

SECOND'S MATTERS

May 22, 2024



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday May 26 (Memorial Day weekend), our church will be participating in a combined outdoor worship at Veterans' Park beginning at 10 am. We are looking forward to worshipping together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Golf carts will be available for those needing assistance entering the park from their parking location. A Kids Korner will be available for kids ages 4-10. Fellowship is encouraged following worship and will include refreshments activities. An offering will be received for Camp Sunshine, a ministry that provides camp experience for youth and young adults with special needs. The camp will be at Camp Henry this year in early June. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@firstfremontcrc1886>

"Hey Church Family!

As we come away from Pentecost Sunday, we rejoice together at both the work of God in the giving of His Spirit some 2000 years ago, and the outpouring of that same Spirit on our church every day. Our Sunday morning service was packed with people eager to hear from the Lord and to seek His face and our evening healing service saw over 40 people come, more than half of whom are not attendees of Second Church, several of whom do not attend any church. The Spirit was moving as we walked through what healing was and who God is and at the conclusion of the service 17 people came forward for anointing with oil and prayer over their lives, asking the King of Kings for healing in their families, in their bodies, in their minds, and in their hearts. Men and women, young and old were weeping before the Lord and it was absolutely beautiful. God is using Second Church in mighty and powerful ways and I am thankful to be part of this loving family during this incredible revival that we are seeing.

Just a brief reminder about 3 things, the first is that our congregational meeting is tonight at 7pm. Come listen to a recap of the ministry year and a look ahead at the coming year for our church. Second is that this coming Sunday we will not gather here so that instead we can gather with other churches from around Fremont at Veterans Memorial Park to worship God together in community. Join us at 10am. Last and definitely not least, June 9 we begin another round of our new members class, The Starting Point. If you are not yet a member, or if you are a member and just curious about the history of the Church and the vision of our church, please join us beginning at 11:15. there is no obligation to join, so feel free to check it out.

I look forward to seeing you all tonight at the congregational meeting, or this Sunday in the park. And until then, may God bless your going out and your coming in, from sun up to sun down.

*In Service to the King,
-Adam"*

Our Church Family

Please pray for **Brad Gilliland** who will be having shoulder replacement tomorrow. Pray for successful surgery and healing.

Larry Hager, a former member of Second, passed away on Sunday morning. Services will be held at a later date.

Please keep **Kim Hayward** and **Nanci Nieboer** in your prayers as they undergo treatment for cancer.

Please continue to pray for **Pat DeKuiper**, **Dennis and Brenda DeKuiper and family** as they mourn the loss of Samuel DeKuiper.

Community Announcements

There will **no prayer guide** the week of Tuesday, May 28 through Saturday, June 1.

Wednesday, May 22

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00pm. The following members are nominated for elder and will be approved: Gaylen Byker, Nick Donkersloot, and Gail Wagenmaker. Two will serve a 3-year term and one will serve a 2-year term. The following members are nominated for deacon: Mike Love, Jon Mellema, and Todd Visser. Two will be drawn by lot for 3-year terms.

Connection Point—a Women's Gathering!

Who: Women of all ages and stages. If you have littles at home, feel free to bring them along!

What: An opportunity to get to know women from the church in a casual setting.

When: We will be there on the first and third Wednesday of each month, beginning on May 1, from 8:45-9:45am (or as long as you wish to stay).

Where: **The Koffee Kuppe***—downtown Fremont. Note: the back door is temporarily closed, due to patio construction.

Questions: text/call/email—gladys@secondcrcfremont.org or 231.924.0990

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together...encouraging one another...." Hebrews 10:24-25

*Plan to purchase your own beverage/food.

From the Council

As the Council of Second Church, we have the opportunity to offer some powerful training for all who worship with us. Pastor Adam attended a pastor's retreat lead by Amplio, a group that helps churches move their mission forward. We are excited to invite each of you to an evening led by Amplio's Lead Facilitator where we will experience discipleship and evangelism training that will make you think deeply about your walk with Christ and the way you represent Him to the world. We strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. We will spend 2 1/2 hours together on Thursday, May 30 beginning at 6:30. Please RSVP to Mariel Poel at [231-349-9152](tel:231-349-9152) or mbpoel@gmail.com.

Summer Cookies Sign-up

Our summer cookie sign-up for Sunday mornings is now available online. If you are able to bake (or buy!) 6 or 12 dozen treats for Sunday mornings we are asking you to click on the link and sign-up for a date.

Thanks for making our Sunday mornings extra sweet! sweet!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CA9AE2FABFC1-49138606-summer>



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.

Wellspring is hosting a presentation given by the Alzheimer's Association on Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia on June 4 from 3-4:30 at Wellspring Adult Day Services/Reeman CRC. This is an opportunity for all community members to come and learn about this disease.

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: *June 2 – World Renew*
 June 9 – Fremont Service Committee
 June 16 – Newaygo County Compassion House
 June 23 – True North
 June 30 – Wellspring Adult Care Services

Stock the Pantry

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

Prayer Corner

The little boy came to hear Jesus teach on the Judean hillside just like thousands of others that day. His mom had most likely been the one to pack him a lunch of loaves and small fish...a usual noontime meal in Jesus's day. It was just enough for him to enjoy and no doubt he was hungry, just like everyone else in the crowd. But then things didn't go as he had expected. It was time to eat and the disciples had a dilemma on their hands. Where would they find food for this huge crowd? What were they going to do? One small lunch couldn't solve this problem, or could it? Jesus took the lunch when given willingly. The boy didn't hold back, he didn't complain, or grumble. He quietly gave all he had to Jesus. That's when the miracle began!

Think about your own life. Are there things in your life that Jesus asks you to give to Him? When we yield our lives to Him we see Him do things through us that we could never do on our own. Give your fishes and loaves to Him.

Fishes and Loaves

Josiah Queen

Boy he could preach that man spoke of things
of heaven yet still on this earth
He stood on that hill, from morning until
You could see the hunger in our eyes

I turned to my mama, I asked what we should do
Cause all we had were morsels left
Something told me that my momma believed
This preacher could use it more than me

Oh I'm tryna to let go
My heart is uneasy, I give you control
I know it's not much but I know what I owe
I'll give you all of my fishes and loaves

I saw His disciples
They were there to
Witness the water turn wine

They've seen with their eyes
The lame man arise
So I walked up to them and I said

Oh I'm tryna to let go
My heart is uneasy, I give you control
I know it's not much but I know what I owe
I'll give you all of my fishes and loaves

They brought me to the man
I put the food in his hand
Held back my questioning thoughts
Something told me that the preacher could
See the war between my head and heart
When he said

Oh my child let go
I know you're uneasy, but I'm in control
I don't need that much for me to show
I'll make the most of your fishes and loaves

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