SECOND'S MATTERS April 19, 2023



Sunday, April 23, 2023

Pastor Dave Brower will be leading us in worship. His message "Christian Character" is based on Proverbs 22:1-16. The greeters are Wayne and Angie Zuidema

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 y

our 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: April 23, 2023 at 5:00p at 1st CRC

Our Church Family

Please continue to pray for the **Platzer family.**

Community Announcements

Mobile Food Truck, TODAY – Volunteers needed

We will again offer drive-thru pick-up. Recipients will stay in their vehicles, and prepared allotments of food will be placed in their cars. *Volunteers are needed* - Please arrive by 4:15 to help.

Fremont Christian School Annual Auction, Friday, April 21

Dinner and Silent Auction begin at 5:30pm and the Live Auction will begin at 7:00pm at the Fremont Christian School gymnasium, 208 Hillcrest. Come out for a great auction and a delicious meal!

Second Church family

There is a sign up sheet on a table in the lobby with a list of basic food supplies for the Platzer family (Ukraine family coming to Fremont) - let's fill their cupboards for them when they arrive in their new home. There is another list of kitchen items still needed- it's time for spring cleaning and most of us have gently used items we could donate!! If we all help a bit, their home will be full and welcoming for them!! Please bring your donations to the church.

Ukraine Update

Good news, Maryna received her travel authorization from Homeland Security and they are preparing to come. They plan on leaving Transcarpathia April 25th. They will take a train to Budapest and fly from there to Frankfort. When they arrive in Frankfort, they plan to buy ticket's to New York and from there to Detroit with a rest day somewhere in between. They will be arriving each with one suitcase and a backpack on April 28, Lord willing. Members of the welcoming group will be meeting them in Detroit and bring them to their new home in Fremont.

Much work has been done to arrive at this point, with generous help from members of our congregation, too many to count. Just about every day Maryna expresses her deep appreciation for all of our efforts on their behalf, I assure her they will be as much a blessing to us as we to them. Please keep the family in your prayers as they still face many uncertainties in the next ten days.

Thank you all for your continued support and words of encouragement.

Charlie DeKryger

Members of the Welcome Committee plan to meet the Platzer family in Detroit at their arrival time now expected to be April 28 (subject to change). We will be driving the church van. If you are interested in welcoming the Platzer family at the Detroit airport, please contact Sylvia DeKuiper at 231-519-0425. Please continue to pray for the Platzer family as final arrangements are being made.

Thank you: Ukraine Welcome Committee: Sylvia DeKuiper, Jo Cook, Vicki Gilliland, Ann Pell

Wellspring Adult Day Services

Wellspring Adult Day Services is looking for individuals who have a couple of free hours available during the week to transport individuals to and from Wellspring ADS located at the Reeman Christian Reformed Church. You will be reimbursed for your mileage, and you will also have the opportunity to build a relationship with our Wellspring guest. If you feel this would be something you would enjoy, please call Allie Maat at 231.519.5450 or email at wellspringads@gmail.com for more information.

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 <u>amluchies@yahoo.com</u>

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: <u>Online Giving.</u> If you wish to give to Christian Education or Faith Promise online, then download the "GivePlus" app.

Special envelope offerings for April are: April 23 – Second/Trinity Cadets April 30 – Wellspring Adult Day Services

Stock the Pantry

For April, the requested food items are canned fruit and vegetables. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

Prayer Corner

The Secret Place

The Lord is my light and the One Who saves me. Whom should I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom should I be afraid?... In the day of trouble...In the secret place...He will hide me. He will set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be lifted up above all those around me who hate me. I will give gifts in his holy tent with a loud voice of joy. Psalm 27: 1,5-6 NLV

"Fear can be a major killjoy, but I'm shoring up my confidence in You, Lord. You are the most powerful being in heaven and on earth. So I need not fear anything or anyone who comes against me. You, Lord, are the One who gives me the strength to stand. My faith in You gives me the confidence I need. When the trouble starts, You give me shelter. You keep me from the darkness and warm me with Your light When I'm in Your secret place, You increase my courage. And it is there that I cry out with joy, praising You with all my heart. Thank you, Lord, for being my all in all. Amen."

taken from Praying Your Way to Joy

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