

SECOND'S MATTERS

March 15, 2023



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Pastor Dave Brower will be leading us in worship. His message "Mountain Top Experiences – Mt. Zion" is based on Joel 2:1-32. Greeters are Jason and Heidie Snyder. The children's noisy coin offering will be for the Platzers, the Ukraine family Second is sponsoring.

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.

The Community Evening Worship: March 19, 5:00pm at First CRC

Our Church Family

Thank you so much for all of the thoughts, prayers, cards, calls, food, and visits following my recent surgery. I am thankful and blessed to be a member of the Second church family.

Darlene Beadle

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

Community Announcements

Sunday Funday Is almost here!!! Make sure you have this **Sunday, March 19 at 11:30** on your calendar! Lunch, games, and fun will be provided for all ages. We hope you can join our church family for this special afternoon of fellowship.

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

Encouraging our Faith Promise Missionaries

The Outreach Committee believes that it is important for us as a church family to encourage our Faith Promise missionaries. A good way to do this is by sending them cards of encouragement. Leah Sweetman, daughter of Pastor Drew and Becky Sweetman from 1st CRC in Fremont, is serving in Nicaragua under Resonate Global Missions and will be the first one to receive a card from Second Church. Here's where we need your help. On Sundays March 19 and 26 there will be a greeting card on a table in the narthex. Just sign your name. It's that simple! Let's fill Leah's card with our names so she knows we are thinking about her and praying for her. In future months we will be sending cards to more of our Faith Promise missionaries. Thank you Second Church family for being encouragers!

Ukraine Update

Housing update: Our work is coming to fruition. Dave Breuker's housing group has secured a two-bedroom apartment at Stony Pillars Apt for the Platzer family. The location is perfect, and it is another answer to prayer. Their expected date of arrival at this time is May 1st. They will be traveling from Ukraine by train to Budapest, from Budapest they fly to Frankfurt, from Frankfurt to New York, from New York to Detroit. I can only imagine how tired they will be when they get to Detroit. They have all necessary visas and travel authorizations and will book their flights in the near future. One thing that concerns Maryna, is her birth date is incorrect on the I-134A form. USCIS have assured

me this was a computer glitch and will not be a problem for her, nevertheless she finds it worrisome. Please pray that everything continues to go well, and they won't be too stressed.

In addition to securing an apartment for the Platzer family, our committee has added 2 new members: Karen Vogel and Sue Baar. They will be working with Mary Breuker to get furnishings and necessities for the family's arrival. We will be assessing needs for both the apartment and clothing in the next few weeks after we have visited the apartment. We will then communicate specific needs to the congregation via 2nd Matters for consideration. We are limited in storage space and ask for things to not be dropped off at church but rather contact one of the 3 members. We appreciate the eagerness and willingness of the many who want to donate but we cannot deal with overload. If items are donated that are later found to be in excess, they will be passed on to community resale stores. If you have larger item such as beds, sofas, dressers, etc. that you are planning to get rid of, we ask that you hang on to them for a few weeks if possible until we know what we can use. We are eager to get started and feel God's blessing on our project!

Mary Breuker (231- 327-2106), Karen Vogel (231-750-9615) Sue Baar (231-373-4009)

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 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

As we make our way toward Holy Week and Easter Sunday, our thoughts go back to the last time that Jesus had with His disciples before His sufferings and death on calvary. We think back to what Jesus was teaching them. There was so much that He wanted them to know and the time was short before His crucifixion.

His final prayer with His disciples as recorded in John 17. "Father, I pray also for those who will believe in me...that they may be one as we are one...that they may be brought to complete unity. (John 17: 20, 22-23) Take time to read the whole chapter and you will see the heart of Jesus. "Note what Jesus did not pray for. He did not pray for victory over Roman oppressors. He did not plead for the health and wealth of his followers. He did not ask for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Jesus prayed for unity!" He wasn't praying for Himself. He prayed that all who believe in Him would be unified with one another in "complete unity". That's what Jesus prayed for. Jesus prays for us Second Church family that we would be unified in Him in every aspect of our church's ministry.

In John 13:34-35 we read these familiar words, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." These words are for us too, Second Church family. We are to love one another and show Christ's love out into our community. Go with boldness and be ambassadors of His love and grace wherever He tells you to go.

Thoughts taken from an
Our Daily Bread devotional

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