

SECOND'S MATTERS

December 7, 2022



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, December 11

Pastor Bob Pohler will be leading us in worship. His sermon "The Dark Side of Christmas" is based on scriptures Matthew 2:1-20 and Revelation 12:1-6

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 11 are Ken and Jane Wolffis

Just a reminder: 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

The Community Evening Worship service is at 1st CRC on Sundays at 5pm.

Sunday, December 11, 5pm: WMC Chamber Choir will have a part in the service.

Sunday, December 18, 5pm: Candlelight Service at **Trinity CRC**.

There will be no evening worship on December 25 and January 1.

Our Church Family

Keep baby **Michael Dimkoff**, son of Beth and Josh Dimkoff and grandson of Graydon and Jennie Dimkoff in your prayers. Michael is six weeks old and still in the hospital in New York, where the family lives. He has recovered well from his heart surgeries but needs to gain weight and strength.

Continued prayers for **John Van Hekken**, who is receiving treatment for cancer.

Pray for **Glenn Vogel** for complete recovery from his surgery.

Community Announcements

Oasis Lumberjack Game

The Oasis youth group will be attending a Lumberjack game this Friday night. The cost is \$10 and we will meet at Reeman CRC at 6pm to depart. We should return to Reeman CRC by around 9:45pm.

Christmas Caroling

The fellowship and outreach committees will be having a Christmas Caroling event at the Newaygo County Medical Care Facility on Thursday, December 22nd at 6:15pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby if you would like to attend.

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 Hyrns' with meals as they welcome Esther and adjust to parenthood! You can click on this link to sign up <https://mealtrain.com/4mngz6> 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.

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.

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.

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.

WMC Christmas Collage

The bands and choirs of Western Michigan Christian High School present the time-honored tradition of Christmas Collage. Please join us for a special evening of music to celebrate the birth of Jesus and the season of Christmas on December 13 at 7:00 pm. Our ticket site is now live! Order your tickets for the Christmas Collage at <https://wmc-collage-tickets.square.site/>

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.

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.

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 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 this December you'll be reading these words in Luke 6:12-16:

“One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.”

It is important to note that Jesus went off by Himself to spend the night in prayer with His heavenly Father before choosing the twelve disciples the next day. Jesus knew the importance of praying before making this critical decision. Shouldn't we follow His example and pray about big and small decisions in our personal lives, work situations and in our church? Remember that your heavenly Father desires to stay in close communication with you through prayer.

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