

# SECOND'S MATTERS

August 30, 2023



**Second Church  
of Fremont**

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

## Sunday, September 3

On Sunday, September 3, our church will be participating in a combined outdoor worship at Veterans' Park beginning at 10am. We are looking forward to worshipping 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 Love, INC. Elements for **Communion** will be handed out as people arrive.

There will be **no** Community Evening Worship at First CRC on Sunday, September 3

## Our Church Family

### From Pastor Adam

"Hey family,

I've mentioned to many of you this week how many wonderful new things are coming into being here at Second Church and I'm excited to share a few of them with you now. I came across a statistic online the other day that over the last several years, more than 30% of people who sought out a new church did all of their research via social media rather than using google, visiting churches on Sunday mornings or investigating church websites. I have a heart for outreach as you know and so I believe that as a church we need to engage the social media space so that we can meet those seeking a new church home where they are. Our Facebook has gotten a facelift lately and I'm excited to share that we are now on Instagram, the leading social media platform as well. Find us if you're using Instagram @secondcrc. I've also been working hard to get plans in place for some fun activities for the families of our church and community and, along with the outreach committee, are nearly ready to unveil something big that'll happen in October. For now, all I can say is that it is called 9:38Fest and it will be Amazing!! Stay tuned for a full announcement in September. And lastly, as we prepare to worship the Lord together as a community of faith this weekend at the park, I want to share the wording that I have used a great deal on our Facebook page that I think embodies where we are going as a church and that is, 'we hope that your family will join our family here at Second Church' and I feel deeply that God is growing our family, that we are meeting Fremont with open arms, and that He is doing something right now that we will see soon. Have an amazing week and God bless you until we meet in the park for worship on Sunday."

In Christ,  
**Pastor Adam**

## Community Announcements

### 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 31, 2023**.

### PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Thank you to those who have already sent in an updated photo.**

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 31, 2023**.

### **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."

### **Potluck, Sunday, September 10**

It's almost fall and our Sunday School and other activities will kickoff on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Please join us for a Fall Kickoff Potluck on Sunday the 10th at 11:30 to celebrate our Sunday School and other activities. To help us plan, please sign up for a main dish or a salad on the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Thank you, the Fellowship Committee

### **Harvest Table**

If you have garden produce you are willing to share, please bring it to church on Sunday morning and place it on the harvest table in the lobby. Members and guests are invited to take it home.

### **Coffee Break, 2023**

Coffee Break Bible Study will begin meeting Tuesday, September 19, from 9:30-11 am at the Second Christian Reformed Church, 600 Apache Drive. Coffee Break is for women of all ages. No Bible knowledge is necessary. We will be studying the book of Romans and study guides will be available at the first meeting. If you want to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," consider Coffee Break. Questions? Contact Doris Broekema (286-8490) or Karen Admiraal (335-2285).



**Looking for Sunday morning** coffee cookie bakers for October and November. Sign up on the coffee counter.

### **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.

### **Kid's Hope**

Second Church has the unique opportunity to be a blessing to a child in our local elementary schools. If you have one hour, once a week throughout the school year to share you could be that blessing! Our Kids Hope program is urgently in need of more adults to mentor students in 1st-5th grades for this school year. Please see Chelsea Brueker or Stephanie DeKuijer for further details.

### **ARO Shoe Boxes**

It's not too early to think about filling shoeboxes for Appalachia Reach Out in Inez, KY! The beginning of another school year is a perfect time to also pick up school supplies for your Christmas shoes boxes. We'll let you know later when the boxes will be available.

### **Advance Notice for GriefShare**

We would like to welcome any adult who has lost a loved one to attend a GriefShare Group, this non-denominational 14 week course offers help and support for the grieving. Each class is special and different, focusing on a DVD featuring grief experts and real-life stories. A \$10.00 fee is for your personal workbook, which you will use in the program to help and guide you in your healing. Although you might not be able to attend each week, you are encouraged to do so. There is an open-door policy, so new people can join at any given time. Sessions will be on consecutive Tuesdays beginning September 5, 2023, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at First CRC (721 Hillcrest, Fremont). Registration online at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) or (231) 924-2460 is helpful for planning ,but not required.

## 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 Sept are:*

*Sept. 10 – Habitat for Humanity*

*Sept 17 – Resonate World Missions*

*Sept. 24 – Fremont Service Committee*

## Stock the Pantry

For September, the requested food items are peanut butter and jelly. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

## Prayer Corner

This week we are praying for students, teachers, administrators and parents as the new school year is underway in Fremont Christian School, Fremont Public Schools, and at the university level. Starting the new school year after summer vacation can be exciting, but still a time for anxiety and concerns.

You, Second Church family, are a vital link of support; bringing encouragement and strength.

- Pray for safety, good learning, wisdom, good relationships, God's presence and the ability to focus on their schoolwork and studies.
- Pray that anxieties and concerns will be minimized and that students will enjoy school this year!
  - Pray that the students will connect with friends they've had and make new friends.
- Pray that students won't be intimidated by new schedules, new teachers and new ways of doing things. Pray that they will learn quickly what is expected and do their best.
- Pray for parents as they adjust to new schedules and new routines and seek to be encouragers for their children.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding,  
in all your ways acknowledge Him,  
and He will direct your path.

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