

Second Congregational Church of Greenwich

Conversation, Celebration, Community - Of Faith

February 7, 2019

Dear Friends of Second Church,

I've arrived about six hours early at Newark Airport for an overnight flight to Edinburgh and am enjoying the strange prospect of a long afternoon in Terminal C.

More active travelers may well disagree, but for me it is lovely to have time at the airport.

For example, I've gotten here early enough in the day that almost all the gates are for national rather than international destinations (yes, flight to Lima, I know they just called you...). Right now, Terminal C is getting people to Elmira, Cleveland and Boston rather than Frankfurt or Petrograd. Along those lines, I've noticed that there really isn't a "lunch rush" in the same way that there's a dinner rush — domestic flights really aren't that long. You can wait. The Sodexo chicken sandwich and the bag of weird chips on the plane will probably be fine.

But people are drinking...all the watering holes are about half full. That's a move I don't get. To me, hard drinking before a flight is like taking a big plug of chewing tobacco before getting on a roller coaster. Is that another lesson from getting here early, that there are more cast iron stomachs out there than I might have thought? Could be. Or are they flying up to Elmira to deliver bad news? Maybe the bank won't renew the revolving credit line...or the bloodwork didn't show signs of improvement? More happily, maybe they're celebrating a big promotion. Or maybe they're just really, really, really big Patriots fans?

Most people will tell you their story if you ask.

On the other hand, there's something really nice about walking around aimlessly for a change, not really landing anywhere, not really engaging, but just sort of taking things in. Most of us don't get to do that much these days. Life feels a lot more like getting through airport security than it feels like a leisurely wander along the various fingers of Terminal C.

When Scripture talks about Sabbath, it seems to imagine a time for soul-repair, whether that takes the form of sitting down to hear someone's story or of traveling lightly for awhile...or something else altogether. I have friends who practice Sabbath by cooking a huge meal and throwing a dinner party, and others who cook a huge meal for a local shelter that others will serve.

There is no right answer. There is just whatever it is that our soul needs in order to feel whole, healed, and ready to re-engage in the work of living, with all its challenges.

I hope you're making time for Sabbath in these days. If you're not sure how to do that, give me a call. Or come join me in Terminal C.

See you in a couple of weeks.

Max

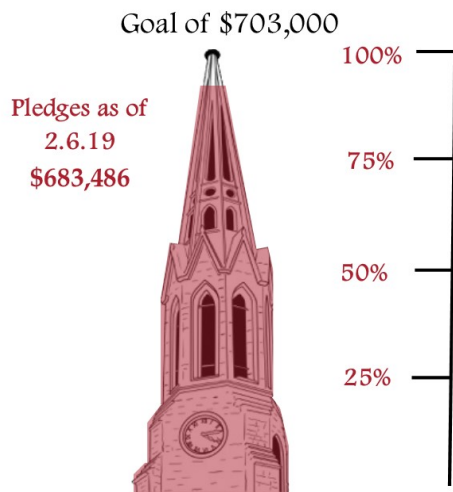
Lynne Kramer's Sermon
this week is based on
Scripture from:
Luke 5:1-11

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

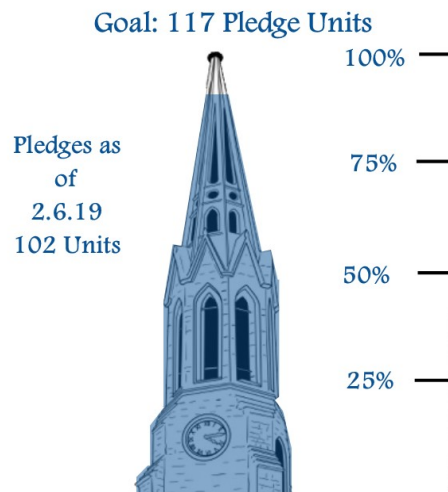
Coffee Hour - there is a sign-up sheet in Fletcher Hall for those who would like to bring baked goods for "Sunday Morning Coffee Hour." We recommend that you bring approximately four dozen bite-size items. The church will continue to supply fruit and beverage. You can also sign-up via email pam@2cc.org.

Stewardship Update

Second Congregational Church 2019 Stewardship Campaign *Monetary Update*



Second Congregational Church 2019 Stewardship Campaign *Participation Update*



To date we have received \$683,486 from
102 pledges for 2019.

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

Women's Fellowship Luncheon

**Indian Harbor Yacht Club
February 15, 2019
12:00 p.m.**

Cost is \$40



Please email Gloria@2cc.org. You can then mail or drop off your check, payable to Women's Fellowship, to the church office.

Check must be received by Tuesday, February 12.

[Email Gloria to RSVP](#)

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](#)

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Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#) & be sure to tag us in any of your #2CCGreenwich photos!

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](#)

