

SECOND'S MATTERS

September 18, 2024



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, September 22,

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. The sermon Sunday is "Living in God's Overflow" based in Ephesians 3:9-21. The greeters are Jason and Stephanie DeKuiper.

Sunday, September 22, 2024 – Evening Community Worship Service at First CRC at 5pm

Dear Second Church Family,

I'm filled with hope as I think about what's ahead for us. God is at work in powerful ways, and I truly believe that exciting things are on the horizon for our church family. As we step forward into this next season, let's hold onto the hope that God's plans for us are good, and He will continue to guide us into all that He has prepared.

I also wanted to let you know that a letter will be sent out soon with updates regarding my ordination process. I'm grateful for your prayers and support during this time, and I look forward to sharing more with you very soon!

In Service to the King,
-Adam

Our Church Family

Please continue to pray for Dave Kidder. Dave is home and recovering from back surgery. He is in good spirits but experiencing a lot of pain as the nerves in his back recover from the surgery and the stenosis.

Please continue to pray for Doug Hamming, Charlie and Melanie DeKryger's son-in-law, who has cancer. Pray for strength and healing as goes through his treatments.

Please continue to pray for healing and strength for those recovering from injuries, surgeries, and treatments.

Community Announcements

Harvest Table

If you have garden produce you are willing to share, please bring it to church on Sunday morning and place it on the harvest table in the lobby. Members and guests are invited to take it home.

2024 Directory is in your church mailbox. Extras are available on the literature ledge in the lobby.

FYSH Students

Please meet at 2nd CRC youth room for a regular Bible Study (and pizza) at 7:13-8:45 on Sunday.

The Property Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 25 at 7:00 PM

Crop Walk, October 6, 2024

The Fremont Hunger Crop Walk to fight local and world hunger will be on Sunday, October 6 at 1:15pm at Veterans Memorial Park, downtown Fremont. Registration is at 12:435pm. Walkers can pick up and sign a donation envelope on the literature ledge. Donations and/or envelopes can be placed in Bruce Essebagggers' church mailbox.

Faith Promise Update – Friendly reminder that if you haven't had a chance to return your Faith Promise pledge card to please do so. You can put your pledge in the offering boxes outside any of the doors in the narthex. As of last Sunday, we've received \$19,670 in pledges with a goal of \$35,000. Please prayerfully consider a pledge you can make to Faith Promise. Thank you to those that have had a chance to return your pledges.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND

Thank you for helping us achieve our financial goal for the past school year! Please check your church mailbox for a letter and a pledge card for the 2024/2025 school year. Please place your pledge card in the box in the church foyer by August 31st. This year we anticipate 11 children utilizing this fund at a cost of approximately \$72,000.00. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Wolffis at (231) 519-3686.

Ladies, this one's for YOU!

We will be digging into the life of Elijah through the study: Faith and Fire ~ Elijah! This 7-week study starts next week Wednesday, September 18, from 6:30-8pm in the Fireside Room. The evening will consist of a small group discussion, followed by a video introduction (Priscilla Shirer) to the next week's study, and a time of prayer. Workbooks need to be ordered, so sign up today! Any questions, ask Gladys Pell (231.924.0990 or gladys@secondcrcfremont.org), who will be facilitating the group study. Please join us on this 7-session journey through the life and times of the prophet Elijah to discover how the fire on Mount Carmel was forged in the valley of famine, and how the emboldened, fiery faith you desire is being fashioned by God in your life right now.

New Library Additions

You'll find new books for the library on the table in the lobby just below the Faith Promise bulletin board and by counter for coffee and cookies. There's a clip board so you can write down your name and the book you chose.

Kids Hope

Are you wondering how you can make an impact and make Christ known in our community? Do you have one hour, once a week to spare? If so, we have the perfect opportunity for you! Our Kids Hope program needs mentors for the 2024-2025 school year. If this is something you are interested in, please reach out to Stephanie DeKuiper (231) 414-5141 or Chelsea Breuker (231) 414-1122 for more information.

Wellspring Dementia Caregiving Workshop

Wellspring ADS is partnering with Area Agency on Aging of West Michigan in hosting a Dementia Caregiving Workshop at Fremont District Library on Thursday September 19, from 11:00am to 2:30pm (lunch is included). This workshop is for anyone caring for/working with individuals diagnosed with dementia. Topics discussed include progression of the disease, behaviors commonly associated with each stage, communication strategies, self-care, and more. The cost is FREE, but registration is required and is open to anyone over the age of 60 or caring for someone over the age of 60. Please call 616.456.5664 to register.

Do you like to sing?

You are invited to the 4th Annual "Good Ole Fashion" hymn sing Sunday afternoon, Oct 6th at 3:00 pm in the Livery building at The Shack (same location as last year). Christi Handy and Kaitlyn Arendsen will lead the music. "You" can help choose the songs! Sponsored by Newaygo County volunteers of Bible League International. There will be a free will offering to provide Bibles for waiting Christians worldwide with each \$5.00 providing a Bible which reaches 5 others! Contact person: Jessie Rose 231-923-2231 or email jarose@ncats.net

COOKIES

Bakers or buyers are needed to help supply 10 dozen treats each Sunday morning this fall for our post-service fellowship time. Please sign up for a date or two if you are able to help by clicking on the link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CA9AE2FABFC1-50295653-fall> If you have any technical difficulties, please contact Stephanie 231-414-5141.



Stock the Pantry

For September the requested food items are peanut butter and jelly. 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: September 22 – Fremont Service Committee
September 29 – Fremont Christian School*

Prayer Corner

A reminder from Pastor Adam's message "Goodbye Divisions" is to focus our lives on Him in the high and low moments that we all face. Our lives should be a clear representation of the oneness we have with Jesus Christ. May this be the prayer of your heart today.

How Firm a Foundation

John Rippon, 1787

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

Fear not, I am with you. Oh, be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
For I will be with you your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!

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