

SECOND'S MATTERS

March 8, 2023



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Pastor Dave Brower will be leading us in worship. His message "Mountain Top Experiences – Mt. Carmel" is based on 1 Kings 18:16-40. Greeters are Doug and Nanci Nieboer.

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 12, 5:00pm at First CRC

Our Church Family

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

Community Announcements

Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to *'spring forward'* your clocks an hour on Saturday night.

Oasis, Wednesday March 8

Oasis will be bowling from 6:30-8:00pm at Fremont Lanes tonight. They will have the bowling alley to themselves so tell the kids can invite their friends!!! Pizza will be provided. The cost for this event will be covered by the Oasis funds. Hope to see your students on Wednesday,

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.

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

Thank you to all of you who have taken the time to make contact with Maryna! This has been a very stressful time for their family and they have so appreciated any contacts that are being sent their way. We as a committee, feel that they would be so grateful to receive texts or emails from the families in our church that themselves have children at home as they do. To let them know something about your family which can include pictures would be wonderful!

Maryna's e-mail, [<platzer29@gmail.com>](mailto:platzer29@gmail.com) Her phone # is +380508823543. You can message her using WhatsApp messenger, it is free and works just like texting. It's good anywhere in the world, it's the only way Maryna can text. She will answer any email! Thank you all, for being a part of this endeavor.

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.

February ARO Newsletter

Click [here](#) for the latest news from Appalachia Reach Out. There will be a few printed copies available on the literature ledge in the church lobby.

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 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 last week of our recent Ezekiel Bible study one of the chapters was about what Jesus taught about the Holy Spirit. I would like to share some thoughts with you this week.

The first time that Jesus specifically mentions the Holy Spirit to His disciples is found in Luke 11: 1-13. The disciples, all Jewish men who were accustomed to praying three times a day, asked Jesus to teach them to pray. They were not interested in the rote prayers of the rabbis, but they were interested in the intimate prayers of relationship. That was the focus of what Jesus would be teaching them. He would be showing them how to know and understand the heart of the Father through prayer. The intimacy in Jesus' prayers in Luke 11: 13 comes through the power of the Holy Spirit and that same intimacy was equally available to the twelve disciples and to us as His followers in 2023.

Here's what Jesus teaches the Holy Spirit does.

1. Helps establish greater intimacy with the Father through prayer.
2. Brings understanding to what Jesus taught them while He lived among them and to help with discerning truth from false teachings.
3. Helps them (and us) to stand strong in moments of testing by worldly systems and standards.
4. Authenticates that Jesus came from God and that God's power worked through Him. His power works through us, as well.
5. Bears witness of Jesus' death and resurrection and shares the good news of His promise of eternal life to all who believe.

An Unexpected Revival: Experiencing God's Goodness through
Disappointment and Doubt
Erica Wiggernhorn, 2022

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may abound in hope.
Romans 15:13

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