

## **SECOND'S MATTERS**

**February 22, 2023**



**Second Church  
of Fremont**

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

### **Sunday, February 26, 2023**

Pastor Dave Brower will be leading us in worship. His message "Mountain Top Experiences – Mt. Moriah is based on Genesis 22:1-19. Greeters are Brad and Vicki Gilliland

### **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:** February 26, 5:00pm.

### **Our Church Family**

Our deepest sympathies for the family of **Donna Folkema**. Donna passed away on Saturday, February 18. Her funeral was today at 11am. May they feel the comfort of God in the days to come.

Pray for **Andrian, Maryna, Danilo, and Timofey Platzer**. They are the Ukrainian family which Second is sponsoring to come to Fremont.

Please pray for healing for **Paul Keehl** who had a knee replacement last week. He is home and doing well.

We are so thankful for everyone's prayers for my grandpa, **Mike Schneider**. It's not been an easy time for any of us. He's still on a feeding tube but is doing well and improving. God is GOOD!

**Madi Folkema**

### **Community Announcements**

#### **OASIS BOWLING TONIGHT CANCELLED**

Due to weather conditions and school cancelations, we have decided to cancel our bowling event tonight. I will keep you posted on when we hope to reschedule. Nate Kooistra

#### **Ash Wednesday Soup Supper, February 22**

First Fremont CRC welcomes you to attend an Ash Wednesday soup supper at the church TONIGHT from 6:00-7:30pm. Following the supper will be a brief reflection to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. Everything provided. Looking forward to beginning this season together!

#### **Sunday Fun Day, March 19**

The Fellowship team will be having a Sunday Fun Day, March 19 at 11:30 am in the fellowship hall. Table games, cornhole tournament, and other activities for all ages. There will be soup and chili dogs available to eat. Please sign up on the table in the lobby so we can plan how much food to prepare.

#### **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.

### **FYSH Leaders Needed:**

Do you have a heart for building relationships and helping high school students grow in their relationship with God? Are you looking for a really fun way to get involved in a growing ministry? Our High School ministry (FYSH) is in need of 2 adult leaders who would be willing to invest in the lives of our students. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Nate Kooistra at [natekooistra@gmail.com](mailto:natekooistra@gmail.com). or Ashley Luchies at [amluchies@yahoo.com](mailto:amluchies@yahoo.com)

### **Ukraine Update**

On February sixth, the form I-134A was sent and received by the USCIS. We were informed that in about two weeks they would start to process the application and if any additional information was required, we would be contacted. so far no new news on that.

Ever since we offered sponsorship to the Platzer family I have been communicating with them daily, they are a wonderful family, very inquisitive and want to know about us as a church and about us as individuals. They along with their extended family have led a very interesting life, and are willing to share it with us. I have asked Maryna if I could share both their e-mail address and phone number to message them, she said she would look forward to hearing from our congregation. Last week she commented to me that "Our church and team have helped us a lot, it's incredible the help you continue to give us. You have filled us with information on USCIS, it is already a lot. You provide us with moral and informational support. It's just priceless! We thank you for this and will be in debt to you for the rest of our lives".

I would like to encourage us as a congregation to reach out to them and make them feel as comfortable as possible as they leave their families and country behind. They are currently living in a small two room apartment with electricity and internet that goes out for six hours a day. They can be reached by e-mail at <platzer29@gmail.com> and by whatsapp at <+380508823543>. WhatsApp is like texting only it's an international messaging app. If you would like any more information on them or how to reach them please give Charlie DeKryger a call at 231-519-2170. In the mean time please keep **Andrian, Maryna, Danilo, and Timofey Platzer** in your prayer's, this is a very stressful time for them.

**Housing Needed:** Second CRC is sponsoring a Ukrainian refugee family seeking asylum to the United States. They are a family of 4 with children who are 8 and 1 ½ years old and are planning to move to Fremont in the middle of May. We are looking for a furnished house to rent for at least 6 months and up to 2 years for their stay here. If you are aware of a house that could meet these needs, please contact Dave Breuker at (231) 924-6610.

### **Karin Medical Clinic**

Click [HERE](#) for the latest letter from Karin Medical Clinic. There are printed copies on the literature ledge in the lobby.

### **New Library Books**

New books to prepare you for the Lenten and Easter season, plus some other great titles, will be available on the table in the narthex on Sunday, February 26. Please be sure to check out your choices on the clip book before taking them home.

### **GriefShare, Tuesday March 7**

This 13 week course offers help and support to those grieving. The \$10.00 fee is for a personal workbook, used to help and guide your healing. It will start on March 7, 6:30-8:30pm, at First CRC (721 Hillcrest, Fremont) Registration online at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) or 231-924-2460 is helpful but not required.

### **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 February are: February 26 – Ferris State Campus Ministry*

### **Stock the Pantry**

For February, the requested food items are macaroni and cheese and canned meat. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

### **Prayer Corner**

For the concluding session of our Ezekiel Bible study we looked the work of the Holy Spirit before Jesus's birth, at the time of His birth and at the time of His consecration at the temple. Godly and elderly Simeon, waiting to see the promised Messiah before he died, knew at once that baby Jesus was the One who had been promised by God. The prophetess Anna could hardly contain her excitement when she saw baby Jesus in the temple. She too knew that He was the promised Messiah for whom she had been waiting for so long.

The first steps toward the unexplainable revival that Jesus was bringing were beginning to be seen.

The Holy Spirit was present at the time of His baptism by John the Baptist and it was clear that His public ministry would be characterized by the power of the Holy Spirit. In teaching His disciples how to pray, Jesus was teaching them about the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. The intimacy with which Jesus prayed to His Father comes from the Holy Spirit and was available to the disciples and to each of us too.

"The Holy Spirit's purpose, according to Jesus, serves to strengthen and embolden the disciples for the work of evangelism and to develop greater intimacy with God. The Holy Spirit is meant to authenticate Christ, not authorize a temporary spiritual high. If we want revival, we need to be asking the Holy Spirit to perform the work in us that Jesus taught us to ask Him to do."

Are you willing to ask the Lord to revive you and do the work in and through you that only He can do?

An Unexpected Revival: Experiencing God's Goodness through Disappointment and Doubt  
Erica Wiggenhorn

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