

Second Congregational Church of Greenwich

Conversation, Celebration, Community - Of Faith

February 14, 2019

Dear Friends of Second Church,

Happy Valentine's Day to all. Ashley and I are taking advantage of our youth connections to have a babysitter watch the kids so we can go out to see a movie tonight. We rarely do this, going out to relax as a couple. It is something we could and should do more of, but life sometimes goes so fast it can get hard to slow down. In our culture this has become an acceptable act, you be as productive as you can be, for as long as you can be, and if you find time, take a break to spend time with your significant other.

God knew humans had this tendency so God built holidays and Sabbaths into peoples routine. God would designate days where people would walk away from work to reflect on the Divine. It is a time meant for deep conversation, deep celebration, and deep community. Like Valentine's Day is built into our calendar and serves as a reminder for us to appreciate the love and relationships in our lives. God has given us holidays and sabbaths to remind us to occasionally take a break from our routines to participate in a time of relationship building with God.

My encouragement this week to our church is that everyone might not fall simply into the commercial appeal of holidays but rather that we all may get drawn in by the sentiment. Life can pull us in a direction all its own and we must step in and check in on all the moving parts. Sundays, holidays, and breaks can serve us to refocus our love, organize what is important to us, and help us live more meaningful lives.

May our gathering times be a meaningful place where the Divine can be encountered in our worship, in our fellowship, and in our celebration.

In Christ,



**Shawn's Sermon this week
is based on Scripture from:**

1 Corinthians 15:35-38

Sermon Title
Different Skins

**If you would like to hear
past Sermons you can
find them on our website:**

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.

Upcoming Events

Jukebox of Love

Join us for our Annual Fundraising Gala

Benefitting Heart Care International

Saturday, February 23, 2019

6:00p.m.

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

RSVP to Pam@2cc.org

In case of a major snowstorm on Saturday the concert & a luncheon will take place after the 10:30 service on Sunday, February 24

[Click here to RSVP to Pam](mailto:Pam@2cc.org)

Join Special Education Legal Fund and Second Congregational Church on March 7 as we present a panel discussion on special education featuring community experts on evaluations and school environments.

Panelists include Debra Guise (Waverly Group), Piper Paul, Esq. (Law Offices of Piper Paul), Beth Sugerman (Winston Preparatory School), Marjorie Castro (Eagle Hill School), Aksana Varapai (Foundation School), Nelson Dorta PhD (Dorta & Associates), and Lara Damashek (Early Insight Advocacy).

The panel will be moderated by Christine Lai (Special Education Legal Fund).

The panel discussion will take place from 7pm-8pm. Q&A and networking session to follow.

This event is free for participants. Refreshments will be provided.

[Click here for more information](#)

Join us at the
Bruce Museum for a tour
of the exhibit:

Buried Treasure of the
Silk Road & Masterpieces
from the Museum
of Cartoon Art

Tuesday, March 12 at 10:30 a.m.

*\$12.00 per person,
due to the church office
by March 4*

Sponsored by Second Congregational Church Women's Fellowship
All welcome to join this guided tour!

[RSVP to Gloria](#)

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Save the date(s)...

Greenwich Moms' Group Upcoming Events

Moms' Group:
Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

March 5
April 2
May 7
June 4

Moms' Night:
Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

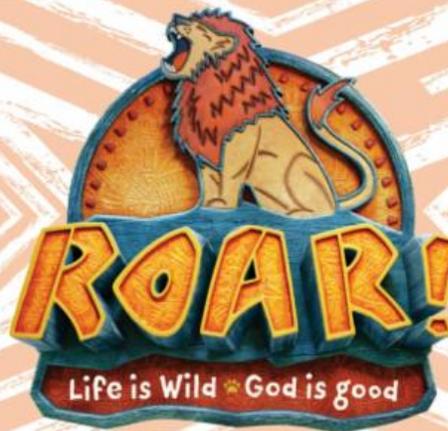
February 21
March 14
April 11
May 16
June 13

Contact Jessica@2cc.org for more information

[Click here to Email Jessica](#)

Vacation Bible School at Second Church June 24-28, 2019

Ages 4-5th Grade
9:00 a.m. to Noon daily

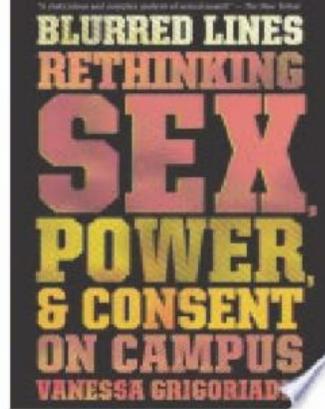


More information & signup at 2cc.org

Director of Children's Ministry: VBScamp@2cc.org

[Email Jessica for more information](#)

Understanding and Preventing Sexual Assault on Campus



Moderator
Reena Ninan
Anchor and Correspondent
CBS News



Elizabeth Conklin
ADA Coordinator
Title IX Coordinator
Associate VP UCONN



Meredith Gold
Director of Domestic
Abuse Services
YWCA Greenwich



Vanessa Grigoriadis
Journalist and Author
"Blurred Lines"

February 28, 2019
6:30 – 8:00 pm
YWCA Greenwich
**Book Signing after
the event**

A constructive
conversation
about preparing
for college life

For more information,
please contact
Joan Mockler
at 203-869-6501 ext. 104



Register online at www.ywcagreenwich.org/registration

[Click here for more information about this event](#)