

SECOND'S MATTERS

January 11, 2023



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, January 15, 2023

Pastor Tom Jasperse will be leading us in worship. His message is "The Amazing Word of God is based on Hebrews 4:12-13 and Psalm 1:1-3.

Pre-Service Prayer

Everyone is invited to join with others in the Fireside Room/Library at 9:05 am each Sunday morning for prayer. We share requests, read a portion of scripture, and have a time of silent and verbal prayer. Praying silently or out loud is your choice and no one is made to feel uncomfortable. If this is something you would like to try, please join us. We want you to know how welcome you will be.

Greeters Sunday, January 15, 2023 are George and Jane Vogel

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: January 15, 5:00pm. .

Our Church Family

Thank you all for your many prayers for **Vivian and Cecil**. Vivian was able to return home on Monday, but six-month-old Cecil will remain on a ventilator for a week or two yet.

Chris and Mary Boven

Pray for **Kyle Walcott** who was diagnosed with a brain tumor in December. He is married with two young children. Kyle will be starting a 6 week chemotherapy infusion regiment and 31 radiation treatments in mid-January. Pray for strength, endurance and healing.

Pray for **Wyatt Kaastra** who has started chemo for his recently diagnosed non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Wyatt is Mike and Sylvia's DeKuiper's grandson.

Pray for **Sherry Lue's sister, Kim**, who has been diagnosed with Lupus.

Pray for **Maddie Folkema's** grandfather who has been diagnosed with throat cancer.

Pray for **Gary and Mary Breuker** following the death of Mary's brother Russ Sternberg on New Year's Day..

Community Announcements

Council Meeting

Council meets tonight, January 11, at 7:00pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.

FYSH Bowling, January 15

Sunday, January 15th FYSH will be having our bowling event at Fremont Lanes from 2pm-4pm this will take place of our normal meeting time.

Ezekiel Bible Study, January 8

The Ezekiel Bible Study will resume meeting this Sunday, January 8, at 6pm, with Chapter 18. We will be meeting in the room by the coffee counter upstairs.

Coffee Break

Coffee Break Bible Study will resume meeting Tuesday, January 10, at 9:30 am at the Second Christian Reformed Church, 600 Apache Drive. Coffee Break is for all women, those who have little or no Bible knowledge as well as those with many years of Bible study. We will begin a study of the book of Psalms: Hope When We're Hurting. Study guides will be available at the first meeting. Please note: No child care is available. Questions? Contact Karen Admiraal (231-335-2285) or Torrie Wilkinson (231-335-0757). Hope to see you then.

Mobile Food Truck, January 18, 2023 – Volunteers needed

On Wednesday, January 18, 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



Pancake Breakfast, January 22

The Fellowship Team invites the congregation to a Pancake breakfast following the January 22 service. Pancakes with various toppings, eggs and sausage will be served at 11:30 AM. Please sign up on the table in the lobby so we can plan on how many to serve.

Dallas Darling – Deerfield Transportation

The church is still in need of driver(s) for Dallas Darlings – Deerfield starting February 5. There are 12 weeks that we need a driver for. The signup sheet is on the literature ledge in the lobby. Sign up for as many weeks as you would like. The driver would be picking up one person at each location, bring to church, and bring them back home after church. Contact Nanci Nieboer with any questions (924-6838).

Library Update

There are twenty new family DVDs on top of the kids' bookshelf in the library and available for you to take home. You'll find some great entertainment here for these cold Michigan days. Please check out your choices on the clipboard before taking them home to enjoy!

Ukrainian Update

We currently have all five team positions filled, along with a number of volunteers to come along side and support them in their roles. The profile of our group and information on our church and the community was provided, along with a group picture. Going forward we plan on submitting our profile and start corresponding with eligible Ukrainians by January 15th. Once we submit our profile, we wait for a family to contact us and then we correspond back and forth with different families until we feel we have a good match. At that point we gather information from them, along with our information and submit it all to Dept of Homeland Security, we then have 90 days to get them to Fremont. Once they arrive, please prayerfully consider both lending a helping hand where needed and continue to pray that we will find the family that the Lord has chosen us to support. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Charlie DeKryger (231) 519-2170.

Calvin January Series, 2023

The January Series lectures will be live video streamed at the Dogwood Center, 4734 S. Campus Court, Fremont, from 12:30-1:30p Monday through Friday, January 9-27. The lectures are free and open to the public. The Black Box will be available for seating and attendees may bring their lunch. View the speaker schedule at www.dogwoodcenter.com and pick out which one you would like to attend. Speakers:

Wed, Jan 11 – Nate Mook: "The Urgent Pursuit to Nourish the World"

Thurs, Jan 12 – Kyle Meyaard-Schaap: "Following Jesus in a Warming World"

Fri, Jan 13 – Amy Kenny: "My Body is Not a Prayer Request"

Mon, Jan 16 – Greg Thompson: "To Stick with Love: King's Vision for Today's Movement"

Tues, Jan 17 – Kaia Kater: "Song selections"

Wed, Jan 18 – Noah Toly: "Learning Together, Living Together: What the World Needs from Christian Liberal Arts Education"

WMC Job Offer

Western Michigan Christian is seeking a long term sub for High School Spanish and Film Studies beginning in mid-March. The ideal candidate must be able to speak Spanish and will need to register with EduStaff. For more information, please contact Jennifer Lewis, Director of Curriculum and Instruction at mrslewis@wmchs.net.

ARO December Newsletter, 2022

Appalachia Reach Out has been very busy with their many different programs for the people in Inez, Kentucky. Click [here](#) to learn more about their 'Work and Witness Program', 'Fundraiser', 'Food Pantry' etc. There will a few copies on the literature ledge in the church lobby.

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 January are:

January 15 – Western Michigan Christian High School

January 22 – Crossroads Bible Institute

January 29 – Cadets (main office)

Stock the Pantry

For January, the requested food items are cereal, pancake mix, and syrup. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

Prayer Corner

Today I would like to share a devotional from one of my favorite authors, Elisabeth Elliot. This piece is coming from her book *A Lamp Unto My Feet*.

Realities

"Faith...make us certain of realities we do not see" Hebrews 11:1 NEB

What realities can we be sure of? There is a popular notion about prayer which assumes that the thing asked for ought to be the object of faith—"Lord give me this or that," wherefore "this" and "that" become the realities. No. The Bible states the absolutes that we can be certain of: the character of God, his love, his will that we be conformed to his Son's likeness, His sovereign control of all the universe. When faith latches on to those realities which we do not see with our eyes, it can never be confounded. If it makes the thing asked for its object, faith itself will dissolve if the Lord's answer is no, or not yet, or wait.

"In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust. Let me never be put to confusion." Psalm 71:1 AV.

May this be the prayer of your heart today.

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