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## Second Congregational Church of Greenwich *Conversation, Celebration, Community - Of Faith*

# JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS...

**CHRISTMAS EVE:**  
3:30, 6:30 & 11:15 P.M.

**CHRISTMAS DAY:**  
10:30 A.M.

December 19, 2018

Dear Friends of Second Church,

On behalf of the Church Council and staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas!

Whether you're a household with a dedicated "wrapping station" set up on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, or one where you do it all at midnight on Christmas Eve, even though the last few presents end up getting wrapped with the Acme circular and masking tape; whether you've been slowly packing for your upcoming big trip, early enough to work 'nice to haves' like getting extra saline solution into your plans, or you're planning on just throwing a bunch of dirty clothes in a Hefty bag, figuring you'll do laundry once you get there; whether you're designing an elaborate feast for twenty out of five different cookbooks, or figure that actually having to share a pizza just means you're going to get left without breakfast, so no thanks...**however** it is that you celebrate Christmas...may it be a chance to find renewal and delight.

The Gospels describe how, time and time again, God works in surprising, even shocking ways, appearing where we'd least expect and making life possible in ways we can scarcely imagine. This is especially true in the story of Christmas, in which God appears in the most improbable way among the unlikeliest of witnesses, people whose only qualification seems to have been an ability to know grace when they saw it.

With everything that the holiday has become since then, so often defined by so many implicit compulsory aspects and so much we find ourselves wishing it might be, we can forget that, just like the first Christmas, it's really something that comes to us as a gift. The only thing it actually asks of us is just to know it when we see it.

If you are in town, I hope we will see you at one of our Christmas Eve services in the Sanctuary, or at the joyful celebration in the Chapel on Christmas Day. Each has its own way of expressing the story of Jesus' birth and the hope he brings to the world.

Also, while it can be hard to "reach out" to friends and neighbors about coming to church at such a typically family-focused time, please remember that someone you know may be eager to receive the message of Christmas this year—and you can trust that with God's help, they'll know grace when they see it.

Merry Christmas and we'll see you in church,

Max

Max's Sermon this week is based on Scripture from: **Luke 1:39-55**

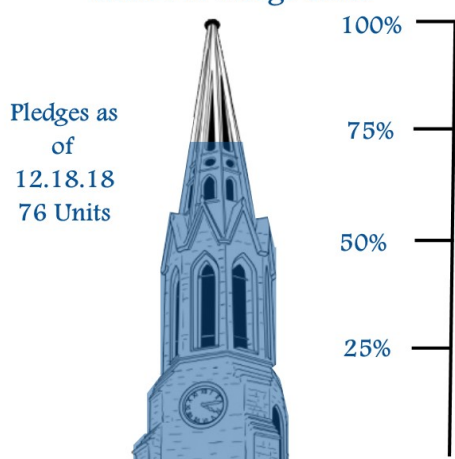
If you would like to hear past Sermons you can find them on our website: [2cc.org](http://2cc.org)

Coffee Hour - there is a sign-up sheet in Fletcher Hall for those who would like to bring baked goods for "Sunday Morning Coffee Hour." We recommend that you bring approximately four dozen bite-size items. The church will continue to supply fruit and beverage. You can also sign-up via email [pam@2cc.org](mailto:pam@2cc.org).

## Stewardship Update

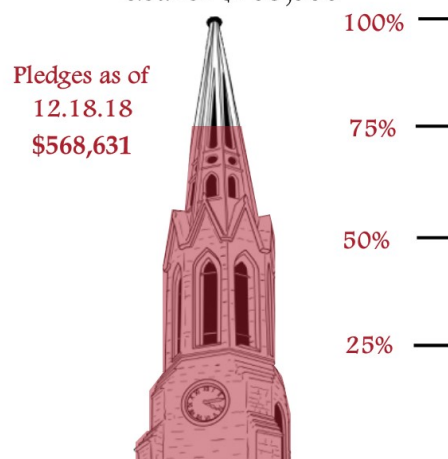
### Second Congregational Church 2019 Stewardship Campaign *Participation Update*

Goal: 117 Pledge Units



### Second Congregational Church 2019 Stewardship Campaign *Monetary Update*

Goal of \$703,000



To date we have received **\$568,631** from **76** pledges for 2019.

[Click here](#) to review our Stewardship information & to make your pledge online.

# Greenwich Moms' Group

**Moms' Night Out 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, December 20:  
White Elephant Gift Exchange & Wine Tasting**

**Contact Jessica @2cc.org for more information**

[Click here to Email Jessica](#)

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