SECOND'S MATTERS

June 28, 2023



Sunday, July 2, 2023

On Sunday, July 2, our church will be participating in a combined outdoor worship at Veterans' Park beginning at 10 am. We are looking forward to worshiping 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. 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 Community Closet. Elements for **Communion** will be handed out as people arrive.

There will be **no** Community Evening Worship this Sunday, July 2.

There will be no **Prayer Guides** or **Prayer Corners** for the first weeks in July due to vacation plans. They will resume the last week in July.

Our Church Family

Stan DeKuiper continues as a resident at Green Acres. However, his health is now declining. Pat asks us to remember Stan, herself, and their family in this moment of their family's life.

Melanie DeKryger is doing better and hopes to be able to be released today. The swelling has gone down and she will be able to gain strength and healing at home. The doctors will decide the next course of action in about thirty days. We deeply appreciate all the thoughts, prayers, and concern for Melanie. Please continue to pray for healing for Melanie and wisdom for the doctors.

Charlie and Melanie DeKryger

John Van Hekken is in Butterworth Hospital this week as he continues his chemotherapy regimen. Please pray for healing, strength and courage for John and strength for his wife Elsa. Give thanks to the Lord that things seem to be moving in a positive direction.

Keep **Gaylen Byker** in your prayers as he continues his recovery at home. Pray for his wife Susan, as well.

Community Announcements

Faith Promise Giving Update

We are currently only \$1,000 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.

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 (<u>secondcrcfremont.org</u>; <u>Adult Ministries</u>, <u>then Women's Ministry tab</u>) 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 <u>two-sided paper form</u> to one of the Planning Committee members! All "**Early Bird**" **registrants** will receive <u>ten</u> raffle tickets for giveaway gifts, <u>so be sure to register this week by **June 17th**! Click <u>here</u> to register.</u>

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 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

After Dark: The Life and Times of John Calvin, by Stan Sturing

You are invited to an enacted retelling of the life and times of John Calvin by Stan Sturing at the Calvin Theological Seminary Chapel (3233 Burton St. SE) on Thursday, July 27 and Friday, July 28 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, July 29 at 2:30 p.m. Suggested donation of \$10.00 per adult.



Click here for more information

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.

Bible League's Conference / Retreat for men and women

Join us on Friday, September 8, 2023, in Byron Center for the 'Growing Inward-Reaching Outward' conference. Best selling author, Carol Kent's life turned upside down when their only child was sentenced for murder. Carol shares from God's Word and her family's experience in growing an enduring faith and impacting the world for Christ. Registration and more information can be found at Biblleleague.org/tickets

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 July are:

July 9 – Wellspring Adult Day Services July 16 – True North 'Tools for School' July 23 – Community Closet July 30 - Fremont Christian School

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 prepare to welcome Adam and Amber Sculnick and their family to our church may our hearts be filled with joy and praise to our heavenly Father who has graciously guided us. May these words from Psalm 145 be the prayer of your heart. Keep the Sculnick family in your prayers as they leave their home, church family and friends in Florida and move to Fremont.

Psalm 145: 1-7
I will exalt you my God and King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
Every day I will praise you and extol your name. for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another;
they will tell of your might acts.

They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and I will meditate on your awesome works,
and I will proclalim your great deeds.

They will celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

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