

SECOND'S MATTERS

November 9, 2022



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, November 13

Jodi VanWingerden will be leading us in worship.

Thanksgiving Day, November 24

Second Church will not be having a worship service on Thanksgiving Day. You are welcome to worship with Trinity CRC (9:30am), Reeman CRC (9:30am) or First CRC (10:00am).

Thanksgiving Day Offerings

As is tradition in our church, our Thanksgiving special offerings will be for the recipient of your choosing! These special gifts and offerings will be taken on Sunday, November 27. Please write the name of the recipient on the envelope!

Our Church Family

Praise God that **Josie Visser** is cancer free!

Rich Kraley is still in ICU and on a ventilator in a Grand Rapids Hospital. There has no change in his condition. Pray for Rich and his family.

Glenn Vogel is home after recent back surgery. Pray for a full recovery.

Keep **John Van Hekken** in your prayers as he continues to receive treatment for his cancer.

Community Announcements

Shoeboxes for Appalachia Reach Out

It's time to fill Christmas shoeboxes for children served by Appalachia Reach Out in Inez, KY! Boxes are in the lobby. You may choose a boy or girl and the age of a child you'd like to shop for. Be sure to pick up a list of suggested items too. Thank you for bringing joy to a child this Christmas with your gift box.

Helping Ukrainian Refugees

A presentation from the Outreach Committee on Sunday, November 20 right after the morning service will share information about a unique opportunity for Second Church to help Ukrainian refugees. A lead team is being formed and we are progressing step by step with Council and congregational approval. You'll want to join us on the 20th to hear about this exciting and challenging opportunity.

Quoting from the welcomeukraine.com website "**What is Uniting for Ukraine?** Uniting for Ukraine is a streamlined process that allows for Ukrainian citizens who have been displaced by Russia's aggression to apply for humanitarian parole in the United States. Under Uniting for Ukraine, the U.S. government allows people fleeing the war in Ukraine to seek refuge in the United States on a temporary basis known as humanitarian parole, with the support of a sponsor in the United States. The sponsor will provide financial support to meet the basic needs of someone fleeing Ukraine. They may also provide additional support, such as assistance enrolling in educational or training programs or securing employment."

Ladies Christmas Tea/Shower

The Fellowship Team is hosting a Ladies Christmas Tea Party/Shower on December 6 at 11am. This is open to all our church ladies as well as others in the community. Along with a light lunch there will be singing and games. Please sign up on the table in the lobby so that we know how many to plan for. Optional: gift to replace some small items in the kitchen. There is a list for this also on the table.

Second Church Family

The Council has asked that members/visitors please sit in the pews close to the front of the church in either the middle or east section (over by the organ) of pews. Thank you

Newaygo Medical Care Facility

If you are willing to be a speaker at the Sunday afternoon worship service at MCF when we start holding services, please let Lewis Blohm (924-2009) or Bob Broekema (231-726-0666) know.

Fremont Service Committee

The Fremont Service Committee Car Ministry has been an outreach ministry of the Newaygo County Christian Reformed Ministries for many years. This ministry helps applicants with placement of used cars to help them get to work, assists with repairs to cars they own and assists them in other areas through personal contact and support, as well as outside referrals to additional services. A newsletter talking about this committee's ministry in Newaygo County has been placed in your lobby mailbox along with an informational pamphlet about the Fremont Service Committee.

Christmas Decorating Party, November 20

The Fellowship Team welcomes everyone to a Christmas Decorating Party on November 20 at 5pm. We will be assisting the Worship Team with decorating the church and end with a light supper of sloppy joes at 6. There will be a movie for the young children while everyone is working. Also, if you are available after the season, we will need help taking down the decorations. A sign up paper is on the table in the narthex for helpers, how many for dinner and if you will be helping take down. "Many hands make light work!"

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 for November are: November 13 – Bethany Christian Services

November 20 – Fremont Christian School

November 27 – Western Michigan Christian High School

Stock the Pantry

For November, the requested food items are spaghetti sauce, rice, and/or pasta. It can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

Prayer Corner

For the next three weeks until Thanksgiving, Day, the Prayer Corner will focus on prayers and hymns of gratitude and thankfulness. It is important for us to center our thoughts and prayers on praise to the One who has given us everything.

Psalm 103

Give thanks to the Lord, Call on His name;
make known among the nations what He has done.
Sing to Him, sing praise to Him;
tell of all His wonderful acts.
Glory in His holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice,
Look to the Lord and His strength;
seek His face always.

Psalm 106

Praise the Lord,
Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good;
His love endures forever.

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