

## **SECOND'S MATTERS**

**January 18, 2023**



**Second Church  
of Fremont**

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

### **Sunday, January 29, 2023**

Pastor Ron Baker will be leading us in worship. His message "Thorns That Help Us Focus" is based on 2 Corinthians 12:1-10.

### **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 29, 5:00pm. .

### **Our Church Family**

**Thank you** to all our volunteers who helped with the food truck last week! We served over 100 families!!

**Cecil DeZeeuw**, infant son of Amber and Brandon, was able to return home Tuesday afternoon after a long stay in the hospital with RSV. Thank you for your many heartfelt prayers on his behalf.

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

**Darlene Beadle** will be having hip surgery next week Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Please pray for a successful surgery and good 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.

### **Community Announcements**

**Property Committee** will be meeting tonight at 7:00 pm.

**Pastor Dave Brower** has begun his interim ministry among us. He will be leading in worship and preaching for the first time on Sunday, February 5. He will also be making visits and calls on Tuesdays. He should arrive at church at about 10:00 AM and be available for visits with him at church or visits with you at home. If you would like to talk or visit, please contact him at:

email -- [djbrowr@outlook.com](mailto:djbrowr@outlook.com)

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### **Council Service**

If you would like to suggest yourself and/or someone else to serve on council beginning in July 2023, please give your suggestions to any council member. An updated council handbook is on the literature ledge for all to look through.

### **Update on Pastor Search Committee:**

Your committee is hard at work. With council approval we have begun our journey with Jason Lancaster, a third-party search committee. He is guiding our process and we have already been submitted 2 candidates. We appreciate all your prayers as we work through this process. As always, any questions please don't hesitate to connect with anyone on the search committee.

### **Ukraine Update**

We are pleased to announce that we have offered to sponsor a Ukrainian family of four, and they have joyfully accepted. They come to us from Ukraine, the region of Transcarpathian, the city of Mukachevo. Adrian and Maryna Platzer have two children, Danilo who is 8 and Tymofii who is 1.5 years old. They both speak limited English and very much want the boy in school. Adrian works with wood and Maryna has worked in a few different jobs.

They indicated to us the shelling is increasing every day, they have long periods of no electricity or heat and they don't know where or when more missiles will land.

As a group we are excited and anxious to welcome them to Fremont, and help them get settled in. We have started the documentation process which will hopefully be completed by February 1st. After the paperwork is submitted, we wait between 2 weeks and 60 days for approval with a goal of welcoming them by the middle of May.

Please keep Adrian, Maryna and the boys in your prayer's that they will be able to safely leave Ukraine and find peace and joy here in Fremont.

### **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](http://www.dogwoodcenter.com) and pick out which one you would like to attend. Speakers:

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, Jan 27 – 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 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 words from this devotional from **Jesus Listens** by Sarah Young might point out some of the deepest thoughts and yearnings of your heart. Be blessed, challenged and encouraged as you read these words.

“Sovereign God,

I want to live in Your Presence more consistently—open to You and Your will for me. But when something interferes with my plans or desires, I tend to resent the interference. Instead of pushing down those resentful feelings, I need to increase my awareness of them—letting them come all the way up to the surface. As I bring my negative feelings into the Light of Your Presence, You’re able to set me free from them.

The ultimate solution to my rebellious tendencies is submission to Your authority over me. Intellectually, I rejoice in Your sovereignty. Without it, the world would be a terrifying place. Yet when Your sovereign will encroaches on my little domain of control, I often react with telltale resentment.

Your Word teaches that the best response to losses or thwarted hopes is praise: The Lord gives and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Help me remember that all good things are gifts from You. Please train me to respond to my blessings with gratitude rather than feeling entitled to them. And prepare me to let go of anything You take from me—without letting go of Your hand!

In Your praiseworthy Name, Jesus  
Amen”

See if there is any offensive way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.  
Psalm 139:24

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