

## **SECOND'S MATTERS**

**March 16, 2022**



**Second Church  
of Fremont**

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

### **From Your Interim Pastor's Desk**

I was inspired and thrilled by the Kid's Hope presentation last Sunday. I've been an enthusiastic supporter of this ministry since 1999, when East Paris CRC in Grand Rapids started a Kid's Hope program in one of the Kentwood public schools near the church. Mary and I were both tutors, and we experienced first-hand the effectiveness of this ministry.

One of the many reasons this ministry is so effective is that its mission and vision is so clear., and that clarity gives energy and inspiration to all the individuals who are involved in it -- and also to the congregations that support it. Last Sunday Stephanie and Chelsea did a wonderful job of helping us all gain this inspiring clarity.

In our Council meeting tonight, one of the items on our agenda is our Youth Program. This has been a strength of this congregation for decades. Like so many things in our lives today, changing and difficult forces in our society (e.g., the disruptive effects of Covid, among many others) requires constant adjustments and adaptations in how we do any ministry, and particularly youth ministry.

How can we develop and maintain inspiring and energizing clarity with our ministry to the youth of our own congregation? It seems to me that regular updates in our worship service could be very helpful.

What do you think? I know the Council would like to hear your thoughts and opinions about our Youth Ministries.

### **Sunday Worship, March 20, 2022**

Pastor Dan's sermon "Peter's Sifting and Ours" is based on Luke 22:31-34.

### **Pre-service Prayer**

Do you long for a few moments of meditation, quiet and prayer before the Sunday morning worship services begins? Join us in the Fireside Room/Library each Sunday morning at 9:05am for a short reading from God's Word and a time of prayer and leave refreshed.

### **Sermon Note Sheets**

Do you like to take sermon notes or think you'd like to start? You'll find blank 5x7 note sheets on the literature ledge by the bulletins and at the welcome center for that purpose. Help yourself!

## **Community Announcements**

### **Greeters**

The welcome committee would like to thank the congregation for their participation with greeting members/visitors within our church every Sunday morning. The greeter schedule will be updated for the next year. If your family has been scheduled to greet in the past year, your name will be included in the new schedule. If you would like your name added or deleted from the schedule, please inform one of the following individuals by April 3, 2022:

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George & Jane Vogel

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### **Men's Lenten Breakfast**

Just a reminder to any men who would like to participate in the Men's Lenten breakfast. It is held at the Church of the Living Christ on **Saturday** mornings at 7:30 am. All men are welcome to come, have a good breakfast, and listen to a speaker.

### **Insight Baby Bottles**

We are missing 5 baby bottles from the baby bottle fundraiser. If you still have a bottle at home, please bring it into church (filled or empty) to return to Insight.

### **Community Evening Worship**

The Community Evening Worship held at First CRC Sunday nights will remain at 5 pm year-round.

### **Vanco changes**

If you use the GivePlus app to send in your offerings to church, Vanco is changing its giving app in April. You will likely receive an email from Vanco Faith explaining the steps you need to take if they previously used GivePlus. [Vanco Mobile Materials](#)

**Your members will use the same email and password they used for Give plus in the new Vanco Mobile app**

### **After Church Discussion Time**

Do you have questions about the Bible, current issues or other topics that you would like to discuss in an informal setting? Join us in the old nursery upstairs on Sundays from 11-11:30am as together we explore questions from God's perspective.

### **Small Group Surveys**

Our Discipleship Team is looking for your responses to a small group ministry survey. You can fill out that survey by [clicking HERE](#) or by filling out a paper copy (available on the literature ledge) and returning it to the Church Office. We hope to get small group ministries up and running again as a vital part of our worship here at Second CRC.

### **Jason Gray Concert, Saturday, March 19**

Come to First Baptist Church, 51 West Oak, Fremont, on Saturday, March 19 at 7:00p and join us as we 'Celebrate the Faithfulness of God' with Jason Gray. Doors open at 6:30, free admission! There will be a love offering taken and refreshments following the concert.

If anyone would like to participate in the meet and greet at 5:15 please contact the church office (924-3110). Just leave the name and amount of tickets - cost is \$10.00! We have limited space for the meet and greet.

### **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:*

*March 20, 2022 – Hand2Hand*

*March 27, 2022 – Fremont Christian School*

### **Stock the Pantry**

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

## **The Prayer Corner**

As you pray, believe God in childlike dependency to answer your prayers according to His will.

“It is not enough to begin to pray,  
nor to pray aright; nor is it enough to continue for a time to pray,  
but we must patiently, believingly continue in prayer  
until we obtain an answer.”

George Mueller

“Wait on the Lord for insight.  
Don’t rely on finite reasoning or human cunning.  
Spiritual battles are won by following revelation given by the Holy Spirit.  
If we listen to God with childlike dependency,  
He will guide us into victory,”

John Dawson

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