

## **SECOND'S MATTERS**

**July 14, 2021**



**Second Church  
of Fremont**

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

### **From Your Student Ministries Director's Desk**

Have you ever had the feeling that you've forgotten something? Walked into a room and didn't remember why? Or just felt a little off-kilter? I know that I have. Recently, I've been feeling that way a lot, and if you know me, then you know that I don't like feeling that way. I'll check every to-do list and think through every possibility trying to figure it out. I've been trying to figure out what I've been missing for a while now and haven't been able to put my finger on it. This was especially concerning as I headed off to Young Life summer camp on Thursday.

If you've never been to Timber Wolf Lake or any other Young Life Camp, you probably assume it is like other "church" camps. Young Life camps are unlike any other camp I've ever been to. They have been intentionally designed, restructured, prepped for kids to meet Jesus. Everything from how the creek flows perfectly through the camp to the way the dining hall is set up to the balls being pumped in the gym each morning has been rigorously planned. Young Life camps are designed so that leaders only have to focus on their kids and on listening to God.

This week at Young Life camp was impactful for students in many ways, but it also reminded me of something that I was forgetting. See, it's easy for me to get so wrapped up in checking off to-do list items, to getting things done just so, and to making sure there is enough time in the day for everything I "need" to do. I'm bad at slowing down. I'm bad at taking a breath. I'm bad at remembering that in my stillness, the Lord fights for me. As I sat at the bench by the camp waterfall and watched the stream flow down into camp, I was met in my stillness by the creator of the universe. Today I encourage you to take a breath, to slow down, to sit by the literal or metaphorical water, and remember God, who he is, and what he has done for you. Beloved of Jesus Christ, it will be worth it.

### **Sunday Worship, July 18**

Pastor Jack Roeda will be returning to lead us in worship; his message "Keep Alert" will be based on 1 Peter 4:12 - 5:11. We will also celebrate in the baptism of Jillian DeLonge, the daughter of Andrew and Donna.

### **Sunday Worship, July 25**

Rev Bruce Ballast will be leading us in worship; his message "When the Storms Come" will be based on Matthew 14:22-36.

### **Our Church Family**

Thank you, Second Church, for remembering me with prayers and cards after my surgery and the death of my sister-in-law. Your kindness will not be forgotten. - **Evie and Jud Afman**

**Sharon Wolfson** has a new address and phone number, The Cottages, 3088 S Wagoner Avenue, Fremont, MI 49412; (231) 250-8932

### **Congregational News**

#### **From the Council: Annual Congregational Meeting**

The annual congregational meeting has been set for 7:00p on July 21. Additional resources will be distributed via church mailboxes and via email.

## **Chrisitan Education**

The Christian Education Fund Committee would like to thank the congregation for helping us meet our obligations to the Christian Schools for the past school year (2020-2021). Your gifts help make a Christian education for our parents a reality. We will begin our next pledge campaign soon; stay tuned for information regarding that.

## **Sunday Morning Cookie Update**

Thank you to all who have signed up to bring cookies for the after-church fellowship. Hospitality would like to start having two people bringing in 3 dozen each instead of one person bringing in 6 dozen. A new cookie signup sheet has been put on the counter that reflects this change.

## **GEMS**

GEMS (weekly girls group for grades 1-5) will start again in October 2021. They need counselors (weekly volunteer) and a craft coordinator (once a month). If you are interested in helping in this ministry or want to know more, please contact Kara Buter via email: [karabuter@gmail.com](mailto:karabuter@gmail.com).

## **Mobile Food Truck, Wednesday, July 21**

On Wednesday, July 21, we will again offer drive-thru pick-up. Recipients will stay in their vehicles, and prepared allotments of food will be placed in their cars. Thankfully, we can serve our community with this vital food resource that is needed more than ever. Volunteers are needed - please sign up by emailing Audra Powell ([audrascott@hotmail.com](mailto:audrascott@hotmail.com)) or on the sheet on the literature ledge.

## **Church Door Codes**

With the new fiscal year comes many changes, including the door codes! If you had a door code to get in when the office isn't open, it is no longer valid. If you need to get into church outside of regular office hours, please email or call Val in the office.

## **Pastoral Counseling Opportunity.**

During our time of pastoral vacancy, Arnie Dykstra, who has regularly worshiped with Second for several years, is volunteering his services as a pastoral counselor. Arnie has previously worked as a Christian Counselor at Sunshine CCRC, Grand Rapids, as well as a board member and counselor with Set Free Ministries. If you would like to take advantage of this confidential pastoral counseling help in resolving personal, spiritual, or relational issues, contact Arnie by calling (231) 924-4572, or emailing [arndyk@gmail.com](mailto:arndyk@gmail.com).

## **Offering Information**

Our Deacons encourage our support to our congregation's financial obligations through 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:* July 11 – Fremont Christian School  
July 18 – WMCHS  
July 25 – Tools for School

## **Stock the Pantry**

For July, the requested food items are cereal, pancake mix, and syrup. Donations can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

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