

SECOND'S MATTERS

March 1, 2023



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Pastor Dave Brower will be leading us in worship. His message "Mountain Top Experiences – Mt. Sinai" is based on Exodus 19:1-25. 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: March 5, 5:00pm at First CRC

Our Church Family

Our deepest sympathies to the family of **Dirk Kolk**. Howard (Dirk) Kolk, husband of Bev and brother of Marcia Kolk, passed away Monday, February 27. The funeral is Saturday, March 4, at 11am with a visitation prior from 10-11am at the church.

Thank you so much for your prayers for our grandson, little Michael Dimkoff. He is now 4 months old and has reached 10 pounds! Still a little guy, but rolling over, laughing and thriving. He is truly a miracle baby and we are so grateful for all those who have prayed for him.

Jennie and Graydon Dimkoff

Please keep **Andrian, Maryna, Danilo, and Timofey Platzer** in your prayer's, this is a very stressful time for them.

Community Announcements

FYSH, Sunday, March 5

FYSH will be starting at 4pm and meeting at Inspire. We will be doing a service project with the kids and working with Julie Sidlauska and packing bags for Hand2Hand. She estimates we will be done roughly between 5:30-6pm.

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. or Ashley Luchies at amluchies@yahoo.com

Ukraine Update

Good news! The Form I-134A has been approved and confirmed as sufficient, Praise the LORD! Next up Maryna will create a personal account with USCIS, confirm all their data, vaccinations, etc., and send them on for approval. Once they receive that approval, they will be ready to travel. From THAT moment of approval, they will have 90 days in reserve to leave.

I don't know yet how long it will take to get approval for the next step, but in talking with Maryna, the hardest part is behind us. Please continue to keep the Platzer's in your prayers and thank the Lord for his continued presence in this endeavor. Thank you for your support, I will continue to keep you updated.

Charlie DeKryger 231-519-2170.

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.

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 or 231-924-2460 is helpful but not required.

Fremont Area Caregiver Support Group

The Fremont Area Caregiver support group meets the first Monday of the month from 7-8pm at the Fremont Library Community Room (104 East Main, Fremont). You may attend in person, by telephone, or Zoom. This support group is presented by Alzheimer's Association of Michigan. Call Susan (231) 267-6119 with questions. Call Helpline 800-272-3900 to register

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 March are:

March 5 – World Renew Disaster Relief

March 12 – Love, INC.

March 19 – Resonate World Missions

March 26 – Hand2Hand

Stock the Pantry

For March, the requested food items are peanut butter and jelly. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

Prayer Corner

In the service on Sunday, February 26, Pastor Dave reminded that we will be partaking in communion on Sunday, March, 5 and asked us to prepare our hearts this week.

Communion is a very sacred experience and not one to be taken lightly. Before partaking of communion humbly come to the Lord in prayer. Confess any known sins and ask Him to reveal anything in your life that might be displeasing to Him. Prayerfully ask Him to cleanse you. When you come to communion next Sunday, remember that you are made worthy through the power of the shed blood of Christ for you. There is absolutely nothing you can do to make yourself worthy in God's eyes. He alone has paid the price for your salvation! Praise God!

These words from Luke 22: 14-20...

"When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God. After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, 'Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' And he took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, and gave it to them, saying 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.'"

In closing, these words from Erica Wiggenghorn, author of *An Unexpected Revival: Experiencing God's Goodness through Disappointment and Doubt* (Ezekiel Bible study)

"Taking part in 'the breaking of bread' also means being committed to a local church body. We are meant to remember His sacrifice, be taught in the Word, being involved in fellowship—with other believers. And that, my friend, means your local church. It means gathering, worshipping, and serving alongside other kingdom members."

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