# SECOND'S MATTERS October 25, 2023



#### Sunday, October 29

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. His message is "An Underserving People Unlearn Old Ways based on Jonah 3. Greeters are Dave and Alvera Kidder

## **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, October 29- Community Worship Service at 5:00p at First CRC.

# **Our Church Family**

## Hey Second family!

I'm eager to write this to you this week because we are on the cusp of some very exciting things and I don't even know where to start. I'll start small and go from there I guess so let's begin with bible studies.

This week is the second installment of our **Ask Me Anything** study at JAMS Sweet Retreat. We will be there this Thursday evening from 6-8pm answering questions from anyone who wants to ask. If you've got questions about faith and culture or just want to hear the answers, stop by.

Second is our new bible study **Public Reading of Scripture (PRoS** for short). Each week we will gather at the church to listen to God's word and talk about what we heard. There is no study to do before or after, nothing to do except to listen to His voice. and I cannot wait to get going. With the outlined schedule for reading, we will have read the bible in its entirety in about a year and a half in a once a week study. We are told in scripture to continue the practice of publicly reading from His Word and so we as a church will continue that centuries old tradition together.

Next, our first ever **9:38FEST** is coming!! Halloween night, from 5:30-7:30pm, our church will be hopping with excitement and with people from all over our community. If you don't have plans for Halloween, bring your family and join ours for this fantastic new event. We are still looking for a couple more trunks for the trunk or treat and if you want to volunteer to help make the event a success, please reach out to us at the church to get on the list, or sign up Sunday on the sign up sheet in the lobby.

And lastly, I feel so blessed to be able to report that our second **Mission Monday** was this past Monday night and we saw even more boys and girls join us than the first week! We now have 11 girls registered and attending and 10 boys registered and attending. The impact we are seeing on the kids of Fremont is such a joy and I can't wait to see what God is going to do next. Would you join me in praying this week for 9:38FEST and for Mission Monday and let's watch together with anticipation for the Spirit of God to do His thing. May God bless you each until we meet again Sunday.

Hidden In Christ, pastor Adam

**Pray for Wayne Vogel,** who is scheduled for surgery today. Pray for Wayne and Karen, the surgeons, and for the surgery to be successful.

#### **Change of Address**

Karen Admiraal 4865 Summergreen Lane,

Hudsonville, MI. 49426 Landline: (616) 209-5014 Cell: (231) 225-2925

New Phone number: Marian Homan – (231) 225-2314

#### **Community Announcements**

#### Thank YOU!

Thank you to the members of Second Church who contributed \$760 to the recent CROP Walk to fight local and world hunger. The Fremont walk raised \$21,000.

#### **Thank You**

Wellspring ADS would like to thank our community for all the support shown at our "Fill the Well" Auction. We feel both privileged and humbled by the success of our fundraiser! Because of all the donations, the individuals who attended the auction, and the purchased items we had another successful auction. Because of you, we can continue to offer this great resource and high-quality program. We are truly blessed to be able to serve the seniors in our community.

#### From Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Team is in need of three drivers for the two Deerfield and Dallas Homes residents that attend our church. You would drive one month a year (four Sundays). Right now there are three months open as we have people that have moved from our church. Please contact Nanci Nieboer for more information and to sign up.

We also need drivers for two senior women from our church that no longer drive themselves. Mary Boven is setting up that schedule so please contact her for more information. There will also be a sign up sheet out for you to sign up and either Nanci or Mary will contact you.

Don't forget to bake those cookies. See the ladies in charge of coffee to sign up for a Sunday.

Please keep the following dates on your calendars: **November 19: Thanksgiving dinner for all November 26: Church decorating party**December 5: A women's Tea

More information will be given later.

# All Church Thanksgiving Dinner, November 19

The Fellowship Team invites the congregation to Thanksgiving dinner on November 19 at 11:30. We will be serving ham and rolls and ask that you sign up to bring a side or salad. The sign up sheet is on the table in the lobby so please add your name, how many will be attending and what you will be bringing so we can determine how many hams will be needed. Thank you.

#### Kid's Hope

Our local schools are urgently requesting mentors!!! We currently have a kindergartner, two 3rd graders and three 4th graders on our waitlist for mentors at this time. The impact from the mentors Second Church is sending into our local schools is recognized and more caring adults are needed. Please prayerfully consider being a light in our local community by sharing one hour of your week through Kids Hope.

# **Volunteers for Outreach**

The Outreach committee is seeking volunteers for the 938Fest being held in our church parking lot on Tuesday October 31. There are two sign-up sheets in the narthex. One is to decorate your vehicle and hand out candy. The second is to help doing various other things the day of the event. We would ask volunteers to arrive around 5 with a 5:30 start time. We are also asking for candy donations. There is a bin in the lobby where candy can be placed. Thank you for your consideration.

#### Save the Date:

October 28 from 9-12 we will be having a workday at Fremont Christian School, and would love to have some volunteers to help. Meet at the maintenance shed (208 Hillcrest, by the parking lot) and we will divide and conquer. We will be wrapping up some projects for the Outdoor Education Program at the new Earth Keeper Classroom, and working on getting the hoop house ready for winter. Please contact Jon Wolffis with any questions: 231-519-3689.

#### **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.

#### 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: Oct 22 – Bethany Christian Services Oct 29 – Fremont Christian School

## **Stock the Pantry**

For October, the requested food items are canned fruit and vegetables. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

# **Prayer Corner**

This week as a church family we ask that you be praying about the 9:38 Fest on October 31 from 5:30-7:30 pm. As we invite the community to come for truck n treating, fun, food and much more, remember that we are Christ's ambassadors to people who might not know Him and for some have no association with a church at all. We have the privilege of showing our community the love of Christ right in our own parking lot! Fantastic! A smile, a guiding hand, an assistance of help, a willingness to answer questions, our attitudes...will speak volumes!

Pray that we will be blessed with:

- Good weather
- enough volunteers for things to run smoothly
- people who will see our love for Christ through our words and actions and that some will feel comfortable to visit the "Ask Me Anyone" table and/or our prayer tent.
- the commitment that everything we do will be done for the Lord's honor and glory.

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