

## SECOND'S MATTERS

August 16, 2023



**Second Church  
of Fremont**

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

### **Sunday, August 20, 2023**

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. His message "Finding Joy in Being Different" is based on Philippians 2:14-16. The greeters will be Kit and Audra Powell

Pastor Dave Brower will be installing Stated Supply Pastor Adam Sculnick as an elder and then Pastor Dave will preside over the distribution of communion.

### **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, August 20 - Community Worship Service at 5:00p at First CRC**

#### **Our Church Family**

#### **From Pastor Adam**

"Hi family!

I am excited to announce something new that we are doing with the sermons online to make your viewing experience easier. Beginning today we will have a "mid-week restream" of just the sermon every Wednesday. You can visit our youtube channel to view the entire worship service under the "live" tab but you can now access the sermons directly via our website's Worship Archive or Youtube. To visit us on Youtube, [click here](#). Each Monday as usual the Worship Archive on the website will update to reflect the new service. I pray that this will enrich your reflections on the sermons as we grow together in our worship of the Lord. have a great week and I hope to see you Sunday."

In Christ,

**Pastor Adam**

**Gaylen Byker** has been readmitted to the hospital due to internal fluid buildup and extreme fatigue. Doctors will try to determine the cause of these conditions. Please pray for Gaylen and Susan as they face this time of uncertainty.

**John Van Hekken** is back at home this week recovering from another round of chemo. Please pray for continued recovery and healing.

**Helen Mellema** had a successful hip replacement last week. She is doing well and continues to improve and heal.

#### **Community Announcements**

**Pastor Adam Sculnick** has begun his ministry with us. He will be at church generally from 9am until 4pm, Monday through Thursday. If you would like to talk or visit, please contact him at:  
email – [adam@secondcrcfremont.org](mailto:adam@secondcrcfremont.org) Telephone / text – (231) 335-0314

#### **Prayer Partners for 2023-2024**

School bells will soon be ringing, so it is time to sign up as a prayer partner for a child of Second Church. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer; please consider being a special friend to someone this year!! "Rich is the person who has a praying friend."

#### **Gems Leaders Needed:**

The four CRC's in Fremont have a combined GEMS program that is a part of our CRC Shared Ministries. GEMS is a ministry for young girls that helps them grow in their faith and build meaningful relationships with each other. The program has been steadily growing the last few years and we are in need of a few new volunteers to support our two lead counselors who are already in place. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity to serve please contact Samantha Greer at 616-990-4510 or Felicia Wagenmaker at 231-225-6006.

## To All Members and Regular Attendees

The church office will be producing an **Updated Church Directory** in the coming weeks. If you have changed address, phone number, email, etc., or would like to be added, please get the appropriate information to Valerie by emailing [office@secondcrcfremont.org](mailto:office@secondcrcfremont.org) or calling the church office (231) 924-0170 by **August 30, 2023**.

### Pictorial Church Directory

The church office will be producing an updated pictorial church directory in the coming weeks. If you want to be in the pictorial, please email or send/drop off to the office a current picture of your family. Please send an updated photo to Valerie by emailing [office@secondcrcfremont.org](mailto:office@secondcrcfremont.org) or mail: 600 Apache Drive, or put in the mail slot on the office door by **August 30, 2023**.



**Looking for Sunday morning** coffee cookie bakers for September. Sign up on the coffee counter.

**There are a few** mugs that have been left on Sunday mornings along with a few coffee cups that have accumulated that are not being used. These will be out on a table by the coffee counter. If you left a mug, reclaim it, or if you would like to take a coffee cup, please do.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND:

Please check your church mailbox for a letter and a pledge card for the 2023/2024 school year. Please place your pledge card in the box in the church foyer by **August 31<sup>st</sup>**. This year we anticipate at least 17 children utilizing this fund at a cost of approximately \$90,000. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Wolffis at (231) 519-3686.

## CADETS

**ATTENTION ALL SPORTSMEN:** The Calvinist Cadet Corps is hosting its 9th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot. The event will be held on Saturday, August 19 at the Blendon Pines Gun Club in Zeeland, Michigan. For more information, call the Corps office at 616-241-5616 ext 1, or check out the Cadet website under the "Events" tab. Everyone is welcome! Registration forms are available on our website: [www.calvinistcadets.org](http://www.calvinistcadets.org). Lunch will be served at 11:30 am. Join us for a fun filled day! If you can't make it out for the event, but still want to be involved, sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information on giving, contact Kim at the Corps office number listed above, or find information on our website on the event page.

## Bible League

Each year Bible League Volunteer Ambassadors send out a special fundraising letter to their church members. Together we are equipping Christians and churches all over the globe to engage in the Word of God. As a result, God's Kingdom is growing! Look for this letter and as you read it, please sincerely pray for the work of Scripture engagement. We appreciate any contribution you feel led to provide.

## 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 August are:*

*August 20 – Newaygo County Compassion House*

*August 27 – Kids Hope*

## Stock the Pantry

For August, the requested food items are macaroni and cheese, canned meat. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

## Prayer Corner

Tuesday morning it was dreary and rainy and felt more like November than the middle of August. As I was thinking about the day ahead, the words of the old well-loved hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" came to my mind. It was though God was bringing the brightness of His love into an otherwise dreary day. Regardless of the weather on any given day or your day's agenda, start the day by adoring your heavenly Father and giving Him the gratitude that is due His holy name.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Reginald Heber, 1826

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!  
God in three persons, beside Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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