

January 3, 2018



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Friends of Second Church,

It seems as if winter is gunning its engines in earnest now.

Soon the boots begin to take over the front hall, and the jaunty little hat that keeps off the chill will be replaced with the Nanook-wear that embarrasses even your adult children, and it will turn out that at some point between last March and now, somebody swiped the good scraper out of your trunk.

No talk of evening events for a few weeks — unless maybe it's about catching the midnight flight to Bora-Bora.

It really is only a few weeks. Let's make a pact to remind each other when necessary.

And we all know there really is a lot of beauty in these weeks, too. Let's not forget that.

Every time I take the dog for a walk in winter, I can feel his delight. He porpoises through every snowbank, tumbles gleefully along the ice, strains at his leash like an Iditarod contender.

I don't know what it is about winter, in particular, that animates him this way, but it seems as if the familiar, encountered in a stiff wind and coated in snow and ice, surprises him — and it's his nature to be pleased by surprises.

It's not so much ours, or anyway, mine. But I am the poorer for that, I know.

Maybe winter is a chance to try again. To feel a fuller creaturely delight in Creation.

Like it or not, we stand at the top of the steep ski jump into another year.

Where are you being called to find a fuller delight these days? What new thing might be seeking to embrace you?

After all these years, how might the most familiar parts of our lives turn out to be full of strange, new magic?

Whatever this winter holds for you and for me, may we always remember that God holds us in the palm of His hand.

See you in church,

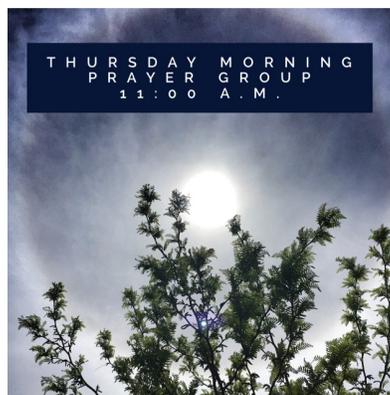
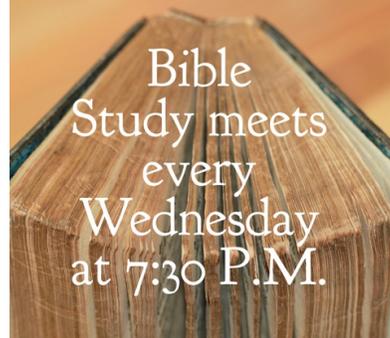


Max's Sermon this week is: "It begins"

And he saith unto him,
Verily, verily, I say unto you,
Hereafter ye shall see heaven
open, and the angels of God
ascending and descending
upon the Son of man.

John 1:51 KJV

Max's Sermon this week is
based on scripture from
John 1:35-51



If you would like to hear past sermons you can find them
on our website: 2cc.org



Kerry Gotschall, a beloved member of our 2CC Adult Choir and a music teacher at Stanwich School, died unexpectedly in her sleep just before Christmas. We send our prayers and condolences to Kerry's mom Kay, her brother Kreg Gotschall and dear friend Caroline Worra. There will be a service celebrating her life on Saturday, January 13 at 11:00 a.m. here at Second Congregational Church.

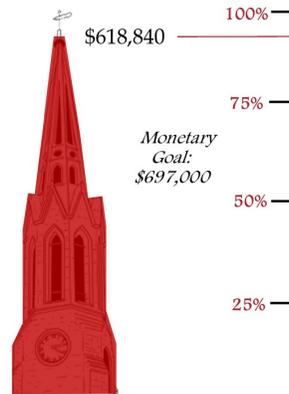
Those interested in sending condolences may do so to Caroline Worra c/o Second Congregational Church, 139 E. Putnam Ave. Greenwich, CT 06830. For those interested in donating to her memorial, Second Congregational Church is gathering a "Kerry Gotschall Fund." Checks may be sent to the church, and made out to Second Congregational Church, with Kerry Gotschall in the notation.

Stewardship Update

Second Congregational Church of Greenwich
2018 Stewardship Campaign
Amount Raised as of: January 3, 2018

We've almost reached our Stewardship goal! [Click here](#) to see the latest update & donate online if you haven't done so already.

Thank you to all of those that support the efforts of Second Congregational Church!



JANUARY MUSIC AT 2CC!

January 7 Matthew Krob, tenor Austin Turner, tenor

January 14 Chancel Choir & Jeff Pearson String Quartet

January 21 Evensong Worship Team

January 28 Combined Choirs

White Elephant Gift Exchange

Sponsored by 2CC Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

10:45 a.m.



Lunch to follow
Cost \$10

RSVP to
LMarmon4@aol.com



Coffee Hour Hosts
Needed:

Please email [Stacey Brown](#) with a date that you are available to help out.
Thank you!

If you might be visiting Second Congregational for any of our upcoming services please visit our [FAQ page](#).

We hope it might answer some questions about our services and what to expect.

Do you "Like" us?

Are you following us on social media? No? You're missing out on a lot of inspiration & fun!

If you take pictures during the service(s) or on church grounds at



any of our events
please be sure to share the love on
social media by tagging
@2ccGreenwich on
[Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) & [Instagram](#)

2018 Offering Envelope Update

Using offering envelopes is a matter of personal preference. Envelopes are used by donors who make an annual pledge and by those who do not pledge but give when they are able to do so. They provide additional privacy, the option to make cash donations, and serve as a reminder to keep up with donations to the church.

If you would like to have one assigned to you, or if you have previously received envelopes you no longer use, please call Gloria in the church office.



We are collecting items with a breakfast theme for the month of January. Please consider donating cereal, oatmeal, muffin mix, pancake mix, syrup, canned fruit and applesauce.

All donations are brought to Neighbor to Neighbor and are greatly appreciated.