

SECOND'S MATTERS

November 8, 2023



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, November 12

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. His message is "Undeserving and Yet, Receiving" based on Jonah 4:5-11. The Children's Choir will be singing and the greeters are Jim and Darlene Beadle

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, November 12- Community Worship Service at 5:00p at First CRC.

Our Church Family

"Hey family!"

I'd like to begin this week by talking about ProS (Public Reading of Scripture). We have done two weeks so far and I feel so blessed by the conversations we've had so far. We as a group have listened to Genesis 1-18, Mark 1-4 and Psalms 19 and 104. Counting myself, we began with 11 people week 1, week 2, even with several folks from week 1 having to skip it, we had 13 people listening. I would love for you to join us this coming Sunday at 6pm as we listen to Psalm 148, Genesis 19-25 and Mark 5-6. Next, it brings me so much excitement to announce that we are holding an all new profession of faith class for anyone who is ready to take on their faith as their own. It is also open to anyone who wants to recommit themselves to the faith. So if that's you, sign up by [clicking here](#) or by adding your name to the sign up sheet in the lobby. The first class will be November 26th, the second will be December 3rd and the presentation of the class to the congregation will take place December 10th. Next, our Kid's Choir will join us for worship this Sunday to lead 2 songs so if you have a little one on the choir or have a special spot in your heart for one of them, make sure you get to church early to get a good seat so that you can catch photos of the kiddos in action, leading us in worship. Lastly, I am just so thrilled with the way that God is moving in the life of our church. I see new faces all the time, many of whom were attending here before and come back to rejoin the family, but also many of whom are exploring Second Church for the first time. It makes me so happy to see what is happening here and I can't thank you enough for the trust you have placed in the work of God among you. Keep praying and walking by faith, the revival has only just begun.

**Hidden In Christ,
Pastor Adam"**

John Van Hekken's cancer has returned, and he is receiving chemotherapy at Butterworth Hospital. Pray that the chemo will be effective in suppressing the cancer, that John's kidney function will be preserved, and that his doctors will be able to determine a future course of treatment.

Please pray for **Wayne Vogel** as he heals and is going through rehab.

Please pray for those who have lost loved ones and those going through various medical concerns and treatments.

Community Announcements

The church will be closed until 1 pm on Friday, November 10.

Prayers Partners- the excitement of a new school year has passed- are you staying in touch with your student and their life? Let them know you care!!!

Food Truck Family Prayer Warriors

We have begun a new prayer initiative to pray for our food truck families. We are looking for people from our church family who will commit to pray for their requests until the next food distribution in January, 2024. If you are interested in joining with others to pray for approximately two typed pages of requests or have questions please talk to Stephanie DeKuiper, Gretchen Kronsbein, Audra Powell or Bette Wagenmaker.

All Church Thanksgiving Dinner, November 19

Don't forget our Thanksgiving Dinner, November 19th at 11:30 AM. Ham, rolls, and drink will be provided. Please sign up in the lobby so we know how much ham is needed.

Christmas Shoeboxes for Appalachia Reach Out

It's Christmas shoebox time. Get your shoebox while they last! Check out the display which will be up by Sunday, November 5th, grab one or more boxes, a list of suggested items and the grade of the boy or girl you are buying for. We will have a Bible verse for each box and are asking that you place it just inside the cover, so the first thing the child sees is God's Word, just for them!

Boxes must be returned no later than Saturday, November 25th in order to be included in this year's shipment to ARO in Inez, KY. You do not need to wrap individual items, but please wrap the shoebox itself and put the boy or girl tag with their grade on the outside. We have 75 boxes to fill, so families, singles and couples or Sunday School classes can all get in on the action to make Christmas brighter for the kiddos of ARO. Be blessed as you share the love of Christ with others!

Christmas Decorating Party, November 26

The fellowship Team welcomes everyone to a Christmas Decorating Party on November 26 at 4:30 PM. We will be assisting the Worship Team with decorating the church and end with a light supper. The Children will be decorating a tree in the Fellowship Hall. Also if you are available after the season we will need help taking down the decorations. A sign up paper is on the table in the lobby for helping, how many attending and if you will be available for take down. "Many Hands Make light Work!"

Ladies Christmas Tea, December 5

The Fellowship Team is hosting a Ladies Christmas Tea on December 5 at 11:30 am. Along with a light lunch there will be singing and games. Please sign up in the lobby so we can plan on food and set up. If you would like to host a table please see Helen Mellema or Vicki Gilliland for details. Optional: bring a food item for the food bank at True North.

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: November 12 – Insight Pregnancy Services

November 19 – Hand2Hand

November 26 – Western Michigan Christian High School

Stock the Pantry

For November, the requested food items are spaghetti sauce, pasta/rice. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

Prayer Corner

Pray for Appalachia Reach Out

"Appalachia Reach Out's mission is to be Christ's love in action through being His hands, His feet, His heart, and His mission each day, every day, in all we do. We serve those in Martin, Perry & Pulaski County, KY & Nicholas County, WV. We believe it's through our acts of kindness, goodwill, love, and support people will come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Christ, through His example of love, grace and mercy, opened up doors with others through relationships. ARO has been ministering to the people of Appalachia since 1972. Our ministry focuses on three main areas: education, addiction recovery care and work & witness. We believe that if we are going to break the generational chains of poverty we have to impact our children through education."

Taken from the ARO website

This year as you grab a shoebox (or two) in the narthex and fill it with things like hygiene products, hats and gloves and school supplies that kids need and fun things just for them, pray for the child who will be receiving that box. Remember too that you are also doing this act of love for the Lord. As delighted as the child will be when he or she opens their own box, think of how pleased the Lord is that you have served a child who doesn't have the finer things of life but is so grateful for the necessities. The more you can pack into the box the more joy you will bring to the child who receives it!

We have 75 boxes to fill and we can do it! Please return your wrapped shoeboxes to church no later than Saturday, November 25.

SECOND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

600 Apache Drive, Fremont, MI 49412

(231) 924-0170

[WEBSITE](#) | [FACEBOOK](#)