SECOND'S MATTERS November 6, 2024



Sunday, November 10

Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. The sermon Sunday is "King Jesus" based on Psalm 146:3-5. The greeters are Jason and Heidi Snyder.

Sunday, November 10 - Evening Community Worship Service at First CRC at 5pm

"Hey Church fam,

Since I last wrote to you we had 600+ people join us for 938Fest and we also gathered for worship together to lift our hands to the Lord and to be offered the opportunity to come to the Lord's table for Communion. I want to just say an honest and sincere thank you to everyone who helped make 938Fest a success. The church was already doing trunk-or-treat when I got here last year and 938Fest was one of the first things I suggested we try together as a new family. So to see it happen for a second year and to be even more successful than the first go around made my heart very very happy. We shared pictures from the night on our social media so be sure to check those out and if you aren't, follow us for all the latest updates from the church.

Looking ahead, there is something exciting happening towards the end of this month, perhaps you've heard of it. a holiday called Thanksgiving? It's the one day a year that the nation remembers to show the gratitude that Christ calls His people to embody 365 days a year. Here at Second Church, we are hosting a few events to celebrate giving thanks. The first is a Thanksgiving potluck the 24th after church. Come to the service, bring friends and family, and if you're up for it, sign up in the lobby between now and then to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to go along with the delicious main dishes we are providing. A special thank you to the Fellowship Team for organizing this for our church family and community. Second is the thanksgiving Day service. I know that many of you will have a tremendous to-do list that day. My humble request is that, in the midst of that crazy to-do list, you take time to gather with God's family and worship the Lord who gave you all that you have to be thankful for. The service will be at 9:30.

Finally, it was a big night for our country last night. I've already noticed that tensions are high today. Some folks are super happy, others super sad. I know one thing to be sure though, regardless of whether you voted for Elephants or Donkeys, The Lamb is on the throne and He is worthy of our praise, sovereign over everything, and mighty to save. Cast your anxieties to Him, because he loves you deeply and completely. We will talk more about that Sunday. See you then,

In Service to the King

Adam"

Our Church Family

Dear Friends,

Words fail me to express my gratitude for the outpouring of love and support these past several weeks after my fall from a tree stand. I have been home since Tuesday, October 29. Healing from injuries and regaining strength will take time but I have the time and determination to get better. I appreciate your prayers. We love you all. **Pastor Dave and Jean Brower**

Please keep Marilyn Wever and her family in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for healing for Tim Boeskool who has returned home.

Please continue to pray for Doug Hamming, Charlie and Melanie DeKryger's son-in-law. Doug is in treatment for cancer. Pray for effectiveness of the treatment and peace for Doug and his family.

Please pray for those who have lost loved ones in the past year as we begin the holiday season.

Community Announcements

The church office will not open until noon on Friday, November 8.



It's ARO Christmas Shoebox Time!

Christmas shoeboxes for Appalachia Reach Out are in the lobby. Grab a shoe box, a gift tag and start filling your box. A list of suggested items for boys or girls will be available too. You don't need to wrap individual items but please wrap the box and tape the gift tag on top. Have fun and bring joy to a child at the same time. What could be better! We'll need your box back by the end of November so all boxes can be brought to Kentucky before Christmas.

All Church Thanksgiving Dinner, November 24

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 24, at 11:30. We will be serving ham and rolls and ask that you bring a side of salad, vegetable, or dessert. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the table in the foyer so we can plan how much to buy and number of tables and chairs to set up.

Thank you from the Outreach Committee

If you were involved in any way in helping with last week's 938 Fest, know how much your efforts were appreciated! As we worked together we were able to provide a fun candy-filled evening for local families. Thank you Second Church family for making this year's 938 Fest a successful event for our community.

From the Library

The cover for the DVD "A Song for the Season" was returned to the library recently without the DVD. If you have it at home please place it in the return box on the library shelf. Thank you!

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 <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CA9AE2FABFC1-52205205-cookie#/</u> If you have any technical difficulties, please contact Stephanie 231-414-5141.



Stock the Pantry

For November the requested food items are spaghetti sauce, pasta, rice. 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: <u>Online Giving.</u> If you wish to give to Christian Education or Faith Promise online, then download the "GivePlus" app.

Special envelope offerings for: November 10 – Insight Pregnancy Services November 17 Hand2Hand November 24 – WMCHS

Prayer Corner

The election is over and the results are in. If the candidates you voted for were elected, then you have reason to be elated, but if your candidates lost their bid for office, then you are no doubt disappointed or disheartened. Remember that the results of the elections are in the God's hands and they didn't take Him by surprise. He knew who would win before the voting took place and He knows the future going forward when the new office bearers begin serving their terms. Leave the future with Him but as you do, pray for our newly elected national, state and local officials. That's your responsibility. Pray earnestly for our country!

Prayer

Father, thank you for this great country in which we live. Thank you for the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of the USA. Forgive us as a nation for how we have disobeyed You and gone our own ways. Please draw us back to You and help us to honor You. While we are living in difficult times, we are confident because we know that You are working behind the scenes and we trust You to guide us day by day. Amen

"The LORD foils the plans of the nations; He thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations". Psalm 33:10

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