

SECOND'S MATTERS

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**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

From Your Student Ministries Director's Desk

Our human nature causes us to look for comfort when we feel lost, confused, or like we don't know which way to turn. For some people, that means they throw on sweatpants and park themselves in front of a screen so that they can lose themselves in a tv show, movie, or video game. Some people eat, some people work out, some call friends. You get it. Behavioral scientists say that we do this because it is easier to distract ourselves instead of really feeling our emotions. I bet that if we are honest with ourselves, we all have done some distracting in the last few months. Put simply, the last few days, and weeks, and months have been difficult. I have thought a lot about the difficulties that we face as a nation and church community and that I face personally, and I was reminded of the story of Jonah.

When is the last time you read the book of Jonah? I bet, as you think of the story, you remember the parts we tell kiddos. God tasked Jonah to go to Nineveh, and he didn't want to. So he ran away and got swallowed by a fish, and then after being spit out, brought the good news to Nineveh, and people were saved. I'm thinking more about Jonah 2. At this point, Jonah is in the belly of the fish, and he really needs some comfort. So he prays, and not only does God listen to him, but He commanded the fish to vomit Jonah out. I think Jonah had many things that he hoped for when he prayed to God, but I don't think he expected to be covered in vomit. As you face difficult things this week, I want to encourage you to turn to God in prayer, with the expectation that he will move in your life. Please don't stop there, though; actively look for him to be at work in your life. What might look like vomit to you might just be the grace that the Lord promises us.

From Your Music Director's Desk

As you know Second CRC has a Top 30 song list on Spotify. [Click here to check out the playlist.](#) Every so often I exchange some songs on the list for you to enjoy some very familiar songs, along with the new songs that our going to be introduced slowly throughout the year. One of those songs is the song we sang at the Lord's Supper last Sunday called Remembrance. Other titles are Freedom, Nothing Else, and Old For New, and There is a King. I am confident these beautiful songs are going to be a great addition to our repertoire. Enjoy!

Sunday Worship, February 14

We offer in-person worship with safety measures in place. Therefore, masks are required, and we keep every other pew roped off for social distancing. Nursery and Story Hour are offered during the worship service. We also livestream the service and welcome your worship participation via our livestream: tinyurl.com/2ndcrclive

Pastor Ron Fynewever will be leading us in worship his message "When the Storms Come" is based on Mark 4:35-41, text Numbers 23:19.

Our Church Family

Dave Poel continues to recover at home from a knee replacement surgery. Please continue to pray for healing.

Congregational News

Pray Newago

Pray Newago is a county-wide prayer movement inviting churches and individuals to pray for households in the county for 30 days. Some may be people you know; some you may not. But think about it...to be praying for someone else in this time of isolation, frustration, and uncertainty can bring hope in the name of Jesus. It can bring hope to them and hope to you.

Sound like a huge undertaking? Yes, perhaps, but if churches work together and see it as an opportunity for the Lord to reach friends, neighbors and perhaps strangers, it becomes something very exciting to be a part of! Pray Newago has the potential to build up your personal prayer life and the prayer life of Second Church. Imagine what God can do in Newago County if His people committed to pray together for 30 days! Pretty amazing! Here's what you need to know about Pray Newago

- 2nd Church will be participating from March 1-March 31, 2021
- If you are willing to commit to praying for our community for 10 minutes a day for this 30 day period, please sign up at PrayNewago.com by Feb. 28. We encourage you to sign up by this Sunday, Feb. 14.
- If you need help in signing up, please see Bette Wagenmaker.
- Our church will be given the names of people to pray for and these names and their addresses will be printed on stamped postcards and divided up between those who have signed up to pray.
- Scripture verses will be made available to those praying, as well.

- At the end of the 30 days of prayer, each one who prayed writes a brief note to the people for whom they have been praying and mails the postcards. Those praying would only sign their first names on the postcards and not their last names or addresses.

Will you prayerfully consider joining the Pray Newago prayer initiative?

Thank you, Bette Wagenmaker

Library Additions

Are you wondering how to address racism, reconciliation, the pandemic, leadership issues, or politics from a Christian perspective? Christian authors such as Brenda Salter McNeil, Eugene Cho, Jemar Tisby, Tod Bolsinger and others help you navigate these puzzling waters and will bring new understanding to your thinking. You'll find some great new titles at the library display. They're available for you to check out.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Insight Pregnancy Services' baby bottle fundraiser is underway. In the lobby of the church, you will find a basket filled with empty baby bottles waiting to be filled with money. Please take one or two home, fill with coins, cash, and/or checks and return it to the church by Sunday, February 28.

Sunday Morning Prayer Gathering

Join us in the Fireside Room at 9:05 am each Sunday morning as we lift the worship service and other requests up to the Lord. There is power in prayer!

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 or submitted online via bank account, or card at this link: [Online Giving](#). If you wish to give to Christian Education or Faith Promise online, then download the "GivePlus" app. Special envelope offerings for the months are:

February 14 – Bethany Christian Services

February 21 – Insight Pregnancy Services

February 28 – Western Michigan Christian High School

Stock the Pantry

For the month of February, the requested food items are macaroni and cheese, and canned meat. Donations can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

The Nest

The Nest is a second-hand store in Fremont which supports Fremont Christian School. Currently, the furniture inventory is very low. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Current hours of operation are Tues. - Fri., 10:00 to 5:00 and Sat., 10:00 to 3:00. Phone: 924-3930.

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