath. You can submit your art to the church office.

## Our Church Family

**Jean Sneller's** granddaughter, a mother of five, died as a result of a car accident in Georgia this week. Pray for Jean and her family in the grievous time.

Tonight 18 adults and youths from churches in the Fremont area will leave for a week of ministry in Guatemala. The group includes **Jeremy, Ashley, and Evan Luchies, and Hailey Nieboer**. They will return September 4. You can get news about their mission on facebook: Guate2019CRC

## Congregational News

### Church email addresses are now:

Pastor Doug MacLeod: [pastordoug@secondcrcfremont.org](mailto:pastordoug@secondcrcfremont.org)  
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## Calling all Student Ministries Volunteers

On September 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:05 we will be meeting in the Meeting Room (located next to the coffee kitchen off the lobby) for a quick info and encouragement meeting as our new church year starts. If you serve in Nursery, Children's Worship, Kid's Own Jr, Kid's Own, Sunday School or FYSH please plan to join us.

## Attention middle school parents and future middle school parents

Please join Zach and members of the council in the sanctuary after the worship service on Sunday, September 22 to discuss what you would like 2<sup>nd</sup> Church to offer our middle school students.

## Prayer Partners

Second Church is blessed with so many youngsters - from little ones to college age. Please consider signing up as a prayer partner to one of these covenant children. There is a sign-up sheet on the literature ledge in the narthex. You and your partner will both be blessed!!

## Kid's Hope

School has begun and there are children who would LOVE a friend who comes and visits just ONE hour a week- could you be that friend? Children are our most valuable resources and best hope for the future!

## All-church Potluck, Sunday, September 8

There will be a potluck on Sunday, September 8 to celebrate the beginning of the education year at 2nd! It will begin at 11:30 after classes are dismissed. If your last name begins with A-M please bring a generous hot dish. If your last name begins with N-Z please bring a generous side. Dessert, paper goods and drinks will be provided. We hope to see you there

## **Coffee Break, Tuesday, September 17**

**Coffee Break Bible Study** will begin meeting Tuesday, September 17, here at Second Church at 9:30am. We would encourage you to invite anyone you think might be interested in learning more about the Bible. All women are most welcome. Any questions, concerns and/or input can be directed to either Doris Broekema (231-286-8490) or Karen Admiraal (231-335-2285).

## **Salt and Pepper Dinners**

Sign up today for this multi-generational eating opportunity! You will be matched with a group, decide as a group when to meet, and you can all get to know each other better. Don't worry that your house is too small; there are trays in the basement you can borrow! This is planned as an adult experience; if you have childcare issues please see either Zach Van Wyk or Ann Pell - we are willing and waiting to help.

## **Matamoros Outreach 2020**

Second Church has been assigned the dates of January 11 to January 18, 2020 as our church's week for volunteers to work in Matamoros, Mexico. Matamoros is a border town to Brownsville, Texas. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry and possibly volunteering to serve, please contact Sylvia DeKuiper at 231-519-0425 or Mike DeKuiper at 231-335-6171.

## **Portico Construction**

Please use the mid-level door on the east side of the church for entering the church during the day when the office is open while the portico construction is going on.

## **Stock the Pantry**

For August, the requested items to be donated to the food pantry at True North are macaroni and cheese, and canned meat (tuna, chicken). For September, the requested items are peanut butter and jelly.

## **Harvest Table**

If you have garden produce that you are willing to share, please bring it to church on Sunday morning and place it on the harvest table in the lobby. Members and guests are invited to take it home. Any produce left will be donated to TrueNorth for distribution.

## **Safe Church Policy**

Our Council recently approved a revised Safe Church Policy. Those who are involved in inter-personal ministry at Second Church need to read and agree to it with a signature on an annual basis. A copy is being placed in the household mailboxes of those who are asked to provide a signature of agreement. Please read the policy and return your signature as quickly as possible to Bob Broekema (Head of the Safe Church Team). If you'd prefer an electronic copy of the policy to read, contact Bob Broekema.

## **Community**

### **Griefshare, Tuesday, September 3**

Griefshare will begin on September 3 at 6:30 pm at First CRC. We welcome anyone who has lost a loved one to attend this 14-week course that offers help and support to those who are grieving. The \$10 fee is for your personal workbook. Although weekly attendance is not required you are encouraged to do so. The Open-Door policy allows anyone to join at any time. Sessions run consecutive Tuesdays beginning September 3 from 6:30-8:30pm. Registration is helpful but not required. Call the church office (231-924-2460) or visit <http://www.griefshare.com> to register and get more information.

### **Zach Van Wyk, Youth Director – People who are currently influencing me**

"There is no way that a parent can raise a kid on their own - they need a community. Because they are going to listen to other people in ways that they won't listen to their parents. You almost need a board of directors to speak into kids' lives when you can't or they won't listen to you. And then they [that board of directors] can keep building a bridge back to relationship with parent." – Drew Hill, Youth Pastor, Young Life Leader and author of *Alongside: Loving Teenagers with the Gospel*.

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