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January 31, 2018

Dear Friends of Second Church,

This coming Sunday, one of America's greatest annual celebrations will be taking place.

For those lucky enough to participate, it represents the culmination of a long season filled with dramatic victories, careful strategy, and no small amount of fancy footwork.

For those on the sidelines, cheering others on, it is a chance to clap and shout and feel the wonderful bonds that grow over years of being together, following the wins and losses, triumphs and tragedies closely.

For those who tune in every week, rain or shine, getting to this Sunday is always a joyful milestone.

Of course, I'm talking about our congregation's Annual Meeting, which will follow our 10:30 Worship service this Sunday.

What were *you* thinking?

We joke, and yet so much of the above is true.

Each year, we gather to celebrate the ongoing work and witness of our church, to thank leaders whose terms are ending on the Church Council or as Deacons, to commission new leaders for the coming year, and to discuss our resources.

For those who are close to the ministries of the church, there are great moments to remember and some coming challenges to name.

Others who aren't as close to the details have the chance to learn more, and to ponder how God might be calling them to lend a hand.

Our way of "doing Church" has always affirmed the active role of the congregation in its ongoing life. The "Congregational Way" is based on the notion — radical for its time — that the gathered company of believers was capable of discerning God's will, most pointedly without bishops, and without relying on many of the practices that had shaped Christian life in earlier times. To be a Christian at all, they thought, was to take personal responsibility for the Church's witness and service — particularly as a gathered community of believers.

Living into this over the last nearly 500 years has taken the churches of the Congregational Way in many new directions, as our earliest leaders recognized it would.

It remains a challenging way to live out our lives as faithful people.

As much as I wish from time to time that "the pastor's word is law" — as it still is in some churches — that's not who we have ever been or seem likely ever to be.

The call to take an active role in the work of the church remains, and the fact that members *can* (and indeed, *should*) remains the single greatest source of our vitality.

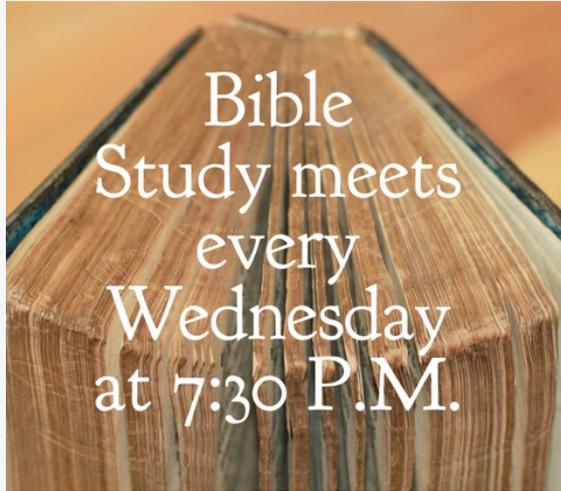
I hope you'll come to celebrate that work this coming Sunday, and to ask in community how God is calling us — and you to write the next chapter of our remarkable history.



See you in church,

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

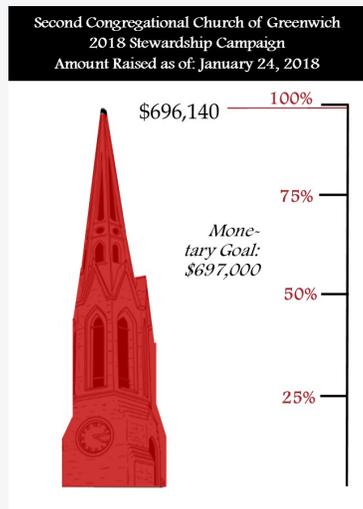


Stewardship Update

We've almost reached our monetary 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!



A photograph of Mardi Gras masks and beads on a wooden surface. A green mask with gold trim and a purple mask are visible, along with gold and green beaded necklaces. The background is a dark wood grain.

February Music Spotlight

4 Vocal Quartet
11 Dixieland Trio
18 Guest Soloist
25 Combined Choirs

On Sunday, February 11th, we will bring the sounds of a New Orleans trio to our sanctuary, as we add a touch of "Mardi Gras" to our Sunday morning worship service. The trio consists of piano, banjo, and clarinet. Y'all won't want to miss this special day!

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feel free to bring a favorite food, beer, wine, or dessert!



Contact Shawn Garan for more information

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER!
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018
6:00-7:30 P.M.

**KIDS ARE ENCOURAGED
TO COME IN THEIR PAJAMAS
& WATCH A MOVIE
TOGETHER IN THE CHAPEL
AFTER SUPPER!**



*Reservations are recommended,
email Jessica@2cc.org for more information*

Quiet reflective Ash Wednesday
Service at 7:00 p.m. on
February 14, 2018



[Email Jessica by clicking here](#)

Join us for our 16th Annual Valentine Gala
Benefitting Heart Care International
Saturday, February 24, 2018

All You Need is Love

- Concert features Love Songs from the 60's, 70's & 80's sung by our Men's Chorus & directed by Alexander Constantine
- Special Guest Stars
- Concert is complimentary for Ladies & \$50 for Gentlemen (to be paid at the door)
- Gourmet Dinner before the concert & dessert reception to follow

RSVP to Gloria@2cc.org

In case of a major snowstorm on Saturday the concert & a luncheon will take place after the 10:50 service on Sunday, February 25

Details can be found at 2cc.org

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Sign Up for
Vacation Bible
School (VBS)
June 25-29

[Click here](#) to find
out more!

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](#)



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed:

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