SECOND'S MATTERS January 18, 2023



Sunday, January 15, 2023

Pastor Ron Baker will be leading us in worship.

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.

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 22, 5:00pm. .

Our Church Family

Thank you for the expressions of sympathy to us after the death of our brother Russ. A memorial service is being planned for sometime in May. Your concern is appreciated.

Mary and Gary Breuker

Our deepest sympathies go out to **Sherry Lue**, whose sister Kim, passed away on January 14.

Keep **Barb Grasman** in your prayers She will have hip replacement today. Pray the surgery and recovery goes well.

Marilyn Wever will be having surgery on her leg next week. Please pray for a successful surgery and rapid recovery.

Pray for **Kyle Walcott** who begins chemotherapy and radiation this week for a brain tumor. Pray for his wife and children too during this trying time.

Keep **Wyatt Kaastra** in prayer as he continues receiving chemotherapy for his non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Pray for **Madi Folkema's** grandpa who has throat cancer.

Continue to pray for **Cecil** (6 months) who is still at Helen DeVos with RSV. His sister Vivian is at home and doing better. Cecil and Vivian are the children of Brandon and Amber DeZeeuw. Amber is Chris Boven's niece.

Community Announcements

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. <u>Volunteers are needed</u> - 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.

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 News

If you enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles you'll be happy to know that we are adding a nice selection of 500 and 1,000 piece puzzles to our library collection. Stop by the library starting on Sunday, January 22, find some that interest you, check them out and take them home to have some fun!

Christmas Tea Bulletin Board

Take a look at the new display of pictures from our women's Christmas tea last December. You'll find them on the section of the large bulletin board near the council room door on the main floor.

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

Thurs, Jan 19 - Kerri Arsenault: "Family and Environmental Legacies"

Fri, Jan 20 - Moogega Cooper: "Diversity in STEAM from a Real-Life Guardian of the Galaxy"

Mon, Jan 23 – Ken Jennings: "And the Answer Is: Why Is It Better to Be a Generalist"

Tues, Jan 24 – Peter Wehner: "How Christianity Can BE a Healing Force in American Society"

Wed, Jan 25 – Esau McCaulley: "What Is African American Biblical Interpretation and Why Does the Whole Church Need It"

Thurs, Jan 26 – Efosa Ojomo: "The Prosperity Paradox and the Power of Market-Creating Innovation"

Fri, Jan27 - Kate Bowler: "Life After Perfect"

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 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

The prayer corner piece today is part of a devotional entitled "Silence" from Carol Kent's book, He Holds My Hand: Experiencing God's Presence and Protection.

Allow these words to speak to your heart:

"Be intentional about creating a quiet place where you can hear My voice. Turn off all outside sounds. Get away from the chaos around you and listen to Me. Cease striving and study My character. I maintain the same position I've always had—in sovereign control. Begin by worshipping Me. Speak My names out loud. Thank Me for what you are learning in your current situation. Read a scripture that brings you hope. I delight in hearing your prayers. Concentrate on My power to do what looks impossible. Expect Me to work on your behalf."

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