

SECOND REFORMED  
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### Prayer Concerns

# The Second Story

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## *Supper @ Second*

Wednesdays  
5:30—6:30 p.m.

**Supper @ Second** is off to a tremendous start. We are serving roughly 125 people and are beginning to see more guests from the community. The purpose of this ministry is three-fold: 1) As an outreach to our community; 2) As a service to our members; 3) As an opportunity to strengthen relationships.

**Supper @ Second** provides us all an opportunity to invite our friends and neighbors to a non-threatening event where there are no strings attached beyond sitting and breaking bread together.

We are committed to offering this as a free meal. In order to do that there are several ways we can all help. On the white bulletin board there is a sign up sheet to donate items on that week's menu. The more items that are donated, the less needs to be purchased. Those donations need to be at church the Sunday before each Wednesday (With the exception of desserts – which may be brought in on the Wednesday morning). There is also a donation basket that will be kept in the kitchen for any members who would like to make a donation. This is meant to be kept out of sight so there is no pressure for anyone to donate.

You may have heard the saying: "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child". "It Also Takes Everybody at Second to Provide a Community/Church Meal"

### **Menus:**

October 10: Mini Pizzas, apples & dip, Brownie sundaes

October 17: Soup, crackers, bread, lettuce salad, pumpkin dessert

October 24: Maid rite's, Mac & Cheese, raw veggies, chocolate chip cookies

October 31 – **NO WED. ACTIVITIES**

## **October 31st**

On October 31st you are invited to join others on the church lawn handing out candy. Bring your goodies in a bowl along with your lawn chair. We'll have a row of tables along 14th Ave. Exact time to be announced.

## *College Care Packages: Packing Up Love*

Sunday Connect kids, preschool-middle school, along with their teachers and high school helpers, will pack boxes with treats, artwork, and notes for college students and servicemen who are living away from home.

Items needed for the boxes are: bags of candy, boxes of individually wrapped snacks, instant meals (microwaveable), and Tide To Go Sticks. Sign up on the white board, which can be found both in the new gathering space as well as the fellowship hall, depending on where people are assembling. The board will be moved to the appropriate location.

Sunday Connect kids are packing the boxes on **Sunday, October 21** in the Kids' Zone. Please leave your donation on the table set up in the Kids' Zone.

Reminder to parents: please make sure we have your students' address. Contact the office at [secretary@secondreformedchurch.net](mailto:secretary@secondreformedchurch.net) or 589-3425.



### *Observation...Interpretation...Application*

Recently several members participated in a forum of churches desiring to learn about creating cultures of discipleship within the church. How can we create a culture that helps foster our continued growth as followers of Christ? One of the action steps that we would like to implement relates to our meetings. One of the things churches do a lot is meet. Because this is already a part of the rhythm of what we do, we'd like to add one practice to our meetings to enhance our discipleship culture. Many meetings begin with prayer. We'd like to add the practice of reading a brief scripture followed by a brief discussion: What does it say (observation)? What does it mean (interpretation)? What is the application? The value in this practice is that we will learn to engage God's word with one another and we will learn to hear his voice together. If you are chairing a meeting, in addition to prayer, we'd like to invite you to begin with a brief scripture with those three questions: What does it say? What does it mean? What is the application?

### *What's This I Hear About The Denomination?*

As you may or may not know, The Reformed Church in America has been wrestling with issues related to homosexuality as have many other denominations. While the official position of the R.C.A. is that the practice of homosexuality is a sin, there are a number of churches within the denomination that think and act differently. At last year's General Synod (annual gathering) a team was tasked with the assignment of coming back to the General Synod in 2020 with one of the following three recommendations:

- 1) staying together
- 2) radical reconstituting and reorganization
- 3) grace-filled separation.

What does this mean for Second? We will wait until June of 2020 when we learn what path the denomination is choosing to take to make any decisions regarding our continued membership in the denomination. Until then, we will continue to do ministry under the banner of Christ within the R.C.A. Please contact Pastor Scott if you have any questions.



### ***Middle School Leadership Team***

John Dail (John's contact information: jdail@mediacombb.net or 815-441-5453), Marty Brubaker, Ryan Dail, Michele Eissens, Morgan Ernst, Kami Huizenga, Marla Stoecker, Cody Tiesman

### ***High School***

Oct. 10: Youth group will be going to Erie to participate in Field of Faith. We will leave the Bridge at 7:00 p.m. and return between 9-9:30 p.m.

Oct. 14: S.L.U.G. meet at 7:30 p.m. at Bridge.

### ***Leadership Team***

Mike Ankrom (Mike's contact information: ankrommichael@yahoo.com or 563-920-1308), Ryan Dail, Angela Grant, Kristin Huisenga, Kami Huizenga, Travis Ray, Cody Tiesman, Clint VanZuiden

## ***Directory of Youth Ministries***

A job description and salary package has been approved and a search team is currently being assembled to pursue a full-time Director of Youth Ministries. Once the team is assembled we will immediately begin the search process. Please pray for God to govern the search for this staff member.

## ***New Member Classes***

If you are interested in joining the church or finding out more about the church Pastor Scott will be offering classes on 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, and 11/4. Classes are on Sunday during Sunday Connect from 11 to 11:40 a.m. in Pastor Scott's office. Sign up on the Welcome Card in the bulletin.

## ***Consistory Notes***

- Met with Lucas and Kara Bush and approved the baptism of their sons Harvey and Jethro.
- Annual meeting to approve the 2019 budget is Sunday, Nov. 11 following worship
- Formed a committee to evaluate the future of our library
- Approved several trial runs of using the Gathering Place for after worship fellowship
- Approved the use of remaining Sword Survivor Funds
- Continue to experiment with check-in for our nursery and children's programs. Thanks for your patience as we try and find a system that is both efficient and effective.

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**Treasure Seekers  
yard games and bell  
practice**