

SECOND'S MATTERS

August 12, 2020



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

From Your Pastor's Desk

When I go for a bike ride, I track my distance and average speed and other data points. It is surprisingly common today for people to use various devices and on-line applications to track personal activity (e.g. steps) and inactivity (e.g. sleep). Such are new-found ways of discovering awareness of ourselves. We are fascinated by how we are doing physically.

The Psalms of Ascent can be seen as ancient tracking devices that prompt a spiritual awareness of how we are doing on our spiritual journey. Similarly, in the New Testament, the listing of the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5) invites our calibration of how these traits may be forming and developing in our lives and character. In both cases, honest self-awareness of our spiritual state can profitably contribute to our understanding and pursuit of our spiritual health.

Sunday Worship, August 16

This Sunday we will welcome Dave and Alvera Kidder as members of Second Church and Pastor Doug's message in the series from the Psalms of Ascent, "Traveler's Advisory," will be based on Psalm 121.

Student Ministries Update for Worship, Sunday, August 16:

We continue to not have a nursery or Children's Worship class available but are excitedly planning for your student to join us in worship. Here are some of the ways we are doing that:

- Should you or your child be in need the east side door by the fireside room, will be unlocked so you can access the bathroom/changing station located in the lobby. We ask that you wipe down the changing station with the provided Clorox wipes after use.
- We will have Children's Activity Bags, with coloring pages, worksheets, and worship guides available for students when you are greeted in the lower parking lot. This will be yours to take home with you. We do ask that you provide crayons, pencils, markers, etc. for use with these bags.
- During worship, we will offer a Children's Meditation. We ask that students remain with their families during this time.
- We recognize that while we are outside, we may experience children laugh, sing, shout, or squeal with joy (or frustration) and we celebrate that they are joining us in worship!

Our Church Family

Helen Veenstra fell Tuesday and was admitted to the hospital. There were no serious injuries, but she stayed the night for observation and will need to have therapy on her shoulder.

Congregational News

New Church Directory

The annual church directory has been printed and is available in each household's mailbox in the church lobby.

IF Fremont 2020 – Canceled

What a wild couple of months it has been! We have really needed to lean on the Lord in new ways. Unfortunately, due to lasting restrictions, the need for social distancing and to be responsible in planning, we have decided to cancel the 2020 IF: Fremont event. If you registered for the event and didn't receive an email with an update to your registration, please email Zach. (There are a few email addresses that were entered incorrectly and came back as undeliverable to us)

Website Members Only Page

Our new website has a members only password protected page where we will put things like financial updates, the Faith Promise booklet and the 2020 Directory. If you would not like all or part of your contact information on the website under this password protected site please let Valerie know by calling (924-0170) or emailing the office (office@secondcrcfremont.org).

Faith Promise Update

We are thankful for \$21,250 in pledges having been made towards our budget goal of \$28,000! Our experience is that each year our giving exceeds our pledged amount, and even exceeds our goal.

You may still add to our pledge total by mailing your pledge to church, or by putting it in the Sunday offering plate, or in Tyler Cook's church mailbox.

Christian Education Fund

Thank you for your support of Christian Education for the children of Second Christian Reformed Church.

As we approach the 2020/2021 school year, we will have 20-25 children utilizing our Christian Education Fund at a cost of approximately \$136,000.00.

Please use a projected giving card which has been put in your church mailbox to let us know how much you are willing to give to this church ministry for 2020/2021. There is a box in the church foyer for you to place your card in by August 30.

Offerings

Our Deacons welcome our support for our congregation's financial obligations with our offerings. Donations can be mailed to the church at 600 Apache Drive. Additionally, donations can be submitted online via bank account, credit, or debit card at this link: [Second CRC - Online Giving](#) or download the "GivePlus" app if you wish to give to funds other than the General Fund.

Special envelope offerings are:

August 16 – Hand to Hand

August 23 – Hope 101 Ministry (working to reduce homelessness in Newaygo County)

August 30 – Fremont Service Committee

September 6 – Habitat for Humanity

September 13 – Fremont Christian School

Stock the Pantry

For the month of August, the requested items are macaroni and cheese and canned meat (tuna, chicken). Donations can be dropped off at church or directly to TrueNorth.

Today Devotional

Copies of the July / August edition are available in the church lobby. It is also available for reading, listening, or podcast at <https://today.reframemedia.com/>

Wheelchair Drive, July 26 - August 16

Do you have any wheelchairs, walkers, canes, or crutches not in use? Celebration Community Church, (1260 W. Sherman Blvd, Muskegon MI 49441) through a partnership with Living With Hope and Joni & Friends, is collecting manual wheelchairs and jogger strollers to be refurbished by prison partners and hand-delivered to people with mobility needs in Kenya. Email Pastor Matt Eenigenburg at matt@celebrationmuskegon.org with any questions.

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