

## SECOND'S MATTERS

September 20, 2023



Second Church  
of Fremont  
*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

### Sunday, September 24

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. He will be starting a new sermon series on the book of Jonah. The series is called "Underserving" and the first week's message is "A Reluctant Prophet to An Undeserving People" based on Jonah 1:1-3. The greeters will be Phil and Judy Deur.

### 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, September 24- Community Worship Service at 5:00p at First CRC.**

### Our Church Family

**From Pastor Adam**  
**Hey Second Family,**

I'm delighted that I get to share all of the exciting things happening at our church with you, perhaps more so than normal because of what this week brings. There's a lot so I'll jump right in...

**First**, we have an exciting bible study called Ask Me Anything that is happening once monthly beginning tomorrow, Thursday the 21st at 7pm at Jams Sweet Retreat on Main Street. It is an opportunity for the community to come together and learn about whatever their heart desires, and I pray that if something is on your heart and mind that you'll join us as well. 7-9pm tomorrow.

**Next**, we are excited about the upcoming GEMS Girls Club and CIA Boys Club programs that are beginning here at Second on October 9th. Make sure you join us this Sunday at 11:30 in the sanctuary as my wife Amber and I share our heart for the next generation and the plans for this exciting new mission. Registration for your boys and girls begins Sunday right after the information meeting.

**Next, Last Sunday** was the close of our Series on Finding Joy which means we look to a new series that will begin this coming Sunday. If you would like to jump ahead in your scripture study to prepare your heart for worship, feel free to take a glance at the book of Jonah, which is the subject of the series that I'm calling Underserved. And Just like I did for Finding Joy, there will be a Spotify playlist to help orient your heart and mine for it. Find that playlist by [clicking here](#).

**Lastly**, I was asked to preach at the community evening service this Sunday. If you'd like to join me, the service begins at 5pm at First CRC on Hillcrest Ave. We will be digging into James Chapter 1. With this being my 8th week as your pastor, I just want to end this letter with a heartfelt thank you for all that you have meant to my family in this season of transition. We look forward to many more years here with you all. Be blessed until we see each other Sunday.

In Christ,

**Pastor Adam"**

**Gaylen Byker** is improving daily and doing so much better. He is able to get out and move around! Gaylen and Susan appreciate your thoughts and prayers!

### Community Announcements

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## **FYSH Sunday, Sept 24**

FYSH will be taking a kayaking trip this Sunday, in place of our normal Bible Study. Pastor Les and Pastor Nate are providing lunch and a discussion on Careers vs. Calling & then we'll hit the Muskegon River (High Rollaway to Wisners)!

### **Please RSVP by Thursday morning!**

Here's what you should know:

- Be at Reeman CRC at **12:30p on Sunday, 9/24**
- Lunch & kayaks are provided
- *Should be* home around 4p
- No cost for this event, just come hang out!

Also, if your student plans to attend please make sure they bring (or that I already have) a signed permission slip :) [click here](#) if your student didn't get one Sunday!

## **Property Committee**

The property committee will be meeting on Wednesday, September 27 at 7pm.

## **CROP WALK, Sunday, October 1**

The Fremont Hungaer CROP Walk to fight local and world hunger will be on Sunday, October 1 at 1:00pm at the Veterans Memorial Park, downtown Fremont. Registration is at 12:45pm. Walkers can pick up and sign out a donation envelope which is on the literature ledge in the lobby of Second. Donations and/or envelopes can be placed in Bruce Essebaggers' church mailbox.

## **Bible Study, October 15**

Join us for six weeks this fall to study "The Hole in Our Gospel" by Richard Stearns. Jesus didn't just save us from something- He saved us for something. Stearns challenges us with this question: What does God expect of us? Details- Begins Sunday, October 15, extends for 6 weeks, ending November 19. Time is 6:00-7:15. You will receive a book and study guide; there is no cost. There are suggested chapters to read each week, but it is not necessary. Please join us!!

## **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 started yesterday. Coffee Break is for women of all ages. No Bible knowledge is necessary. They are studying the book of Romans. 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 at the coffee counter.

## **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 Breuker or Stephanie DeKuiper 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.

## **Bible League Volunteers**

Singers wanted! 3rd annual Ole Fashion Hymn Sing Saturday, October 7th @ 7:00 pm to be held at The Shack 2263 W 14th, White Cloud. in either the OK Corral or The Livery, depending on weather. Free will offering for Bible League to provide Bibles to waiting Christians. Sweet treats to follow provided by The Shack.

## 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. 24 – Fremont Service Committee*

*For Oct 1 – Ferris State Campus Ministry*

*Oct 8 – Young Life*

*Oct 15 – True North*

*Oct 22 – Bethany Christian Services*

*Oct 29 – Fremont Christian School*

## 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

I was reflecting on Pastor Adam's series on Philippians and the knowledge that we can have joy in absolutely all situations when our focus is on Jesus Christ and Him alone. What a source of comfort that is! As we were reminded, happiness and joy are not the same thing. Joy is internal and can never be taken from us no matter how challenging life becomes. Happiness on the other hand is external and can rise and fall in an instant and evaporate like a vapor.

Seek the deep joy that comes from following Jesus.

## Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Helen H. Lemmel, 1922

O soul are you weary and troubled  
No light in the darkness you see  
There's light for a look at the Savior  
And life more abundant and free

His word shall not fail you he promised  
Believe him and all will be well  
Then go to a world that is dying  
His perfect salvation to tell

O soul are you weary and troubled  
No light in the darkness you see  
There's light for a look at the Savior  
And life more abundant and free

Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in his wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of his glory and grace

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