

SECOND'S MATTERS

Sept 15, 2021



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

From Your Music Director's Desk

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up. (James 4:10 NIV)

To be lifted up and have life breathed into us is what keeps us going. To have people in our lives that support us and lift us up is what helps us feel validated and valued. We arise every morning with a sense of purpose to live the best life we can for that day. If we start our day in a bad mood and treat people in our lives poorly there is damage that happens to them that is hard to heal. Many times in my life I have said the wrong thing or judged someone without seeking them out to see what their perception was of a particular situation. But when I humble myself and apologize for my misjudgment of them, something starts to stir in my heart. First of all my heart is broken because I now know the big picture and I regret my misjudgment. Secondly, a healing balm flows through my heart because to listen to someone speak their perspective, then apologizing to them is to love someone with Christ's love.

The Lord promises us that if we humble ourselves, He will live us up. He seeks to lift our load, and take the tensions of life from us. It is very difficult to humble ourselves, because our human nature is to be prideful and self-preserving. None of us are perfect, and we never will be in our life on this Earth. But God's grace is so amazing and He never fails us. His promises are always true.

May your week be filled with humility so the Lord can lift you up.

Sunday Worship, Sept 19

Seminarian Sherri Admiraal will be leading us in worship. Her message "The Stacked Deck of Grace" is based on Matthew 15:21-28. *Two offerings will be taken, a Noisy Coin offering for the Haiti Foundation Against Poverty, and a second for the General Fund, and the special envelope offering.*

Sunday Worship, Sept 26

Rev. Bob Broekema will be leading us in worship.

Pre-Service Prayer Opportunities

Gathering together for prayer is an incredible opportunity to bring our requests and notes of praise to the Lord. You are invited and encouraged to meet with others in the Fireside Room/Library at 9:05 am each Sunday morning to pray for the service and other shared needs and requests. Please join us!

Church Family

Marge Moon passed away last week. The Funeral will be held at noon on Friday, Sept 17, at church, with Nate Kooistra officiating. Visitation will be at church for an hour before the service.

Dirk Kolk was transferred to the MCF for rehab and PT last week. The family appreciates your ongoing prayers.

Congregational News

GEMS - Calling all girls in grades 1-5!

Gems registration night is tonight, from 6:30–7:00 pm at Trinity CRC. Parents, please stop in during this time to sign your daughter up for the coming gems season. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, Oct 6.

Coffee Break

Coffee Break Bible Study, a shared ministry of the Fremont-Area Christian Reformed churches, will have its first meeting at Second Church on Tuesday, Sept 28, at 9:45 am. Coffee Break is for all women, those who are new to faith, as well as those with many years of Bible study. Our study this

year will begin with "Wisdom for Living," as found in the book of I Corinthians. Study guides will be available at the first meeting. Please note: masks are encouraged but not required. Questions? Contact Doris Broekema (231-286-8490) or Karen Admiraal (231-335-2285). Hope to see you then.

Property Committee

There will be a Property Committee meeting on Wednesday, Sept 29 at 7 pm

2021 CROP Walk

The Fremont Hunger CROP walk to fight local and world hunger will be on Sunday, Oct 3 at 1 pm at the Veteran's Memorial Park, downtown Fremont. Registration is at 12:45 pm Walkers can pick up and sign out a donation envelope from the literature ledge in the church's lobby. Donations can be put in Bruce Essebagger's church mailbox.

Library News

Our church's library is a valuable resource for Christian books on current topics, biographies, and fiction titles.

Here are just a few of our new titles:

Grace Based Parenting: Set Your Family Free - Dr. Tim Kimmel

Jesus in Me: Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion - Anne Graham Lotz

The Insanity of Obedience: Walking with Jesus in Tough Places - Nik Ripken

The Relationally Intelligent Child: Five Keys to Helping Your Kids Connect Well with Others -
John Trent, Ph.D., Dewey Wilson, PhD

Letting God be Enough: Why Striving Keep You Stuck and How Surrender Sets You Free -
Erica Wighorn

We also have a growing selection of kids' picture books and non-fiction books for kids. Is there a book title you or your kids would like to read or a subject you feel should be included in the collection? Would you please share your suggestions with Bette Wagenmaker?

Oasis Volunteers Needed

Oasis, our middle school youth group, is looking for male and female leaders. This is a twice a month, 2-hour commitment; please reach out to Zach if you or someone you know is interested!

Harvest Hymnsing

Join in singing at "The Shack" favorite hymns and gospel songs. Saturday, Oct 2, 7:00 pm in the "Livery" large conference room. Parking directly in front.

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: Sept 19 – Fremont Service Committee
Sept 26 – Ferris Campus Ministry*

Stock the Pantry

For September, the requested food items are peanut butter and jelly. Donations can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

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