

SECOND'S MATTERS

August 2, 2023



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. His message "Finding Joy in Growing Pains" is based on Philippians 1:6,9-11,21. The greeters will be Steve and Gail Wagenmaker. *We will not be having communion on August 6. We will be having it on August 20.*

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

Sunday, August 20, 2023

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.

Our Church Family

Dear Friends at Second,

Jean & I are shocked by the generous and loving gift you presented us after Sunday's Service! Thank you so much. As I said before, it has been a pleasure to serve the Lord and His people among you these past 6 months. We will pray for Adam and his family and that great days of ministry and service lie ahead of you.

Pastor Dave & Jean Brower

Please continue to pray for **Wayne Vogel, Melanie DeKryger, Jim Beadle, Gaylen Byker, and John Van Hekken** as they recover from their respective surgeries and treatments.

Community Announcements

Pastor Adam Sculnick has begun his ministry with us. He will be leading us in worship and preaching starting on Sunday, August 6. 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 Telephone / text – (231) 335-3014

As per shared at last Sunday's congregational meeting which took place following the worship service, we will be celebrating communion on Sunday, August 20, 2023

Church Picnic, August 6

Our church picnic is this Sunday, August 6, 12pm at the Veterans Memorial Park. We are grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. If your last name starts with A-M bring a salad/side dish and if your last names starts with N-Z bring a dessert. Include a lawn chair if you wish. In case of rain we will be in the fellowship hall in the basement of church.

OUTREACH

Leah Sweetman, our partner missionary of Resonate Global Missions, who is supported by our Faith Promise giving under the direction of our Outreach Committee, is hosting an open house gathering at Fremont Lake Park tomorrow, August 3, from 6:30-8:00pm. A social time along with a brief presentation at 7:15 will be the evening schedule. All are welcome!

Highlights from the July 19, 2023 Council Meeting

- We reviewed Ministry Team Minutes and Staff Reports
- We worked on gathering a support/advisory team for Pastor Adam
- We had an update on the prayer vigil set for July 25
- We passed a motion to pay the Lancaster Group for their work with our pastor search
- We decided on a Thank You gift for Pastor Dave Brower
- We discussed possible rooms that Pastor Adam may use for his office
- We sent the membership of Anna Zeerip Kuiper to First Byron CRC
- We sent the memberships of Louis and Paula Meeuwenberg to Blythefield CRC
- We received the memberships of Adam and Amber Sculnick and their children. Aiden, Jackson, and Delilah from Sunlight Community Church

If you have any questions, please talk to a council member and remember you are always welcome to attend our meetings.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND:

Thank you for helping us to achieve our financial goal for the past school year! 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 31st. 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.

Women's Getaway 2023 was a wonderful morning of fellowship and study on Finding Joy in the Chaos: Exploring Gratitude! The 48 Ladies that were in attendance Saturday, July 29th enjoyed God's blessings of a beautiful summer day on the grounds of The Shack, time in joyful worship and small group sharing time with fellow neighbors in the community, along with their individual contemplative study **with God!** We appreciate all of you, Ladies, for setting aside time to join us and we pray you were blessed by the Women's Getaway activities!

This ministry event was possible with the involvement of many congregations and individuals working together to give the women a morning to get a break from the busyness of life and recharge in the Word. We'd like to share our thanks and sincere appreciation for your role on our team:

Second CRC congregation (prayers, support & constant encouragement)

Shared Ministries Team

Second CRC Discipleship Committee

Second CRC Tech team (especially Jeff Breuker & Jason DeKuiper)

Second CRC Staff: Valerie Volz & Mary Folkema

Stephanie DeKuiper (invitations), Jenn Mellema & Brenda Woods (Vocal/Music)

Karen Admiraal, Chelsea Breuker, Jenn Mellema, Audra Powell (Small Groups)

Bob Broekema (Safe Church), Ann Pell & Judge Dimkoff (Child Care Legalities)

Congregational prayers & support from First CRC, Reeman CRC & Trinity CRC

Administrative & Tech teams at First CRC, Reeman CRC & Trinity CRC

Child Care Volunteers: Bob Broekema, Michael Love & Grace Cook

And our fantastic Planning Committee and Liaison team: Jody Cook, Norma Fikse (Trinity CRC), Robin Hollowell (Reeman CRC), Heather Love, Vic Luchies (First CRC), Alvera Kidder, Gretchen Kronsbein, Jane VanOstenberg and Bette Wagenmaker....whom have put in time, decision-making and "hands-on" woman-power for months to have things ready for Saturday morning!

THANK YOU, EVERYONE!!!

God's Family working together creates beautiful things!

Ladies, there are additional take-home Joy Study packets on the ledge in the Narthex, in the event you forgot to pick one up on Saturday. Please return any feedback surveys or suggestions to the Planning Committee by this Sunday (August 6) so your input can make future planning for ministry event(s) even better!

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. 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.

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 6 – Resonate World Missions

August 13 – Western Michigan Christian High School

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

These words from the Apostle Paul in the book of Philippians are so appropriate for us Second Church family as we continue to move forward under the direction of the Holy Spirit. May they be the prayer of our hearts.

Philippians 1: 3-6 and 9-11

I thank my God every time I remember you.
In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy
because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,
being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you
will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer:
that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,
so that you may be able to discern what is best
and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,
filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—
to the glory and praise of God.

Praise God for all He is doing and desires to do in our midst.

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