

## SECOND'S MATTERS

June 14, 2023



**Second Church  
of Fremont**

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

### Sunday, June 18, 2023

Pastor Dave Brower will be leading us in worship. His message "Christian Character - Courage" is based on Deuteronomy 31:1-8 and I Corinthians 16:5-13. It is Faith Promise Sunday, and we will be having a noisy coin offering for the Platzer family.

The greeters are Mike and Sylvia DeKuiper.

### 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.

### Sunday, June 18 - Community Worship Service at 5:00p at First CRC

#### Our Church Family

Our sympathies go out to **Dave and Alvera Kidder**, whose brother, **Jim Kidder**, passed away last night. Please pray for the Kidder family during this difficult time.

**Gaylen Byker** hopes to be released from Mary Free Bed on Thursday to go home. He will have in-home nursing care as well as physical therapy. Please pray for Susan and Gaylen as they make this transition.

**John Van Hekken** returned to Butterworth Hospital on Monday for his third chemotherapy treatment and expects to return home at the end of the week. He is gaining strength and things are moving in a positive direction. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

#### Community Announcements

On behalf of the council, I would like to apologize for the lack of written notice regarding a congregational question and answer session with prospective pastor, Adam Sculnick last Sunday June 11, 2023. We did record this meeting and it is available at the stated link below. Please review at your convenience. If you have questions, please contact me and I will follow up with Adam.

Sincerely, John P. Mellema

Link: <https://clipchamp.com/watch/eCXMLTn9F1n>

### Council info About Candidate Adam Sculnick

Click [here](#)

### Faith Promise

Sunday June 18 is Faith Promise Sunday. There will be a brief presentation during the service along with a brochure and pledge card in your mailbox.

### Christian Education Fund:

Please remember that all donations for the Christian Education Fund for the 2022/2023 school year are due by June 30. The drive for next school year will begin soon. Please contact Ken Wolffis if you have any questions at (231) 519-3686.

### Newaygo Medical Care Facility Speakers

Please consider becoming a speaker for the Medical Care Facility services. Second is responsible for supplying the reader/speaker on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> (and 5<sup>th</sup> if there is one) Sundays of the month. The service is at 2pm and usually is about 30 minutes. You may read a devotional, scripture, sing songs or just talk. If you feel God is calling you to give of your time to those in the nursing home, talk to or call Lewis Blohm (924-2009) or Bob Broekema (231-726-0666)

## Upward Basketball Camp

We have 44 kids attending our first annual Upward Basketball Camp.

*Thank you to all the volunteers helping to make this a massive success.*



### Drivers needed for Platzer's

There is a signup sheet on the literature ledge in the lobby if you are willing to be a possible driver for the Platzer family. Drivers are needed to take them to various appointments or other activities they may wish to attend this summer. If we have a list of potential drivers to call, then hopefully those who signed up can refuse if the date doesn't work out for them.

### Save The Date

Church picnic August 6.

### Cookies for Sunday morning Coffee Time

If you haven't had a chance to sign up to bring cookies for Sunday morning coffee time, please place your name on the list. It is conveniently setting on the counter by the coffee. Our summer attendance is larger, and we need two people on each Sunday. If you would like to help with the coffee time please talk with one of the people serving on Sunday mornings.

### Encouragement Card for Dwayne Mills and family,

If you would like to sign an encouragement card for Dwayne Mills, director of Appalachia Reach Out in Inez KY and his family, please see Bette Wagenmaker. Let's fill up the card with signatures and let the Mills family know we are supporting them and praying for them.

### Women's Getaway, July 29

Ladies, you've received your Getaway invitation with a postcard, so be sure to register **and** spread the joy by inviting a friend to join us on the morning of July 29th! **Registration is open online!** Check out our website ([secondcrcfremont.org](http://secondcrcfremont.org); Adult Ministries, then Women's Ministry tab) 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 will receive **ten** raffle tickets for giveaway gifts, so be sure to register this week by June 17th! Click [here](#) to register.

### Final deadline for registration to attend the Women's Getaway 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!

**For Men and Youth:** As the Ladies are looking forward to having a morning Getaway at The Shack, we're calling for men and youth available on and willing to set aside Saturday morning to serve as volunteers for Child Care at Second CRC. Volunteers will be able to elect timeframes in **one hour increments** based on your availability July 29th between 8am-12pm. Child Care Volunteers will be

contacted by July 8<sup>th</sup> based on our Getaway registration deadline of July 1<sup>st</sup>. Refreshments will be provided for you and the children under your care that morning! To receive more information, please contact Heather Love (In-person after service, 269-680-1128 or [laponsie.spitfire.heather@gmail.com](mailto:laponsie.spitfire.heather@gmail.com)), as we'd appreciate your assistance and welcome your name on our Child Care Volunteer List!

Your Second CRC Women's Getaway Planning Committee,  
Jody, Heather, Alvera, Gretchen, Jane, Bette

### 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 18 – Compassion House*

*June 25 – Bible League*

### Stock the Pantry

For June, the requested food items are soup and crackers. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

## Prayer Corner

As we seek to deepen our prayer lives individually and corporately as a church family these words from Adam Sculnick's book **Prosperity Gospel: What's Your Story?** speak to each one of us personally. Read them carefully and prayerfully and ask the Lord to help you to apply them to your life.

### Prayer

"Prayer is a central focus of the Christian life. It is our one-way conduit to God, the way in which we speak to Him. That isn't to say that it is a one-way conversation by any means. God speaks to us in a variety of ways. I simply mean that is directly to Him, without detours or loop holes. We see Jesus praying to God the Father many times in scripture. In the gospel of Luke alone, Jesus prays five times (Luke 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18, 28). He teaches his disciples what prayer should be like in Luke 11. Philippians 4:6 (NLT) tells us "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done." In prayer we find the gratitude for life that is often lacking, especially when we don't have all the luxuries we wish for.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.  
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ESV)

The prayer life we grow in helps us keep our hearts open to God's leading. We surrender our problems to Him in prayer. We pour out our feelings to a God who listens and understands through prayer. We ask for ourselves, our families, and our friends through prayer, and we acknowledge and ask that the Lord's will be done.

### Practice

Having a regular prayer time is a discipline. Turning from sin and repenting is a daily struggle. We must constantly remember to orient our hearts, thoughts and actions towards Christ. The Spirit is at work in our lives, crafting from the inside to work towards making our outside reflect the image of Christ. This process is *sanctification*, and it is something that we are constantly experiencing through the work of the Holy Spirit. It is lived out in our conversations, in our work ethic, in personal and professional relationships, in our marriage, and in the ways we serve our community and church. It shows itself in the way we treat our kids, the way we care for our bodies, the way we care for our planet."

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