

## **SECOND'S MATTERS**

October 20, 2021



**Second Church  
of Fremont**

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

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

This fall, FYSH has been studying the book of Numbers as a way of learning about how God shows up in the midst of difficult times. As we were talking about the story of Korah's rebellion (Numbers 16), one student made a really interesting point. "It sounds like they are dealing with the same insecurities and struggles that we deal with today, just in a different culture and time." It was my hope, that as we read through this piece of scripture, we would learn that humans have continued to struggle with the same basic things for all of history. We want to know who we are, who we belong to, and what difference does it all make?<sup>1</sup>

I see these questions asked all the time in my roles here at church and in the community. I talk with teens weekly who wonder how to describe or navigate their identity. I often chat with people in our church about what it means to belong to this body of believers. I share with leaders in my ministries and our church just how significant the difference is that they are making. Yet, that little voice in the back of our heads tells us we aren't good enough, we don't fit in, and the world would be better without us. That voice of fear can sometimes outweigh the truth we know about God, this world, and our place in it.

If I'm honest with you, I listen to that voice of fear a lot. I'm an Enneagram 6, which means fear is often in the driver's seat of my experiences. So here's my challenge for myself and for all of you. We are living in unprecedented times, but I don't mean because of COVID; we are living in unprecedented times because no one has ever lived today before. Think about that – no one has ever lived this day before. So if you're like me, there is fear that comes with the unknown of that. But let's hold that fear of change, of things being terrible, and of not knowing in one hand, and the truth of us being known, loved, and supported by the Lord in the other.

Things might change, situations might become different, the world might go through a pandemic, but the Lord remains the same. So let's not grumble like the Israelites did in the wilderness or start a rebellion like Korah, instead let's trust in the Lord and keep moving forward in faith. Will things get messed up or be disappointing from time to time? Yes, they will. But will the Lord let us fall flat on our faces if we are in lockstep with him? No, he won't allow it. Let's learn to trust more deeply in the Lord and his plans for us.

### **Sunday Worship, October 24**

Pastor Ron Fynewever will be leading us in worship. His message "Finding the Real You" is based on John 10:1-10.

Join us in the Fireside Room at 9:05 am to pray for the service, our church, and other requests.

### **Sunday Worship, October 31**

Pastor Jack Roeda will be leading us in worship.

### **Church Family**

**Dani Vogel, Glenn Vogel's wife**, had surgery yesterday to remove the brain aneurysm. Please pray for recovery and healing.

**Helen Veenstra** suffered a mini stroke last Saturday night. She has mostly recovered from it with only issues with strength and fatigue. Thank you for all the prayers and please continue to pray for her healing.

**Delores Machiele**, a longtime summer visitor, entered Hospice Care last week. Her address is 329 Harvest Lane, Holland, MI 49423.

Thank you for all the prayers and cards you during my recent biopsy. Thank the Lord that all the results came back negative.

**Jack Grasman**

**Marian Homan** has a new phone number – (231) 923-1778. Please change it in your directory.

### **Congregational News**

#### **Mobile Food Truck, TODAY! – Volunteers Needed**

This afternoon, 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. **Volunteers are needed - please join us at 4:30!** Thankfully, we can serve our community with this vital food resource that is needed more than ever. If you have plastic bags you would like to donate for the truck, drop them off at the church office.

#### **Student Ministries for October 24**

There will be no Kid's Own, Sunday School, or FYSH this Sunday, October 24 due to the Christian Educators Fall break.

#### **Cadet Kick-Off for Boys in Grades 2-8**

Join us for the Cadet Kick off TONIGHT, October 20, at 6:30p in the Cadet Clubhouse, located at 616 Mulder St, Fremont.

#### **2021 Crop Walk**

The Fremont Area CROP Walk to raise funds to fight local and world hunger collected over \$19,000.00 this fall. Second Church donated \$825 of that total. Thank You!

#### **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:*    *October 24 – Hand2Hand*  
  *October 31 – Muskegon Angel Community Church*  
  *November 4 – World Renew*  
  *November 11 – Western Michigan Christian High School*  
  *November 21 – Newaygo County Compassion House*

#### **Stock the Pantry**

For October, the requested food items are canned fruit and vegetables. Donations can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.



FYSH (High School) and Oasis (MS) youth groups of the four Fremont-Area CRC churches have had busy falls. FYSH is pictured on a hayride at Heritage Farm Market, and Oasis is pictured following a game night at Fremont Christian Gym. Thanks for your prayers for and support of these vital programs.

<sup>1</sup>These principles are borrowed from the book *3 Big Questions that Change Every Teenager* by Kara Powell and Brad Griffen.

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