

## SECOND'S MATTERS

May 24, 2023



**Second Church  
of Fremont**

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

### Community Worship Service, May 28

On Sunday, May 28, our church will be participating in a combined outdoor worship at Veterans' Park beginning at 10 am. We are looking forward to worshipping together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Golf carts will be available for those needing assistance entering the park from their parking location. A Kids Korner will be available for kids ages 4-10. As this is Pentecost Sunday, worshippers are encouraged to wear red. Fellowship is encouraged following worship and will include refreshments. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT5wDetjbhSToNY3vKUO3Pg/live>. The offering will be received for the Hesperia Food Pantry and for Hand2Hand Ministries. Worshipers are encouraged to bring food items for the Hesperia Food Pantry using this list of suggested items: juice (big bottles of any kind, not individual sizes), canned fruit (any kind), spaghetti sauce, peanut butter and jelly, toilet paper, mashed potatoes, soup, pop tarts, cereal bars, pasta. Monetary gifts will be received for Hand2Hand.

### Our Church Family

Please pray for **Dave Poel** who will be having abdominal reconstruction surgery this afternoon.

**John Van Hekken** completed his first chemotherapy treatment and is now in the rehabilitation program at Blodgett Hospital. He'll return to Butterworth next week for another round of chemo. Prayers for his kidney function and increased strength and mobility are appreciated!

Please pray for **Gaylen Byker**, who had surgery last week. He was injured and had 4 crushed vertebrae and fractured ribs. He is in McClaren hospital in Petosky.

### Community Announcements

#### Faith Promise Update

Our Faith Promise giving campaign for 2022 – 2023 is coming to an end on June 30. As a reminder our goal was \$35,000 and at the end of April we had received \$23,000. If you pledged and have not yet given please consider getting those funds in within the next few weeks. If you didn't pledge we ask that you prayerfully consider giving in support of the Missions we work with.

Thank You. The Outreach Committee

#### Upward Planning meeting, May 30

There will be an Upward Basketball Camp planning meeting next week, Tuesday, May 30 at 7pm in the basement of the church for all those who volunteered to help with the camp. The camp is scheduled for June 12 – June 15.

**Property Committee** will meet on Wednesday, May 31 at 7 PM

#### Update from Search Committee:

We are excited to welcome Pastoral Candidate Adam Sculnick June 11th where he will be leading in worship. Along with his introduction we would love to provide a way for you to get to know him prior to his arrival. Click the link below to watch and listen. Please continue to be in prayer with us and plan on joining in church June 11th.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/GLIzwUXeYK0?feature=share>

## Women's Getaway, July 29

**Women's Getaway at the Shack, July 29<sup>th</sup>:** Ladies, you've received your Getaway invitation with a postcard, so be sure to register **and** to invite a friend to join us on the morning of July 29<sup>th</sup>! **Registration is now open online!** Check out our website ([secondcrcfremont.org](http://secondcrcfremont.org) → Adult Ministries → Women's Ministry) for information, to register and to view the pictures from our 2022 Women's Getaway at the Shack!

For all those without email or internet access, registration paper forms are available on the ledge in the Narthex. Please return the two-sided paper form to one of the Planning Committee members! All **"Early Bird" registrants (by June 17<sup>th</sup>)** will receive **ten** raffle tickets for giveaway gifts! Final deadline for registration is July 1<sup>st</sup>!

Set aside **July 29<sup>th</sup> 8:30am – noon** to join us for time to thank God and praise Him for the JOY He brings to your life! Come share His JOY with others!

Your Second CRC Planning Committee

## Dinners for Eight

Just a friendly reminder- all the snowbirds have returned- is your group meeting?

## 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 June are:*

*June 4 – World Renew*

*June 11 – Fremont Service Committee*

*June 18 – Compassion House*

*June 25 – Bible League*

## Stock the Pantry

For May, the requested food items are spaghetti sauce, pasta, and rice. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

# Prayer Corner

## Living in Christ

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him" Colossians 2:6.

What does it mean to live your life in Him? It means living a life of abiding trust and submission to the Lord. We are to live worthy of our calling in Him and this can be done only as we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us each day. It is only as we receive from Him can we walk in Him. This connectedness to Christ in the non-Christian, secular society of today is mis-understood, often opposed and ridiculed. While people might not understand, we can trust that they will see Christ in our actions, words and our facial expressions.

As we spend time in The Word and prayer our lives become rooted in Him. Just as a tree's root system gains its stability in the dirt, our rootedness in Christ gives us strength and endurance to walk where He leads us. Sometimes He'll lead our steps through painful situations, sometimes through routine days and often into pleasant, blessed places. As we live for Him we can look back on our lives and remember how He has led us through what appeared at the time to be some impossible situations.

Only God...

Living in Christ also involves putting action to our commitment. With Christ as our model we will see people differently. We will see them as Christ sees them and will interact with them in loving ways, as He did. Think about Jesus' public ministry and the people He touched with His love and compassion. He went to where the needs were. As we walk in Christ we are to do the same. But remember, He will never send you into something alone. Our walk with Him might take us to familiar places, but also to new places....perhaps to a homeless shelter; on a short-term mission assignment; to work on a food truck; to your next door neighbor's home; or into the adoption of a child. Wherever He calls you to go or whatever assignment to take on, He will give you the strength to complete it. Keep on walking!

“And we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.  
Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in Him.  
I John 4: 16

#### Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for teaching us that we are to live our lives in You, leaning on your strength and reaching out to others who need You. Keep us walking in your footsteps each day. Amen

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