

SECOND'S MATTERS

January 17, 2024



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. The sermon Sunday is 'Dear Church, ...It's You' is based on 1 Corinthians 3:16-17. The greeters are Todd and Kristi Visser. The noisy coin offering will be collected for Kid's Hope, Second CRC.

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 21, 2024 – Evening Community Worship Service at First CRC at 5pm

Our Church Family

Hey family!

I am delighted to share with you some of the great things happening in our church family over the next week but I'd like to start with a word of thanks. Those of you that have gotten to know me more personally know that I don't slow down much. It is not easy for me to simply be still, and so that's what I've chosen to work on this year as a person and as your pastor. I say that to tell you that last week I was away at a conference and the council made me slow down by filling the pulpit so that I could just be present at the conference and then present in worship on Sunday. Pastor Dave continued the series in 1 Corinthians with a powerful message about the Spirit's power and how we are to wield that power in our daily lives. I wanted to thank him and thank our church council for granting me the space to rest in the peace of God. That said, let's talk about the wonderful events that are coming up this week here at Second Church. Beginning with the new men's bible study DudeStuff, and another word of thanks. Thank you to all of the men that joined me last night. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, and the Spirit of God was definitely working through that room as we prayed over several of the men there and prayed for the men of our church and community. The response of the men present was overwhelming for me and the request to make this a weekly meeting rather than monthly was warmly received. I'll let you know more once plans are finalized. Second, Public Reading of Scripture (ProS) took a week off by accident last Sunday but we will be back this coming Sunday at 6 to hear from God together. Next week our monthly Ask Me Anything event at Jams returns, this time from 6-8 on Friday the 26th. The fellowship committee has been working hard to prepare our next pancake breakfast, a wonderful time for our church to gather together in fellowship and share a meal together. I hope you'll all stick around after our service this Sunday for that. And lastly, I am excited to share with you that in less than 2 weeks, on Sunday the 28th, our church will be celebrating 3 professions of faith and 2 baptisms! God is working in our midst and I can't even begin to express to you my gratitude to you and to Him for it. May He bless you all richly in Christ until we meet next

**Grace and Peace,
Pastor Adam.**

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.

Community Announcements

Mobile Food Truck, January 17, 2024 – Volunteers needed

TODAY, 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 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.

From Council

As council prepares for the church year 2024-25, we welcome suggestions of names, people for the office of elders/deacon from the congregation. Please prayerfully consider and/or suggest individuals who you feel exhibit God's presence in leading our church. A box is available on the lobby on the literature ledge for the suggested names.

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:

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"

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 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

As we continue to look into seeking God as our work I would like to share a devotional that very much fits in.

Guidance

God's guidance is almost always step-by-step; He does not show us our life's plan all at once. Sometimes our anxiousness to know the will of God comes from a desire to "peer over God's shoulder" to see what His plan is.

Jerry Bridges

My child, you have a longing to move on from where you are right now because nothing seems to be falling into place. You know I have a plan for you, but you are still filled with stress. You know that I delight in gently leading you through My Word and by the inner nudging of My Spirit, but you still long to skip the lessons I have for you in your current situation.

Relax. My guidance is never rushed, and the details will be revealed when the right time comes. I have always known "the best pathway for your life" (Psalm 32:8). Concentrate on what I have placed in front of you today. Look for signs of My presence as you encounter people, problems, everyday activities, and new opportunities. As you keep moving forward, you will find yourself making surprising progress—emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually. I will work out My plans for your life—I won't abandon you.

The Lord will work out his plans for my life—for your faithful love,
O Lord, endures forever. Don't abandon me, for you made me.

Psalm 138: 8

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