

SECOND'S MATTERS

November 30, 2022



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, November 27

Pastor Tom Jasperse will be leading us in worship. His sermon "Let's Remember the Second Advent Too!" is based on scriptures Matthew 24:36-44 and Romans 13:11-12.

Thank you for encouraging and supporting the children's choir! It's wonderful to have these young members of our congregation participate in our worship services, and they appreciate your recognition of their efforts. We expect to perform our children's canon, "Prepare the Way of the Lord," each week of Advent as part of the candle-lighting liturgy. Applauding for this song each week isn't necessary; in fact, it may seem a more obvious part of the liturgy if there is no applause following the song. Be assured that the children know how much you appreciate their participation, and feel free to offer encouragement by speaking with them before or after the service.

Greeters Sunday, December 4 are Tyler and Jody Cook

Our Church Family

Congratulations to **Nate and Annelise Hyrns** in the birth of a healthy baby girl. **Esther Diane Hyrns** was born on Wednesday, November 23, 2022

Continues prayers for **John Van Hekken** and **Glenn Vogel** that everything goes well with their treatments and recovery, respectively.

Community Announcements

Meal train for the Hyrns family

We rejoice with Nate and Annelise Hyrns as they welcomed Esther Diane to their family on Wednesday, November 23. Please consider helping us serve the Hyrnses with meals as they welcome Esther and adjust to parenthood! You can click on this link to sign up <https://mealtrain.com/4mnqz6> or contact Stephanie DeKuiper at 231-424-5141. The signup dates will be later in the month. If you would like to bring them a meal or restaurant gift card prior to those dates, please contact Annelise.

Baby Shower Crib: The Hyrns Family

The 'Baby Shower' crib will be set up in the lobby until December 19 to welcome Esther Diane Hyrns, daughter of Nate and Annelise, to the Second Church family and 'shower' her with gifts.

Ladies Christmas Tea/Shower

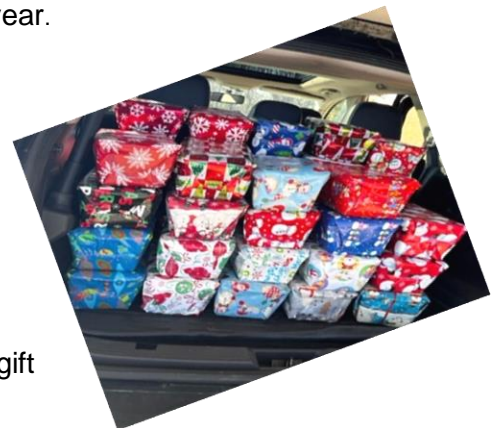
There's still time to sign up for the Christmas Tea, which is being planned for Tuesday, December 6 at 11am. You'll find the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Come and join with others as we share a light lunch and festivities at the joyous time of the year.

Shoeboxes for Appalachia Reach Out

Thank you, church family for contributing generously filled shoeboxes for children served by Appalachia Reach Out in Inez, KY. You played a huge part in sharing the love of Jesus and bringing joy to youngsters who will be thrilled with your gifts.

Note from ARO (received November 29)

Jim DeKryger delivered your shoeboxes at 2pm and at 3:30 we already gave 25 to a church who will pass them out. 22 will go to an Addiction Recovery inpatient center so that the women there can give a gift to their children if they get a Christmas visit. 3 will go to a family that is raising distant family even though they have no money in which to do so.



To Our Church Family

On the literature ledge are copies available of the final report from the Classis Muskegon Oversight Committee. Also there are copies of their letter to prospective pastoral candidates for our church. Please feel free to take one, questions see a council member.

FCS Holiday Craft Show

Fremont Christian School will be holding a Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00-3:00. There are 70+ booths filled with something for everyone! Come do some holiday shopping while supporting a great cause. \$1 admission fee for ages 12+ with proceeds benefiting FCS Middle School Students traveling to Europe for a Cultural Trip in June 2024.

Help! Drivers Needed!

Drivers are needed for the months of February, March and September 2023 for transportation of Dallas Darling and Deerfield Apt. residents (2 people) to Sunday morning worship and back home. Please contact Nanci Nieboer (924-6838 or email ndnieboer@yahoo.com) if you are willing to drive for those months, or a week or two from either month.

Reading through Luke in Advent

As a Second Church family, let's commit to reading the book of Luke together during Advent. There are 24 chapters and if we start on December 1st and read one chapter each day, by Christmas Eve we will have read an entire account of Jesus's life. On Christmas Day we will wake up knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate. It's a wonderful way to prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus coming to earth, living among men, women, boys and girls and dying to be our Savior. Join with others in reading Luke this December!

Ukraine Pledge Program Update

Thank you for your donations, we are near our goal! Donations of any size are important to us. In addition, we hope to have more volunteers sign on for assisting the lead team.

Please make your pledge and/or sign up to volunteer in the program by December 15, 2022.

Christmas Books in the Library

In the busyness of the season it can be a welcome change to relax with a good Christmas read. It's also a great time to read a new or old favorite with your children too. Perhaps this will start a new family tradition. We have a good selection of titles on the top of the bookcase in the library just to the left of the door. Help yourself and please remember to sign out your books before taking them home.

Fremont Service Committee Update

As we enter this season of giving, the Fremont Service Committee asks that you consider a donation to the Car Ministry to fulfill our annual matching grant of \$20,000. Our four area churches are each encouraged to contribute \$5,000 toward this total. As of November 1, 2022, Second has contributed \$2,477 of this \$5,000 amount. Please assist us in serving a population struggling with transportation.

Love Offering

An envelope has been placed in your church mailbox labeled "Love Offering" to show our goodwill and appreciation for our church staff this Christmas season. If you would like to participate, please return your envelope in the offering plate on Sunday morning, to Jeff Breuker, or the church office by December 11. Please specify how you intend your gift to be dispersed. Please Note: any late offerings that come in following December 11 will be added to the General Fund.

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.

Bible League International

After 20 years, Jessie Rose is stepping down as chairperson of the Fremont Division of Bible League International. Please pray for someone to replace her and for volunteers for the Bible League.

33rd Annual Christmas Craft Fair

Please join us for our 33rd Annual Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Fremont, 714 Hillcrest. Many new quality craft and wood gifts and decorations will be available in our Christmas Shoppe, our Plum Pudding Shoppe will have holiday foods to purchase and new this year we will have a Children's Shopping Room where children can purchase gifts for that someone special. Price range \$1.00 - \$5.00 - this includes the gift being wrapped and ready to give. For event information call the church at 231-924-4710 or Gail Cooper at 231-924-2126.

River Country Community Choir

Mark your calendar for an evening concert presented by the River Country Community Choir on Sunday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Grant Fine Arts Center. The choral presentation focuses on "This Little Babe" **Promise** - The Coming of Christ ~ **Power** - Jesus Arrives on Earth ~ **Joy** - The Power of Christ in Us. The concert will also include some individual special numbers.

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 December are:

December 4 – Hand2Hand

December 11 – Youth Unlimited

December 18 – Resonate Global

December 25 – Love, INC

Stock the Pantry

For December, the requested food items are soup and crackers. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

Prayer Corner

If you are reading through the book of Luke in December you will be reading Mary's Song on Thursday, December 1. May the words of this beautiful song of love and gratitude to God be the song of your heart as well.

And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for He has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is His name.

His mercy extends to those who fear Him, from generation to generation.

He has performed mighty deeds with His arm;

He has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

He has helped His servant Israel, remembering to be merciful
to Abraham and His descendants forever, even as He said to our fathers."

Luke 1: 46-55

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