

SECOND'S MATTERS

May 26, 2021



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

From Your Student Ministries Director's Desk

Sunday morning after church, I got in the car and looked at Lizzie as I said, "I can't believe I put Randy on blast like that. That joke just slipped out!" (Sorry again, Randy!) I have a complicated relationship with the month of May; it makes me do and say crazy things. May is a month of transitions – seniors graduate and school ends, people start taking vacations, schedules change, and inevitably you start saying goodbye. I hate saying goodbye; I hate changes; it just doesn't feel right. I bet some of you know exactly what I am talking about. If it isn't this month, it is the grocery store getting rid of your favorite kind of chips, the county closing down your usual route home for some construction, or some other change in your day-to-day life.

By our nature, humans are people of routine, "right" ways of doing things, and consistency. We don't like it when our worlds change even slightly. It is like our whole world gets tilted somewhat to the left, and we have to learn to walk again. I've been thinking a lot the past few days about what it must have been like for the Apostles (formally disciples) to reorient themselves after Pentecost. Their world had changed. They were no longer Jews who had to go to the temple to meet God; they were Christians who knew that God was there in the form of the Holy Spirit at all times. Truthfully, I think God is constantly working change into our lives; we just don't always recognize it. We are getting older, our bodies change, and the Spirit works in our hearts to constantly bring us from death to life. So today, I thank God for Pentecost and change – it isn't always comfortable, unemotional, or what we think we need, but we know that God is there through it all. How beautiful is that?

From Your Music Director's Desk

Graduation. What an amazing accomplishment that our young people are celebrating. They have grown to amazing young men and women during their school careers. They have learned many things, not only academically but socially as well. Those who have participated in sports have learned how to celebrate victories and grow through defeats. But this is only the beginning of the "graduations" they will experience in their lives. On to college, trade school, or other opportunities, then some marry and raise families. Empty nest, retirement, etc. Each stage in life is followed by a graduation. Our ultimate graduation is when our life's journey ends here on Earth, and we "graduate" into heaven to spend eternity with the Lord. There is always new excitement at every stage of our journey, and there is always hope that comes from the Lord. I pray that all of you are having a week full of blessings.

Community Worship, Worship, May 30

On Sunday, May 30, we will worship with other area churches for outdoor worship. The service will start at 10 am in the West Gerber Parking Lot (cross streets are Stone and Hemlock, with entrances on Hemlock.). We encourage you all to pack up the Lawn Chairs and blankets and join our community for worship. In case of inclement weather, we will be at First Reformed Church using an FM transmitter.

Sunday Worship, Worship, May 30

On Sunday, June 6, we will have Rev. Ron Fynweaver preaching for us; his message "Shape Up" will be based on Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 18:1-6, II Corinthians 3:18, and Romans 12:1-2

Our Church Family

We extend our Christian Sympathy to **Dave and Mariel Poel** in the passing of Dave's mother, Ruth. The funeral will be at 11 am on May 29th at Second CRC of Grand Haven. There will be a time of visitation with the family for an hour before the service.

Helen Veenstra has moved to Green Acres. Her new address is Green Acres Residential Center, 801 East Main, Room 212, Fremont.

Congregational News

Save the Date – June 12

Fremont Young Life is holding its annual Golf Outing Fundraiser on June 12 at Water's Edge Golf Course in Fremont. Join us for a great game of golf and to support a wonderful ministry. Email us at fremontyl@gmail.com or talk to Zach to get registered to play or to become a sponsor.

Hymn Sing, Saturday, June 12

Do you miss singing the old songs? Saturday, June 12th, 7:00 pm at The Shack will be a Good Old Fashion Hymn Sing to benefit the Newaygo County Volunteer division of Bible League. A free-will offering will be taken. The event will be taken rain or shine; make sure to bring your lawn chair. Contact Christi Handy @ 231-578-5354 or Jessie Rose @ 923-2231

Offering Information

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 are: June 6 – Bethany Christian Services
June 13 – Wellspring Adult Care Services
June 20 – World Renew
June 27 – Hope 101

Stock the Pantry

For May, the requested food items are spaghetti sauce, rice, and noodles. Donations can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

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