SECOND'S MATTERS

February 28, 2024



Sunday, March 3, 2024

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. The sermon Sunday is 'Dear Church ...Get Flexible' based on 1 Corinthians 9:9-27. We will be welcoming A. Glen Vannette, and Steve and Susan Baar to the Second Church family and we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. The greeters are Steve and Gail Wagenmaker.

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, March 3, 2024 - Evening Community Worship Service at First CRC at 5pm

Our Church Family

"Hey Second Family,

I am delighted to write to you today and celebrate that our family is growing! In the past few months we have seen 9 professions of faith and 2 baptisms and now this coming Sunday we welcome 3 more people into our Second Church family by way of our brand new membership class, The Starting Point. Glen, Steve and Susan are all professing Christians who have been worshiping with us for some time now and have decided to take the next step in making this their official church home. We thank God for them and for His faithfulness is growing our family. The work that is happening here and the impact we are seeing in the community is only by the grace of God and I am personally so thankful to be a part of it.

We are also, as of last Sunday, half way through our series is 1 Corinthians, 8 down, 8 to go. I pray that you have been blessed by hearing the messages each week as I know I have been blessed by preparing them. I look forward to meeting with you once again this coming week to worship Him together.

Hidden In Christ, Pastor Adam

Thank you for all of your prayers and concerns. After testing, the Doctor recommended treating my medical issue with medication. **Gary Breuker**

Please pray for Kim Hayward and John Van Hekken as they deal with difficult medical issues.

Community Announcements

Chili Cook-off, March 17

Got a great chili that you would like to share? The Fellowship Committee is having a Chili Cook off on March 17th at 11:30 AM. We are looking for you to share a crock pot of your favorite chili. There will be prizes for the chili that is voted the best and we will have different categories so be sure to sign up at the Welcome Center. Everyone is welcome but we need you to sign up even if you are not bringing a chili to share.

Books to Strengthen Your Own Faith Journey

Whether you are a new believer or one who has grown up in the faith each of us is on a faith journey...our own faith journey. But, you are not alone on this journey.

Do you have questions about God or your faith and desire to know more? Are you a new believer and are just getting started on your Christian walk? Did you know that there are books by respected Christian authors that you can read at home on your own schedule? if these questions describe you, read on! We have a new selection of books in the church library just for you. You'll find them on the table under the clock. If you would like some direction about which book would be best for

you, reach out to Pastor Adam, to Bette, the church's librarian or a member of council for help. Take a look! There's something for you!

From the Fellowship Committee

We all like to taste the delicious cookies that our bakers make for Sunday morning coffee. Don't forget to sign up to bring cookies at the Coffee counter.

GREIFSHARE

We welcome any adult who has lost a loved one to attend a GriefShare Group. The is non-denominational 13 week course offers support to those who are grieving. Each class is special and different. A \$10.00 fee is for your personal workbook, which you will use in the program to help and guide you in your healing. Although you might not be able to attend each week, you are encouraged to do so. There is an open door policy, so new people can join at any given time. Sessions will be on consecutive Tuesdays beginning March5, 2024, from 6:30 to 8pm at First Fremont CRC (721 Hillcrest, Fremont). Registration online at www.griefshare.org or call (231) 924-2460 is helpful for planning but not required.

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: March 3 – World Renew Disaster Relief March 10 – Love, INC March 17 – Resonate World Missions

March 24 – Hand2Hand

Stock the Pantry

For February, the requested food items are macaroni and cheese, tuna, canned meat. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

Prayer Corner

This week after having breakfast with a friend in Whitehall, I did a bit of shopping and happened to see a lady I knew in a local store. As we talked, she told me that her husband had had heart surgery and was also on dialysis. A concerned look came over her face as she shared that she would be trained in handling the dialysis procedures at home and she wondered how she would handle all that responsibility. Naturally she was afraid and concerned. Almost at once I heard the Lord whisper in my ear, "You need to tell her about Me!" I knew this lady is not a believer, but I also knew I had to be obedient to the Lord's voice. So right there in the aisle of the store I told her that our meeting that morning was not by accident. I shared that I believed in a prayer answering God and that I would pray for her and for her husband. She looked at me and quietly said, "thank you"! I know she meant it and she knew that I would be praying.

I share this small encounter with you, Second Church family, to remind you that God gives us nudges or whispers in our ears because we are in the right place at that particular moment to tell someone about Jesus. No one else can do it for you. I urge you to listen for the times when God literally whispers instructions to you and waits to see if you'll obey. Is it scary or hard? Yes, it certainly can be. But as children of God we are called to obey what He tells us to do. Ask Him to give you the courage you need the next time He gives you an opportunity to share a word of witness. He can be trusted!

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

Luke 10:27

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