

SECOND'S MATTERS

April 6, 2022



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, and all young people who are present at our worship service this week are invited to process into the sanctuary waving palms, reminding us of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Children will meet in the lobby, where palms will be handed out, and our palm processional will happen during the gathering song, "Hosanna." Children will process down the aisles at the start of the service, place their palms in a vase at the front of the sanctuary, and will then join their families for the service. We invite everyone to participate!

Pastor Tom Jaspers will be preaching on Palm Sunday.

Good Friday Service, April 15, 2022

We will be having a combined service with First CRC at 7:00 pm here at Second. Pastor Drew Sweetman will be giving the message "Good News-Good Friday" and there will be various scripture readings by members of First CRC and Second CRC. We will partake of the Lord's Supper during the service.

From the interim Pastor's Desk

Here is another quotation from the book "Growing Young," by Kara Powel, describing the research of The Fuller Youth Institute. I'm planning to organize a group discussion of this book in the near future. So far one person is "signed up." Let me know soon if you would like to be included. – Dan. 641 629 6544

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Our research revealed that "growing young" can energize your entire congregation. As you navigate the waters of growing young, your other priorities (like effective evangelism, dynamic worship services, powerful service and missions, and authentic community) will gain momentum. If your overall hope and prayer is to have a vibrant congregation, there is arguably no better starting place than the contagious passion than teenagers and young adults.

Teenagers and young adults, your creativity and authenticity bring lifeblood to the journey. Let's be honest—the whole rafting journey would be downright boring without you. More than this, you take up the oars and keep the raft moving forward. Without you, the raft would flip over. You are remarkable. You are made in God's image and have unique passions, gifts, and talents—all of which are waiting to be unlocked and explored through your local congregation. This book is geared to help you know how to step out of the shadows and play a leading role in your church's present and future.

Powell, Kara; Mulder, Jake; Griffin, Brad. Growing Young: Six Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church . Baker Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

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

Prayer Vigil

What is a prayer vigil? A prayer vigil is a set period of time where participants devote themselves to "one on one" prayer and time with the Lord in a quiet place. It gives them time to linger with Him in prayer and solitude away from the cares of life. Prayer vigils can be 24-hours in length or much shorter. Prayer vigils although new to most of us at 2nd Church are a very effective means of bringing our church family together in prayer through individual, silent prayers. What draws us together is our bond in the Lord. This bond is powerful and uniting.

During Holy Week on Tuesday, April 12 from 4pm-7pm there will be a prayer vigil in the sanctuary at 2nd Church. A signup sheet will be available in the lobby beginning on Sunday, April 3. There you can sign up for a 15 minute time segment that works best for you. If 15 minutes seems too long for you, still chose a time and pray for as long as you are able. No one will be checking up on you. The hope is to have the entire period from 4-7 covered in prayer. Having more than one person on each time segment would be wonderful too! If coming to church isn't possible for you, pray at home or at another quiet location. If you want to participate but that day or times don't work for you, please choose a day and time that work. The details of the vigil need to be easy for everyone.

A list of prayer requests and selected scripture will be available at church on April 12 to guide you. Please let Bette know at bettecarlson62@yahoo.com if you would like them emailed. Please consider joining others of the 2nd family in our first prayer vigil as we bring our church and personal needs to our Heavenly Father in quiet meditative prayer.

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study will not meet on Wednesday, April 13.

Mobile Food Truck, Wednesday, April 20 – Volunteers Needed

On Wednesday, April 20, 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) or on the sheet on the literature ledge. Please arrive by 4:15 to help. If you have plastic bags you would like to donate for the distribution, drop them off at the church office.

Senior Luccheon, Sunday April 24

It's that time of year again when the deacons look forward to hosting the seniors of our congregation to a special meal. All seniors are invited to join us for a soup and salad luncheon following the service. We ask that you sign up on the sheet on the literature ledge if you plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

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: April 10, 2022 – Western Michigan Christian High School
April 17, 2022 – Cadets
April 24, 2022 – Newaygo County Compassion House

Stock the Pantry

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

The Prayer Corner

This week we continue looking at what Jesus teaches us about prayer.

Jesus actively meditated.

When we meditate we are praying. We are thinking about God's words and listen for Him to speak to us. Jesus took time to meditate on His calling and how He would fulfill it. We need to follow His example. Read Luke 4:1-15

Jesus asks us to pray that God will send many workers to bring others into His Kingdom. Read Matthew 9:36-38

Jesus calls God "Abba" or "Daddy" when praying. Jesus addressed God as His beloved and dear parent who loved deeply, totally and unconditionally. Read Mark 14:36.

Jesus tells us to watch and pray that we will be able to withstand. Read Luke 22:36.

Jesus tells us that if we ask Him, He will give us living water which is eternal life.

Read John 4:10

Jesus says that when we ask and receive in His name, it brings complete joy.

Read John 16:24

Jesus says that our love for Him is a key to prayer. The Father Himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. John 16:27.

Pray without ceasing!

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