

SECOND'S MATTERS

January 10, 2024



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Pastor Dave Brower will be leading us in worship. The sermon Sunday is 'Dear Church, Power-Up Already' is based on 1 Corinthians 2:1-16. The greeters are Bryan and Michele Van Soelen.

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, January 14, 2024 – Evening Community Worship Service at First CRC at 5pm

Our Church Family

Please keep **Juanita Artlip, Kim Hayward's** mother, in your prayers. She is under hospice care.

Please continue to keep **John Van Hekken** in your prayers.

Tithing of your time, talents, treasures... called by God to use them for His glory! We heard these challenging words from Malachi last week. You are invited to join the praise team and offer your gift of praise! If this interests you and you would like more information, please contact Gladys in person or through email (gladys@secondcrcfremont.org).

Community Announcements

Mobile Food Truck, January 17, 2024 – Volunteers needed

On Wednesday, January 17, we will again offer drive thru pick-up. Recipients will stay in their vehicles, and prepared allotments of food will be placed in their cars. Thankfully, we can serve our community with this vital food resource that is needed more than ever. Volunteers are needed - please sign up by emailing Audra Powell (audrascott@hotmail.com) or on the sheet on the literature ledge. Please arrive by 4:15 to help



All Church Pancake Breakfast, January 21

The Fellowship Team invites the congregation to a pancake breakfast following the January 21 service. Pancakes with various toppings, eggs and sausage will be served at 11:30 AM. Please sign up on the table in the lobby with your name and how many will be attending to help us plan on how many to serve.

Highlights from our December 2023 Council meeting.

- Pastor Adam reported that he is working with the Candidacy Committee who is overseeing the process for his ordination. They will meet on February 8 to make a final decision.
- Ministry Team reports were received for information.
- Pastor Adam will be at The Children's Pastors Conference in Orlando, FL January. 9-12. Pulpit supply is being provided for January 14, 2024.
- A member of the congregation requested that Bethany Christian Services be removed from the offering schedule because the denomination removed them from their approved organizations for giving due to their stand on adoption/fostering to same sex couples. After discussion the motion was denied and referred back to the deacons.

- We continued our discussion on our vision and mission. A Town Hall meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2024 following the morning service.
- The codes on the doors will be changed at the first of the year.

Library News

Stop by the library for a look at new fiction, non-fiction and kids books. There's lots to choose from!

Wellspring Adult Services

Wellspring Adult Day Services is in search of a part-time Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). This position is currently 24 hours per week, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8a-4p. The candidate should have a current Michigan Nurse Aide Certification or related experience. We are seeking someone who has a passion for serving the senior population and creating a warm and welcoming environment. Please email your resume and cover letter to Allie Maat at wellspringads1@gmail.com by January 22.

Calvin January Series, 2024

The January Series lectures will be live video streamed at the Dogwood Center, 4734 S. Campus Court, Fremont, from 12:30-1:30p Monday through Friday, January 15-February 2. The lectures are free and open to the public. The Black Box will be available for seating and attendees may bring their lunch. View the speaker schedule at www.dogwoodcenter.com and pick out which one you would like to attend. Speakers:

Mon, Jan 15 Lerone Martin: "Soul Force: the Challenge of Martin Luther King"

Tues, Jan 16 – Dan Tepfer: "From Bach to Natural Machines: Algorithms as the Shapers of Music"

Wed, Jan 17 – Robert George: "Religious Liberty and the Human Good"

Thurs, Jan 18 – Caroline Randall Williams: "Soul Food and Collective Cultural Memory"

Fri, Jan 19 – Matthew Desmond: "Poverty, By America"

Mon, Jan 22 – Kendall Vanderslice – "Table Conversations: Building Community as We Eat"

Tus, Jan 23 – Lydia Dugdale: "The Lost Art of Dying: Ethical Considerations in Facing our Mortality"

Wed, Jan 24 – Niala Boodhoo: "Lessons I've Learned from Listening"

Church Key Codes

The code for the church has been changed. Please call the church if you need the new code. The church is open from 9-12, Monday thru Friday and usually into the afternoons of those days.

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: January 14 – Community Closet

January 21 – WMCHS

January 28 – Cadets (main office)

Stock the Pantry

For January, the requested food items are cereal, pancake mix, syrup. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

Prayer Corner

Seeking the Lord

What does it mean to seek the Lord? The scriptures are rich with examples of people who sought the Lord and with verses of encouragement for us to do the same. Seeking the Lord is all about a growing and intimate relationship with Him and it needs to be nurtured on a daily basis. One hour in church on a Sunday morning simply won't cut it.

God is faithful and will keep His promises to you. If you truly seek Him, He won't turn you away, but will draw you to Himself and reveal His character to you. You will find Him! God took the initiative by sending His Son to earth to die for your salvation and making eternity possible for you. Your job is to seek Him with your whole heart. Find strength in these words from Deuteronomy 4:29 – "But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul." His part is to keep that desire within you and your part is to desire His way and plans above your own. This not something you can produce on your own. It is of God! Seeking hard after God might mean that you will have to change some things in your life. God is the one to reveal to you what changes need to be made. "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." Luke 11: 9-10

God loves you personally more than you can ever imagine. You are His first love and He desires for you to seek Him with your whole heart. May this be the prayer of your heart now at the beginning of 2024. Then expect His love and blessings to overflow in your life.

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