

# SECOND'S MATTERS

September 4, 2024



Second Church  
of Fremont

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

## Sunday, September 8,

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. The sermon Sunday is “The Gift You Didn’t Deserve” based on Ephesians 2:8-10. Greeters are Jon and Valerie Volz.

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

Sunday, September 8, 2024 – Evening Community Worship Service at First CRC at 5pm

Dear Second Church Family,

As we embark on this new season of ministry together (Sunday School, Youth Groups, new Bible studies, Mission Monday and more), let us remember the importance of being still and trusting in God’s leading. In the stillness, we find His guidance and reassurance. This is also a time to celebrate the fresh beginnings within our church—new opportunities for growth, service, and community: former KidsOwn students now attending the Middle School Sunday school classes, former nursery kids now joining the KidsOwn group, and so much more. May we embrace these changes with hearts full of faith and excitement, confident that God is guiding us every step of the way.

With gratitude and anticipation,  
Adam

## Our Church Family

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.

Parents of 1<sup>st</sup> through 12 grade kids – Sunday School and Children’s Choir will be starting this coming Sunday September 8 following the worship service.

## Community Announcements

**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.

There are **two Bible study options** available for you this fall. A study of Revelation will happen on alternate Mondays beginning Monday, September 16 at 10:30 am. This is open to both men and women. On Wednesday, September 18 a women’s study of Elijah begins at 6:30 pm, this will meet weekly for 7 weeks. Sign up sheets for each are in the narthex.

## **Revelation Bible Study, September 16**

The Monday morning Bible Study begins next week Monday, Sept. 16 at 10:30am. We will hold a brief organizational meeting in the Fireside Room following our **Sept. 8** worship service. Often we have looked into this book of the Bible to see what the future might hold. We will be taking a different slant on it. What is Revelation saying to God's people and His Church about today? Whether you have already signed up or if you might be curious about this study, grab a cookie and join us 10 minutes after our Sept.8 worship service ends.

## **Calling All Women!**

Join us for a Priscilla Shirer Bible study *Elijah: Faith and Fire*. This involves a weekly video and a study book. Check out the sample book at the sign-up table. Meetings will be on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 beginning September 18 and continue for 7 weeks. Please join in!!

## **FYSH Kick Off**

Sunday 9/8 FYSH Kickoff Bonfire @ Reeman CRC/MacLean's home at 7:13-8:45pm! Join us for bonfire, games & pizza!

## **OASIS Kick Off**

Join us at the FCS gym from 6:30-8pm, Wednesday, September 11. We'll have pizza!

## **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.

## **Coffee Break**

Ladies: Coffee Break Bible Study will resume meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> here at Second CRC! Open to women in all stages of their Faith Walk, Coffee Break will be studying Genesis (covering chapters 12-25) on Tuesdays from 9:45-11am this Fall. Study guides will be available at our first meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>, with the first lesson discussion starting on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Please note: No child care is available at this time. Additional questions? Contact Doris Broekema (231-286-8490) or Torri Wilkinson (231-355-0757).

## **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.

## **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 8 – Love, Inc  
September 15 – Resonate Global Missions  
September 22 – Fremont Service Committee  
September 29 – Fremont Christian School*

## Prayer Corner

"Almost Persuaded" is not a song we hear very often these days, but the words apply to life today as much as when they were written. Is there someone you know who is almost persuaded to follow Jesus? Could you be the one to bring Jesus to them? Make that a matter of prayer and see how God answers that prayer.

Almost Persuaded  
P.P. Bliss, 1871

"Almost persuaded" now to believe;  
"Almost persuaded" Christ to receive;  
Seems now some soul to say,  
"Go, Spirit, go Thy way,  
Some more convenient day  
On Thee I'll call."

"Almost persuaded," come, come today;  
"Almost persuaded," turn not away;  
Jesus invites you here,  
Angels are ling'ring near,  
Prayers rise from hearts so dear;  
O wand'rer, come!

"Almost persuaded," harvest is part!  
"Almost persuaded," doom comes at last!  
"Almost" cannot avail;  
"Almost is but to fail!  
Sad, sad the bitter wail—  
"Almost," but lost!

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