

SECOND'S MATTERS

June 21, 2023



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Pastor Dave Brower will be leading us in worship. His message "Christian Character - Dependability" is based on John 17:1-4 and Philippians 2:19-30. The greeters are Wayne and Karen Vogel.

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 25- Community Worship Service at 5:00p at First CRC

Our Church Family

Pray for **Jack and Barb Grasman** and their family on the death of Barb's mother on Friday, June 16. Pray for God's peace and strength during their grief.

Please continue to pray for **Melanie DeKryger**. Her medication is now more effective and she will be having a procedure tomorrow morning which hopefully will provide relief and give a doctors a direction going forward. **Charlie and Melanie** feel the love and prayers of Second Church and very much appreciate them.

John Van Hekken is home from the hospital this week and will be back in the hospital next week for his next chemo. treatment. Pray for healing, strength and courage for John and strength for his wife Elsa and for their family. Give thanks to the Lord that things seem to be moving in a positive direction.

Gaylen Byker is home from Mary Free Bed. Pray for patience during the healing process.

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](#)

Congregational Meeting, June 25, 2023

There will be a congregational meeting following the morning service on June 25. We will be voting on Candidate **Adam Sculnick**. There is a box in the lobby of church if you would like to drop off an absentee ballot before Sunday.

Faith Promise Giving Update

We are currently only \$5,000 short of reaching our \$35,000 Faith Promise goal for the fiscal year which ends on June 30, 2023. We are almost there! Your generous gift will help us reach or even exceed this goal. Thank you, Second Church!

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 1st and 4th (and 5th 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)

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.

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; 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 1st!

Set aside **July 29th 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 8th based on our Getaway registration deadline of July 1st. 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 laponzie.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

The Nest

The Nest Resale Shop, downtown Fremont, is in need of more volunteer help. If you have a heart for Christian education, how about giving a little time to support our local schools. You can choose an area that fits your abilities and interests. For example, right now we could use another helper in our linen department. Please stop in at the store for an application and more information.

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 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

Prayer is one of the most sacred privileges that we as Christians have. It is communication with the God of all creation, the creator and sustainer of the universe, the giver of salvation and therefore the one who provides eternal life for those who believe. The power in prayer is beyond our ability to understand, and yet, it is available to us 24/7/365, no strings attached. God wants you to come to Him in prayer for the big and little things that affect your life.

We have the privilege of bringing a "big thing" to God in prayer. Next Sunday, June 25, a congregational meeting will be held following the morning service for the purpose of voting on pastoral candidate, Adam Sculnick. Before you vote, absentee or in person, spend time in prayer. Seek God's heart in this very important matter. Take into consideration what the church needs to serve the Lord better in the Fremont community and beyond. Give your hopes and vision for Second Church as a sweet offering to the Lord and pray that His will be done.

Second Church family join together in prayer before the vote on Sunday.

Bow the Knee

Ron Hamilton and Cheryl Reid

What a privilege to come into God's presence,
just to linger with the one who set me free.
As I lift my eyes and see His awesome glory,
I remember who He is and bow the knee.

Chorus:

Bow the knee, bow the knee,
He is king of all the ages, bow the knee!
God alone on His throne,
see Him high and lifted up and bow the knee!
Kneel before Him, all adore Him.
As you live to love Him more, bow the knee.

In His hand He holds the power of creation.
With His voice He spoke and all things came to be.
Yet He hears each simple prayer I bring before Him
when I humbly seek His face and bow the knee.

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