

SECOND'S MATTERS

June 19, 2024



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday June 23

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. The sermon Sunday is "The Sixth Commandment: Do Not Murder" based on Exodus 20:13. The greeters are Jud and Evie Afman.

The Sunday morning pre-service prayer gathering will not be held during the summer months.

Sunday, June 23, 2024 – Evening Community Worship Service at First CRC at 5pm

"Hey church fam!

We are halfway through the week again, looking ahead at another Sunday together and another week of exciting things happening here at the Second Church. There's so many things going on that I thoughts I'd just rapid fire them off to you with this simple heading to kick it off, as you scroll through the list, give thanks to God for all that He has done and is doing here in our family and ask that He lead you to whichever of these events He chooses so that you can experience His love in community and through fellowship and service.

Tonight: DudeStuff men's fellowship and bible study. come as you are, no study or prep required. begins at 6pm.

Also tonight: the church council meets for the month of June and the 5 faithful Elders and Deacons who are retiring from service will step down at this meeting, my love, respect and praise to them for their hard work.

This Sunday: Starting Point new members class part 2 goes down at 11:15. Even if you aren't joining as a member, you can sit in and listen.

Also Sunday, as always our Public Reading of Scripture group will meet to hear the Word of God together. We listen to about 45 minutes of Scripture from both the old and new testaments and then discuss what we heard. All are welcome at 6pm every Sunday.

All next week: Upward basketball camp, led by Second Church. Dozens of kids from the surrounding community will join us for faith based basketball skills.

Next Tuesday: The Ladies Night Out painting event is going to be a ton of fun for the women of our church and the surrounding community. use this link to register and make sure to have your \$15 supply fee turned into the church by the 21st.

Also Next Tuesday: our Intercessory Prayer group is meeting in the church's sanctuary to cover the church, community, nation and world with prayer. join us at 7pm.

See, I told you it was a lot! May God bless all of you until next we meet,

In Service to the King,
-Adam"

Our Church Family

Susan Byker: We are thankful for a successful surgery this past Monday for Susan. She is at home and the rehab is expected to last approximately 3 months. Continue to pray for a full recovery.

Thank you very much for all your prayers expressed for me during my recent shoulder surgery and recovery. **Brad Gilliland**

Please keep **Pat DeKuiper, Kim Hayward, and Nanci Nieboer** in your prayers.

Community Announcements

Please Help!

The Congregation is needed to help us make our second Youth Basketball Program successful. We are in need of some snacks. We are feeding 35 kids for 4 days and we need your help. If you are able to help support and willing to grab snacks, please leave at church this Sunday. Start day of program is the 24th! There is a table set up in the narthex. Thank you in advance and to those that have already donated!

Suggested items: Granola bars, fruit snacks, Goldfish, Teddy Grahams, Cheez It's, small cups for serving and individually packaged items

Christian Education Fund

This is a reminder that if you made a pledge to the Christian Education Fund for this past school year, pledges are due by June 30th. Currently, the fund is about \$25,000 behind. If you have questions, please contact Ken Wolffis at (231) 519-3686

Notes from the Tech Team:

We have begun work with a design team to update our church website! Our goal is to make the website more user-friendly for both members and guests alike. To help with getting the website as current and up to date as possible, we will have a photographer joining us on **Sunday, June 30th** for before, during, and after the worship service. If you have any issue with being photographed, please reach out to Pastor Adam before then to let me know and we will ensure that any images with your face in them will not be used on the site or in any other public fashion. Any questions, please feel free to ask!

Tech Team (Jeff Breuker, Jason DeKuiper, Jason Snyder, Kit Powell, Ty Cook)

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, from 8:45-9:45am (or as long as you wish to stay).

Where: **The Koffee Kuppe***—downtown Fremont

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.

FYSH Events

Sunday 6/30 FYSH Pool Day at Justin & Cari Taylor's house! More details to come.

When: 4:30-7p on Sunday 6/30

Where: The Taylor's House (401 Miller St., Fremont)

Who: Highschoolers, including new freshman!

We'll also have a cookout, so have your kids come hungry!

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!

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



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 23 – True North
June 30 – Wellspring Adult Care Services*

Stock the Pantry

For June, the requested food items are soup and crackers. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

Prayer Corner

The Refiner's Fire

He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver;
he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver

"There was once a group of women studying the book of Malachi in the Old Testament. As they were studying chapter three, they came across verse three, which says: 'He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.' This verse puzzled the women, and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to find out about the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible study.

That week this woman called up a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver. As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities. The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot – then she thought again about the verse, that He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver. She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined. The man answered 'Yes', and explained that he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left even a moment too long in the flames, it would be damaged. The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, 'How do you know when the silver is fully refined?' He smiled at her and answered, 'Oh, that's easy. When I see my image in it.'

If today you are feeling the heat of this world's fire, just remember that God, our Father has His eyes on you."

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