

SECOND'S MATTERS

June 23, 2021



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

From Your Student Ministries Director's Desk

This week, I'm spending my mornings helping out at the Elevate Sports Camp, run by First CRC. I sometimes forget about the energy that upper elementary and middle school students can have. It makes me wonder where it all comes from and where it goes in old people like me? Tuesday was themed around the Olympics, and so we spent the morning doing some field games and events. One student in particular just kept running and running and running from event to event. Eventually, though, he had to take a knee and catch his breath. He looked at me and said, "Wow, I just really needed a quick rest." Then he popped up and went on his way.

I don't know about you, but often I think to myself, "I just need a quick rest!" In American society, it is perfectly normal to live our lives at a breakneck pace. We are good at hustling and bustling from one engagement, to another, to a dinner out with friends, to an early morning event – the list could go on, you get it. We require rest to be at our best selves; if we keep moving along, we will wear out. I think God reminds us of this all over. The seasons allow for plants to rest, certain animals need to hibernate, and a sabbath was established in creation. When is the last time you rested? When was the last time you were intentional about taking a step back? Psalm 62 is one of my favorite passages because it invites us into rest. So today, I'll leave you with the words of David.

*"I wait quietly before God,
for my victory comes from him."*

-Psalm 62:1 NLT

From Your Music Director's Desk

"We've got your back, Wendy." That's what my friends tell me when I'm in a situation with Bobby Sue that could be dangerous. After I have saddled her and our group of riders are gathering to go for a ride down the trail, she gets very impatient and ready to go and has a very difficult time waiting quietly until all the riders are ready. Sometimes her impatience has the potential to be dangerous, and it's a challenge to ride her episodes out until she calms down. My friends have seasoned horses, and as I am getting ready to mount, they surround us with their calm horses, standing quietly, helping Bobby Sue to learn that when we are preparing to leave, we are patient. It's not proper etiquette to take off running down the trail and leaving everyone else behind - including me!

As Christians, we need each other when we face troubles. How many times have we been impatient in our walk with the Lord that could jeopardize the peace we experience as we strive to stay in the center of God's will? It is vital that we are there for each other, keeping each other calm and uplifted in prayer and support. There is One who "has our back" as we navigate our daily lives. He protects and calmly leads until our focus is back on Him and our impatience subsides. I pray that God's peace is enveloping you this week.

Sunday Worship, June 27

Seminarian Sheri Admiraal will be leading us in worship; her message "The Lamp of God" will be based on 1 Samuel 3:1-4:1.

Combined Worship, July 4

On Sunday, July 4, we will join in worship with other area churches for an outdoor worship celebration. The service will start at 10 am in the West Gerber Parking Lot (cross streets of 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.

Our Church Family

Evie Afman's surgery went well on Monday, and the doctors were pleased with the results. Please continue to pray for good healing and the Afmans as they grieve the loss of a sister.

Mary Breuker had a successful heart catheterization yesterday, and she will be undergoing a few more tests to help determine the best course of treatment. Continue to pray for healing and the doctors as they navigate this.

Congregational News

From the Council - Article 17 Process Update

There will be a special meeting of Muskegon Classis via Zoom on Tuesday Night, June 29, addressing the separation request between our church and Pastor Doug. A severance agreement has been reached, and neither side is contesting the separation. Please be in prayer for everyone involved.

General Fund and Christian Ed Fund Update

Our fiscal year-end is June 30. At the end of May, we were \$40,000 behind our General Fund budget. Please prayerfully consider helping to reduce this deficit before the end of our fiscal year on June 30.

The Christian Ed Fund has an approximately \$25,000 deficit. If you have not met your pledge or would like to make an additional donation, we ask you to do so by June 30. If the church does not meet our pledge of \$107,000, we will not provide this fund next school year. Contact Ken Wolffis if you have any questions at (231) 519-3686.

Church Email and Website Update

We are experiencing some difficulties with our email and website servers. At the moment, no church email can receive messages, and the website is down. If you need the church staff, please call us at (231)924-0170 or use their cell phones/personal emails listed in the directory.

Worship Participants

We are looking for willing participants of all ages who would, either in person or via video, lead in worship through scripture reading, praying, singing, leading liturgy, offering a Grace Encounter, etc. Individuals and families are encouraged to consider this possibility. Questions? Contact Wendy Kops, Karen Admiraal, or the church office (924-0170).

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 27 – Hope 101
July 11 – Fremont Christian School
July 18 -- WMCHS

Stock the Pantry

For June, the requested food items are soup and crackers. Donations can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

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