

SECOND'S MATTERS

April 10, 2024



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. The sermon Sunday is 'Dear Church ... Disorder and Discipleship based on 1 Corinthians 14:26-35. The greeters are Tyler and Jody Cook.

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

Hey Second Fam,

I am excited about what I see God doing here at Second Church and I am encouraged by the incredible way that so many of you are stepping into the calling God has on your lives. As students begin to return to school and routines go back to normal, I can't help but reflect on what has happened these last two weeks at the church. While many of our regular attendees were away, the expectation would be that numbers would be low, but I have seen record attendance (record for me since beginning to serve here in August last year) 2 weeks in a row. God is on the move at Second Church!

As you readjust to the routine after spring break, here are a few things to think about. We all need a Bible reading strategy. Study after study show that without a plan and a means of accountability, most people never complete a cover to cover reading of the Bible. We at Second Church have a plan that resolves both of those challenges: we host Public Reading of Scripture (PRoS) Sunday nights at 6pm right at the church. If you attended PRoS weekly you would finish the entire Bible every 15 months with only a 1 hour weekly commitment. And participating in PRoS means you are with a community of other believers who all share in the experience as we all grow together each week.

Also, and this is just for the men of our congregation, A personal invite to join me at DudeStuff every Wednesday at 6pm in the Fireside Library at Second Church. It is a men's Bible Study that combines fellowship, the sharing of testimony and personal experience, and scripture into something unique to our area. At the end of each week's meeting a topic is shared and men have the week to explore scripture and see what God is revealing to them about it, then at the meetings anyone who wants to can share or simply listen to the discoveries of others. Each meeting concludes with prayer and may I just say, men praying over each other and over the church and community is powerful.

Lastly, We are approaching the end of the Dear Church sermon series and I am working on something that I need your help with. If you have any questions about anything that was said during the entire series, anything from 1 Corinthians that you are curious about, please send your questions to Adam@secondcrcfremont.org I don't want to say too much about it yet, but stay tuned and more info will come very soon.

I look forward to seeing you all again this coming Sunday for my message on 1 Corinthians 14 entitled Disorder & Discipleship. God bless you all.

In Service to the King,
Adam

FYI: We will no longer be passing plates for an offering. Instead, you will have the opportunity to present your tithes and offerings in the offering boxes located at the entrances to the sanctuary. You may do this as you enter/exit worship.

The noisy coin offerings will continue to be taken on the 3rd Sunday of the month by the children.

Our Church Family

Please keep **Kim Hayward, Nanci Nieboer, Josie Visser, and Doug DeKuiper** in your prayers as they continue to recover from their recent surgeries.

Community Announcements

Mobile Food Truck, April 17, 2024

On Wednesday, April 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.



End-Of-School Year Potluck, May 5

The Fellowship Committee invites you to join in celebrating the year end of learning and having fun with our Sunday School and other activities. As the activities come to an end we have planned a Potluck on Sunday May 5 at 11:30 to enjoy a meal and fellowship together one more time this year. Please sign up on the Welcome Center to help us plan.

Christmas Shoeboxes

Did you know that now is a great time to begin buying items for your shoebox for Appalachia Reach Out? Yes, that's right! Start your Christmas shopping now. Boxes will be out in early November but buying throughout the year is fun, makes good sense and takes the rush out of buying in a hurry. Buy for a boy or girl and then just pick up the gift tag in November. We have plenty of boxes so please think about filling more than one!

CALLING ALL COOKIE BAKERS (and buyers)!

The Fellowship Committee is looking for people to provide cookies or other baked goods for Sunday morning coffee time following the service. Please add your name and email to the signup sheet at the if you are able to help.

Thanks, The Fellowship Committee

Wellspring Adult Day Services

Volunteer Opportunity! Wellspring Adult Day Services is looking for volunteers who are passionate about working with seniors. Our volunteers' responsibilities include building relationships with guests and assisting in the daily program. If you feel this would be something you would enjoy, please call Allie Maat at 231.519.5450 or email at wellspringads@gmail.com for more information.

From WMC

Western Michigan Christian is nearing the end a visioning process for a long-range infrastructure plan for the school and all of its many facets, including, but not limited to, the school building and property. Objectives have been prioritized, creative minds have stirred, pen has been put to paper, and models are being built. All of this coming together with a common goal in mind that includes a realistic, achievable vision for WMC over the next 10+ years. **The Vision Team is planning on a full presentation to the WMC community in collaboration with our spring Community Forum on April 17, 2024 at 6pm in the Big Room at WMC.** On that night you will see what WMC can become as we move forward to educate with excellence, integrate faith with knowledge, and equip students to work and serve Christ in their communities.

From Grace Adventures

Grace Adventures is hiring for all four campuses as we seek to impact people with Jesus Christ. We have some year-round roles as well as season positions which can be found here:

<https://graceadventures.org/employment/>

In the Fremont area, we need staff to help serve our guests at The Shack, a Christian Conference and Retreat Center, for specific roles and to apply please go to the website:

<https://shackcountryinn.com/employment/>

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: April 14 – WMCHS
April 21 – Christian Education Fund
April 28 – CIA*

Stock the Pantry

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

Prayer Corner

At one point yesterday afternoon as I watched the solar eclipse only a small slice of the sun was visible. To my naked eye and through my special eyewear, it looked like no more than an inch wide. In reality it was it was probably thousands of miles. I was reminded that God, the creator of this vast universe created it with such minute precision that cannot be understood. No one compares with Him. All I could do was to thank Him and bow in submission before Him. In Genesis 1:1 we read these words: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."

This same matchless God wants to restore fellowship with us that was broken by sin and have a personal relationship with us! Imagine that. God wants to be in fellowship with you and me! Incredible, but true. He wants us to come to Him in humbleness, quietness, gratitude and acceptance for the gifts He has given to us. The God of the universe sent His Son Jesus to be your and my Savior. Praise God!

As you think about His love, worship Him bow in humbleness before Him and remember these words from Psalm 46:10:
"Be still, and know that I am God, I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."

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