

SECOND'S MATTERS

February 8, 2023



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Pastor Dave Brower will be leading us in worship. His message "First Things First – Our First Love" is based on Revelation 2:1-7. Greeters are Ian and Madi Folkema

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 5, 5:00pm.

Our Church Family

Please keep **Darlene Beadle, Marilyn Wever, Kyle Walcott, Wyatt Kaastra, and Madi Folkema's** grandfather, **Mike Schneider** in your prayers.

Community Announcements

Pastor Dave Brower has begun his interim ministry among us. 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 Telephone / text -- 712-348-2430

FYSH, Sunday February 12

We will be having our super bowl party @ Second! With the game starting at 6:30p we are going to move up the time of our event. We will start this Sunday @ 6:13p and FYSH will end at half time! We will have pizza and munchies along with some games for our non football fans to do!

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.

Ukraine Update

This past Monday, we submitted form I-134A to the department of homeland security. This is a form that the US Citizenship and Immigration Services needs for us to offer sponsorship to our Ukrainian family. After we receive a letter stating that they accepted the form we then have to wait two weeks to 30 days for approval. Once it is approved then both, we and the beneficiaries will be able to set up a joint USCIS account and share information and wait for final approval. Once we receive final approval, we have 90 days to fly the family to Fremont.

We have been sharing information about the Fremont area and in particular our church, they are so very grateful for what we are doing for them. When the war started, they were living in Kyiv, but the shelling was so bad. They moved back to a smaller city where they were born, near the Hungarian border. Every day they lose their electricity and Internet for about six hours. They have an alarm that sounds when they should head for a bunker for safety.

As Maryna said to us. " This is a big deal, thank you from the whole family. Everything is in the hands of the Lord".

Please keep **Adrian, Maryna, Danilo, and Timothy** in your prayers.

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.

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. or Ashley Luchies at amluchies@yahoo.com

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).

2023 CRC Denominational Survey

Have you been heard? Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2023 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit crcna.org/survey/6912 to answer the survey questions by March 31.

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 12 – Bethany Christian Services

February 19 – Kids Hope

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.

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