

# **SECOND'S MATTERS**

**July 7, 2021**



**Second Church  
of Fremont**

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

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

The last few weeks have been chocked full of obligations, calendar appointments, and fun events. Lizzie and I celebrated our 5<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. I completed my fifth year at Second. We have been kept busy keeping up with family, catching up with friends, and making sure our pup, Nyx, is well cared for. Last week I was shocked when I realized that tomorrow I head off to summer camp with some Young Life students. It seems to be moving at a faster pace. You might have read that all and thought, "good for you, Zach, but why does that matter to me?"

I have been paying attention to moments like this. We are living through a season of change, a time and place where we know things won't always be like this. As a historian at heart, I wonder how people felt living through other world-changing events. As life goes back to "normal," I am keeping a close watch on what is being added back into my life, and what has passed out of it. The truth is we were never meant to listen to the same songs every day, some things are supposed to end, and we are supposed to grow. I am convinced that growth invites us to make ourselves more like Jesus. How did you reflect Jesus today? How are you going to reflect Jesus better tomorrow? I pray that we all, together, look more and more like Him, and (like the old hymn says) we are clearly Christians by the way we reflect Jesus' love for others.

## **From Your Music Director's Desk**

I have heard from a few of you who desire to have a written score of some of the songs that we have been singing in the services, and I think I have come up with a solution. I will print out the music of the songs that are less familiar, so you have the opportunity to read the sheet music in service. They will be available on the literature ledge.

My music selection team and I strive to accomplish blended music in our services. I grew up on the old traditional hymns, and I love them. I feel they are a vital part of our worship, and I will never abandon them. I also know that God still breathes His anointing on the new Christian music of today, and they also bring us into the presence of God.

I appreciate this congregation so very much, and I know the Lord is pleased with our praise in song. God bless you all.

## **Our Church Family**

**Marv Folkema** has returned home and is doing reasonably well.

Thank you to those who offered prayers and encouragement during the last few weeks of testing. So far, the results have been encouraging. I'm still having a few more tests and another consult in the coming weeks.

**Mary Breuker**

**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.

## **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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