

SECOND'S MATTERS

July 10, 2024



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday July 14

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. The sermon Sunday is “The Eighth Commandment: Don’t Steal” based on Exodus 20:15. The greeters are Dave and Mariel Poel.

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

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

Reflections

Summer days are, for me, filled with reminders of God’s goodness. I hope they are for you, too!

Sitting near the water and seeing a blue sky dotted with clouds, watching the fireflies shine their lights at dusk, hearing the delighted laughter of a child -- these all bring me joy and cause me to marvel at the God who created us and gives us this world to enjoy. But not all days are sunny and filled with obvious beauty; there are rainy days and dark moments. God’s goodness is there, too, even if it’s a little harder to see.

I have reflected on Psalm 16 often in the past few months. Here are just a few verses:

² I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing.”

⁵ Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.

⁸ I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

These words remind me, whether the day is bright or dark, of God’s goodness and the confidence I have in him. We can rest securely in God’s provision and are filled with joy in his presence. What a gift it is to be a child of God, to find rest and joy in him! And what a blessing it is to enjoy the beauty of summer, knowing that the God who created the season and all its wonders is right here with us, filling us with joy and showing us the way of life.

Mary Folkema, Children’s Ministry Coordinator

Our Church Family

Helen Wissner, a long time member of Second, is in hospice care with the expectation that she’ll not survive another week. Helen’s family requests prayers for Helen and their entire family during this tough time.

Carol Witteveen’s health is declining, and she is now under hospice care. Carol is a long-time member of Second who has been living in a nursing home in Grand Rapids for many years. Please keep Carol and her family in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

Susan Byker continues her recovery from recent surgery. She is now able to use a walker applying no more than 50% of her weight. Please continue to keep Susan and Gaylen in your prayers over the next 3 months.

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

Community Announcements

Highlights from June 2024 Council Meetings

- Met with the Classis Interim Committee twice to review Adam's status as a teaching elder
- Approved multiple Council minutes as well as Congregational minutes
- Reviewed Ministry Team reports and Care Coordinator reports
- Incoming council members signed the Covenant of Office Bearers, Safe Church Policy and Confidentiality forms
- Listened to Staff reports from Adam and John
- Approved Adam's vacation request
- Council will look for someone to manage our church's social media under Adam's direction
- Elected officers for 2024/2025
 - President - Bryan Van Soelen
 - Clerk - Gail Wagenmaker
 - Treasurer - Bob Hayward

Faith Promise Sunday

On Sunday, July 14 the Outreach Team will have information and a power point about our Faith Promise Missions pledging for the July, 2024-June, 2025 giving year. Booklets with descriptions of the seven missionaries and/or mission organizations that Second Church supports and pledge cards are in your mailboxes and at the welcome center. We ask that you prayerfully consider how the Lord would have you be involved in Faith Promise giving. Missionaries depend on the financial support from people in local churches and it is a privilege to be a part of God's work through our giving.

Mobile Food Truck, July 17, 2024

On Wednesday, July 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.



SAVE THE DATE:

Fall Kick Off Picnic, Sunday, August 18, 12PM. The Fellowship Committee will be hosting the annual picnic and combine it with our fall kickoff potluck after the morning service. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Hope to see you there!

Christmas Shoeboxes for ARO

It's only July, but it's not too early to start buying items to go in your Christmas shoeboxes for ARO. School supplies are in the stores at really attractive prices, so grab some and stick them away to add to your shoeboxes in early November.

Prayer Vigil

A prayer vigil will be held at church on Tuesday, July 16 from 7-7:45 pm. As a church family it will give us the opportunity to surround Pastor Adam, Amber, Jackson, Aiden and Delilah with prayer. The following week (July 22-26) Dr. Chuck DeGroat of Holland, MI will be working with Adam. A sheet of prayer points for the Sculnick family, Dr. DeGroat and Second Church will be available at the prayer vigil and afterwards. We hope that you will make plans to join us.

Bible League

I hoped you enjoyed the letter you received about Pastor Tshabalala in South Africa and feel that same sense of urgency to share God's Word. Prayerfully consider giving so others can know about Jesus through Bible League. Kindly respond on or before July 31. Thank you for making an eternal difference.

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/go/10C0A4CA9AE2FABFC1-49138606-summer>



Stock the Pantry

For July the requested food items are cereal, pancake mix, syrup. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

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: *July 14 – True North 'Tools for School' program*
 July 21 – Community Closet
 July 28 – Fremont Christian School

Prayer Corner

but the prayer of the upright pleases him
Proverbs 15: 8b

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer,
believe that you have received it, it will be yours.
Mark 11: 24

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything,
by prayer the supplication, with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.
Philippians 4: 6

Devote yourself to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
Colossians 4: 3

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